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Dear Parent

As you are aware, your child has opted to study GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. We write to outline some of our expectations and changes made this year.

Our Expectations

We expect GCSE Food students to bring in the ingredients for cooking key dishes, to learn essential skills. In **Year 10** we usually cook once per fortnight, and all ingredients and recipes are shared on Google Classroom well in advance. In **Year 11**, students plan their own recipes according to their coursework theme and may cook more often leading up to their practical exam in March. If a student regularly forgets or refuses to bring ingredients, they will be **severely disadvantaged on the course** and we may question their commitment to this oversubscribed GCSE. The dishes we cook in Year 10 are set as they contain food groups or skills we need to learn for the exam specification. We recognise that you may not always like everything we cook, and will try to be a little flexible or give an element of choice, when possible.

We also expect our students to arrive ready to cook safely. This means long hair must be tied back behind the shoulders (no loose hair on the face). No nail varnish, acrylic or false nails of any kind. Watches should be removed and kept safely. Medical alert wristbands can be worn, but no other type of wristband, ring etc is allowed.

Changes

Due to new COVID guidelines, we can no longer provide an apron for your child to wear. Please could your child **bring their own clean apron** to practical lessons and take it home afterwards.

Voluntary Contribution

Finally; we are asking that you make a voluntary contribution of £2.00, as you have throughout KS3, to help us provide the little things that we give out to your child when cooking. Items such as tin foil, greaseproof paper, cooking oil, seasonings, herbs and spices and other small items to save you buying them individually. We even give out the odd spare egg after accidents and other essentials when things go wrong! This really helps us to support your child and extend our capability to provide everything they need. You can make this payment via SCOPAY the schools online payment system. If you do not have an account please contact the Finance Office for further details.

We hope you are looking forward to, and enjoy the food your child cooks over this year.

Yours faithfully

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