

January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition**

Your son/daughter is studying Food Preparation and Nutrition at The Kings of Wessex Academy and as part of their GCSE course, they are expected to cook three dishes in a three hour period. The students have been planning and preparing for this since October 2022 and have been producing a portfolio to support their final menu. This is called Non-Exam Assessment and is worth 50% of their final GCSE grade.

I am writing to inform you that the NEA2 three-hour practical exam will take place week beginning **Monday 6 February 2023**. Your son/daughter will be off timetable for one day during this assessment window. Students have been informed of their exact cooking date in class. Students will have break and lunch, however, it will not follow the school day and, therefore they should bring in a packed lunch if possible.

Students are expected to bring in their own ingredients for their dishes on their specific cooking day. Their dishes only need to serve one person/portion and should meet the design brief. The Food Department has a range of basic crockery, however, students are welcome to bring in additional equipment/crockery to serve their dishes in. If your son/daughter requires alcohol as part of their ingredients, they must let their teacher know prior to their cooking day so it can be supplied and distributed appropriately – **they must not bring alcohol into school themselves.**

In terms of the NEA2 theory, all students have spent time researching their brief and planning their dishes. Students have been given time to complete these sections (A, B and C) in class and section D is the practical GCSE exam. All students will have completed their practical exam (section D) by **Friday 10 February 2023**. Section E will be completed in class, week commencing **Monday 20 February 2023**, and this will consist of a final evaluation based on their practical dishes.

For more information, please visit the Food Preparation and Nutrition Firefly page or the AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition web page, which contains with further details of the specification.

Yours sincerely

**Miss Beacham and Mrs Blower**  
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