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Dear Parents/Carers

Your son/daughter is currently undertaking their NEA 2 task (non-exam assessment 2) based on International Street Foods.

This is a section of work that is part of their actual GCSE and is worth 50% of their overall marks. It involves each student carrying out research and three “skills trials” (cooking sessions). They then write up the results and develop two final dishes which they have to make in a three-hour exam. All the dishes have to be expertly presented as well as cooked and photographed. Students should be aiming to demonstrate a range of practical skills in a range of dishes (based on the task).

The final exam will take place in one of six slots, when they will be off time table for Enrichment Days but will need to attend school early or stay late. The date will be 18, 19 or 20 January 2021. Students are aware of this exam and should have recipes to give you.

It is imperative that students have planned and prepared well for their final three-hour practical session so that they can demonstrate their skills fully. If necessary, students will need to read and adapt their recipes first and may wish to practise at home.

I am therefore writing to ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is fully prepared for all of these sessions and that they plan everything carefully.

If there are any concerns or problems with ingredients it is imperative that I know before the date that students are cooking. The sessions will be conducted under exam conditions and attendance is compulsory.

**It is important to note that during these sessions my role changes from teacher to examiner and I have to grade and assess the students as they work and on their results.**

I trust that I can rely on your support during this time and would ask that you speak to your child about their dishes.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Food