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Dear Parent/Carer

This letter contains important information regarding the completion of coursework for GCSE Food and Nutrition.

The deadline for completion of coursework in this subject is at 4.00pm on Thursday 29 March 2012.

In the interim period, it is important that pupils and parents clearly understand the following:

1. Practical examination sessions will take place every Tuesday afternoon in lessons between now and Tuesday 7 February (inclusive);
2. For C+ grades, candidates are expected to produce two examples of practical work in the majority of these sessions;
3. Some preparation of food items can be completed outside of the examination room, although candidates are expected to demonstrate the most skilful aspects of food preparation under observation of a member of staff to obtain maximum marks;
4. The food room will be staffed from 12.50pm until 4.30pm on the day of each practical assessment for pupils to complete this work and any outstanding work on coursework previously completed;
5. Additional support sessions for coursework (current and previous) are held every Friday lunchtimes from 1pm in room 51.

Pupils should be aware of their current attainment grades which reflect their coursework and mock examination performance in relation to target grade. We would encourage all students to take advantage of the additional support offered to them, especially as coursework will contribute 60% of the marks toward a final grade. Full details of the examination syllabus, past papers and controlled assessment guidance are available from the AQA website page: http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/dandt/new/home_fn_materials.php?id=06&prev

Finally, we would like to thank parents for their continued support of pupils in this subject. We do acknowledge and appreciate the significant financial and practical implications of this work and would like to offer our support if this poses any significant challenge for students and their families.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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