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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, your child has been developing their practical skills along with their knowledge and understanding of food and nutrition in advance of starting the GCSE Food preparation and nutrition NEA in September 2018.

With our current Y10 we have found that the NEA is particularly not suitable for our students as the high proportion of scientific investigation has resulted in students not developing their practical skills which could support them with potential career paths in the catering industry.

We have therefore made the decision to change the course to NCFE Level 2 Food and Cookery, This qualification is designed for those who have an interest in food and cookery, which is the main reason our students choose to continue to study food. It will provide your child with experience of using different cooking techniques and methods and will also better prepare them should they choose to follow a career in the food industry.

This is a decision that we have deliberated over and we genuinely feel that this is the most suitable option for our students and we are positive that they can all achieve very well.

The course consists of four units, Unit 1: Preparing to Cook (coursework), Unit 2: Understanding food (coursework), Unit 3: Exploring balanced diets (examination) and Unit 4: Plan and Produce Dishes in Response to a Brief (coursework).

We apologise for the change in course at this stage but feel that it is much more important for your child to feel confident in being able to achieve their target grade within this important subject.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs English

Head of Design and Technology