

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Food, Preparation and Nutrition – Non Exam Assessment

As a department, we would like to keep parents and carers informed of what is happening in your child's food lessons on a regular basis. It is a crucial year for the students, especially in Food, Preparation and Nutrition as they will be completing 50% of their GCSE between now and Easter.

We are beginning in September with our first Non Exam Assessment (NEA) which is worth 15% of your child's GCSE. Students are completing a food investigation task, researching, planning food investigations and writing a 1500/2000 word report. This NEA task will take 8 hours and will be completed in lesson time, some research may be done at home. Pupils will be required to plan their own tasks. This year, the pupils have been asked to explore and scientifically investigate the role of types of flour in pasta or emulsions in sauce making.

Pupils can be successful in this task by being organised, using lesson time effectively, completing homework tasks, carrying out a range of experiments and analysing the results carefully.

Please support your child by;

- Asking them if they are up to date with their NEA1
- Talking to them about their NEA1 and asking them to explain it to you.

Yours faithfully

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