



Penryn
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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

We are writing to update you on your child's progress in their Food and Nutrition GCSE. We have also included the key dates for examinations and coursework.

Firstly, your child has made positive progress on the course since returning to school in September. Please encourage them to keep up the good work so they can achieve an excellent grade at the end of the year.

Course Outline

As part of the AQA Food Prep and Nutrition Course, students are now starting their final NEA Tasks. Both of these tasks count for the final GCSE grade and make up 50% of the final grade.

NEA1 has been released now and students have been given the selection of briefs in their first lesson. Students will be working on this Food Investigation task throughout this half term with the deadline for submission being 9am on Monday 31st October. Students are expected to hand in a named paper copy of their NEA Task as a paper document no later than 9am.

Further information will follow later in the year in regards to the submission of NEA2 which is released in November and will be completed by the Spring Term.

The NEA2 will be released on November 1st and will involve researching a specific cuisine or dietary need. Students will often be required to select a dish for their own brief and provide ingredients for trialling this dish. If you need support providing ingredients for this, please feel free to email me to discuss support with this.

NEA2 will require students to complete several 'Demonstrating Skills' practicals. These will be completed during normal lessons though still contribute to their overall grade. Their final practical exam will be timetabled early in the spring term to allow students to prepare and practise skills. You will be notified of the exam date prior to this exam.

Revision Guides

To support your child's preparation for the written exam in June, we have purchased copies of the revision guide and practise workbook at a price of £2.85 per book. These books will be used for classwork, homework and revision and the workbooks provide great practice for exam questions. Previous students have said that they are really useful. If you would like to purchase any of these guides please could you do so via Parent Pay before Friday 28th



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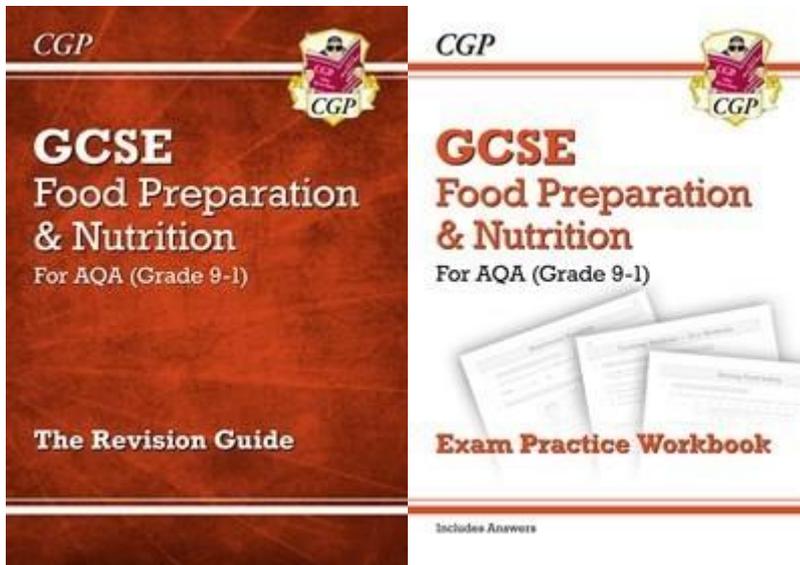
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October. Once purchased, these can be collected during lessons. These are an invaluable tool to support students with their organisation of independent revision throughout the year. Students also have access to Online revision tools through Showbie including Seneca and an online student text book that gives access to invaluable videos on cooking methods and food science.



Students are aware of their target grades and regularly have updates on their current progress on Showbie. If you require any specific feedback on your child's progress, please email their class teacher. We will send another letter closer to the Practical Exams to confirm deadlines and inform you of Practical Exam dates as well as the requirements for these.

Yours faithfully

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