

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: NEA 2 Task (Non-Exam Assessment 2) – GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition

As you are aware, your child is undertaking their NEA 2 task (non-exam assessment 2) for GCSE Food preparation and Nutrition.

This work forms part of their final GCSE and is worth **35%** of their overall mark. The NEA 2 task requires students to conduct research, carry out **four to six** "Trial and Tests" (cooking sessions) and document the results. Subsequently, they must develop and refine **three** final dishes, plus accompaniments. These dishes will be prepared during a 3-hour practical exam.

All dishes need to be expertly presented, as well as cooked and photographed. Students should be aiming to demonstrate a range of practical skills, over a range of dishes (based on the task).

The final exam will take place during an AM or PM slot between the **3rd February and 13th February 2025**. Students are aware of their exam slot and should have recipes to give you in good time.

To ensure the best possible outcome, it is imperative that students are thoroughly prepared for the final practical exam. This includes reviewing and, if necessary, adapting their recipes. We highly recommend that students practice their dishes at home wherever possible.

I kindly request your support in discussing your child's planned dishes with them, ensuring that they are fully prepared, and confirming that all necessary ingredients are available. Should there be any concerns regarding ingredients, please inform me as soon as possible, preferably before the scheduled exam date.

Please note that attendance during the practical exam sessions is compulsory, and these sessions will be conducted under exam conditions. I will be acting as the examiner during the practical, assessing the students' performance and evaluating the results of their work.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed in this important assessment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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