

Monday 2nd February 2026

ERH/year 11 food practical exams 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition Practical Exam

I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter has their Food and Nutrition practical exam on **Friday 27th February 2026 in G161**. This is a practical exam where your child will be required to cook, prepare and present three dishes of their choice in three hours, which meet the requirements of the examination question. Students have been preparing for this practical exam and will have a plan of the dishes they will be cooking along with the required ingredients. **We strongly suggest students practice their individual dishes at home.**

On the day, your child will be required to arrive at school and register with their tutor at the usual time. They will then come to their designated food room at 8:50 am and will be off timetable to complete their exam lesson 1 to lesson 4. Students must arrive with all their ingredients to make their dishes and printed time plans. In school we have a range of plates and crockery to help students present their dishes. However, students may prefer to bring in items from home to help them achieve their desired presentation style.

This exam is compulsory and contributes a significant number of marks (30/70 marks) towards their NEA 2 which is worth 35% of their overall GCSE grade. If there are any issues, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements. The easiest way to contact me is via email at ehues@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk

Over the last term students have been putting an incredible amount of time and effort into preparing for their practical exam and seeing all their hard work come together is always a highlight for the food department.

Thank you in advance for all your support in the preparation stages.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Hues
Head of Department (Food)