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Dear Families

As you are already aware, we are making some changes to the curriculum, specifically Food. Students in Year 10 will no longer study the Food & Nutrition course and will instead move onto the Hospitality and Catering course. As discussed with the students, and with many of you, we have made this decision for a number of reasons. Primarily, we believe the Hospitality & Catering course to be better suited to our students, especially considering recent examinations and national performance.

The elements of both courses are very similar and no child will be disadvantaged.

Hospitality & Catering has a 40% exam and 60% NEA unit covering the following topics:

- Hospitality and catering provision
- How hospitality and catering providers operate
- Health and safety in hospitality and catering
- Food safety in hospitality and catering
- The importance of nutrition
- Menu planning
- The skills and techniques of preparation, cooking and presentation of dishes
- Evaluating cooking skills
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This is graded as a Level 1/2 and is equal to GCSE 9-1

| WJEC Award Grade            | GCSE grade equivalent |
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| Level 1 Pass (L1P)          | 1                     |
| Level 1 Merit (L1M)         | 1.25                  |
| Level 1 Distinction (L1D)   | 2                     |
| Level 1 Distinction* (L1D*) | 3                     |
| Level 2 Pass (L2P)          | 4                     |
| Level 2 Merit (L2M)         | 5.5                   |
| Level 2 Distinction (D)     | 7                     |
| Level 2 Distinction* (L2D*) | 8.5                   |

Please do contact me with any questions that may arise from yourself or your child. Furthermore, if you want to discuss further curriculum matters, please contact the school to speak to the Deputy Headteacher, Mr A. Pickering.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

