



24 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

After half term the Year 9 Food Preparation and Nutrition students will be producing a Christmas hamper ready to take home in December. The hamper will be made up of a decorated Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, jam, mince pies and other festive treats. I thought it would be useful for you to know in advance what students are making so you could start to gather the ingredients and other components for the hamper. Students will need:

- A cake tin, preferably loose bottom
- Fondant icing and decorations
- A large box to make the hamper and some wrapping paper to cover the box
- Jam jar
- Kilner jar
- Ribbon
- Tags

This is the schedule for the hamper:

Wednesday 8th November – Students need to soak the fruit at home in brandy/rum/whiskey at least 24 hours before the lesson. Bring this to the lesson along with a cake tin and all the other rich fruit cake ingredients.

Monday 12th November – Christmas pudding

Wednesday 14th November – jam and jar

Monday 19TH November – mince pie pastry

Wednesday 21st November – Brownie in a jar

Monday 26th November – marzipan the Christmas cake

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Wednesday 28th November – make the mince pies

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th December – decorate the Christmas cakes

Monday 10th December – chocolate discs

Wednesday 12th December – gingerbread biscuits

Monday 17th December – box and wrapping paper, tags

Wednesday 20th – ribbons, tissue paper/shredded paper to assemble the hamper

To help with the costs and organisation we will provide a number of ingredients and materials for the hamper. These are indicated in the recipe book and are ingredients you may only use a small amount of and never use again, this will hopefully cut down on wastage, less ingredients to shop for and be more economical. We will also provide a cake board, Christmas pudding basins and florists cellophane to wrap the cake and hamper in. The total cost for the extra ingredients and materials will be £10 and you can pay via parent pay.

I hope this helps in your planning and organisation at a very busy time of the year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Kind regards

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