



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
- 1 litre Kilner jar
- Ribbon
- Tags

This is the schedule for the hamper:

Tuesday 6th November – Christmas cake fruit to soak plus extra alcohol (brandy/ rum/ whisky) and tin

Friday 9th November – rest of the Christmas cake ingredients

Tuesday 13th November – Jam and jam jar

Friday 16thth November- Christmas pudding

Tuesday 20th November – mince pie pastry making

Friday 23rd November – Brownie in a jar

Tuesday 27th November – marzipan the Christmas cake

Friday 30th November –mince pie making

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Tuesday 4th and Friday 7th December – Christmas cake decorating

Tuesday 11th December – chocolate discs

Friday 14th December – gingerbread biscuits

Tuesday 18th December – wrapped box, cellophane and ribbon 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

Mrs Watson

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