



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:

Thursday 9th 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. Jam ingredients and jar

Thursday 16th November – Christmas pudding, mince pie pastry

Thursday 23rd November – brownie in a jar, chocolate discs

Thursday 30th November – marzipan the cake, mince pie making

Thursday 6th December – senior citizens Christmas party (I will arrange a lunchtime with students to make the gingerbread biscuits)

Thursday 13th December – decorate the Christmas cake

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Thursday 20th December – large box, 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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