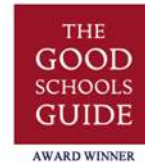




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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Information for Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Exam**

I just wanted to keep you informed of the current plan for assessment of this course.

All students have been entered for the Unit 1 exam (40% of final exam grade) on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. This is an additional date put in by the exam board to offer current year 11 students the opportunity to sit this exam earlier than summer 2021, as many students would have sat the exam during summer 2020. We will therefore be using our lesson time up to Christmas to continue to prepare for this exam.

I am encouraged by the recent mock exam, that many students are well prepared and should be able to meet their MEG or above, especially with further preparations.

We will then be starting our Unit 2 Controlled Assessment (60% of final exam grade) at the end of January 2021. To complete this work, students have been preparing notes they can use during the assessment. They may use their notes, but cannot use any other resources eg internet or text books during the assessment. It is therefore really important that these notes have been completed thoroughly before we start the controlled assessment. I will not be able to give students any help or feedback once the assessment work starts as set out by the examination board. However, I can assist during the preparation of their notes.

Although students have had plenty of time to complete these notes, some are not yet finished. It will therefore be essential that students complete these notes for homework in the lead up to Christmas. I will also be available to help students after school on Monday's in T09 (other days may also be possible, with discussion with myself). If these notes are not completed to a satisfactory standard, students will need to attend school on the INSET day, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, to ensure everything is ready before we start the assessment. I will inform parents immediately after Christmas if your child is required to attend.

This assessment will also include some practical work which will take place before Easter and the dates will be given to students nearer the time. Once students have chosen their final dish, I suggest they use their homework time to practice making this at home.

We therefore have a very busy time leading up to the end of January 2021. Please support us in ensuring that your child understands the importance of the preparation work required. The advantage of sitting the exam at this earlier date is that students will have fully completed all the assessments for this course by Easter and they will then be able to use their time in the summer term to focus on their other subjects.



Finally, I still have some revision books (covers both Unit 1 and 2) available for £9.99, which can be paid for via the school online payment system.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Government grant we can use that to pay for this the revision book.

If you have any questions please contact me directly at [ssmeaton@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:ssmeaton@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

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