Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter is currently preparing to complete their Home Economics Practical Cookery Examination, which will take place from *Monday*  $23^{rd}$  *March* to *Thursday*  $26^{th}$  *March* 2020. This examination is worth 35% (Higher Level) or 45% (Ordinary Level) of their total Junior Certificate Home Economics grade so it is very important that they are fully prepared. To ensure that they are prepared:

- Your son/daughter must be in school in full uniform on the day of their exam.
- They must ensure that they **bring all required ingredients** to school with them and if possible, these ingredients should be weighed to save time during the 30 minute allocated preparation time.
- All required written material should also be completed and brought to school by no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, regardless of the day that your son/daughter completes their exam. Your son/daughter has already been given an opportunity to complete a draft and corrections have been returned to allow them to complete a final draft for correction by the examiner during the exam.
- If your son/daughter requires any **serving dishes** that are not available in school, please remind them to bring these.
- Over the next few weeks, it is vital that your son/daughter **practices the dishes** that they will cook. Each student has had lots of opportunities to practice their dishes with me in school and now, they must ensure that they practice at home so that they are fully prepared. Timing this practice is hugely important as students only have 1 hour 30 minutes to cook, serve and evaluate a number of dishes.
- Finally, students must ensure that they bring suitable **containers** to school to bring their dishes home after the exam.
- The running order of the exams will be available on the school app.

We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your son/daughter performs to the best of their ability during the practical examination next week. Wishing all students the very best of luck in their exam.

Kind regards,

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