



MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

BTEC Hospitality and Catering Practical work ingredients.

As you are aware your son/daughter has started their BTEC Hospitality and Catering course. As part of the course students will be making a variety of dishes across Years 10/11 to practise and learn new skills.

We are very aware of the rapidly rising cost of living and food costs and the effect this may have on families when pupils are required to provide their own ingredients. This year, I have made the decision to provide students with the ingredients needed for these recipes, meaning they can take advantage of special discounts and promotions the school is offered, which allows us to buy ingredients in bulk and at a considerably reduced rate.

In order to do this we are requesting a contribution of **£15 per term** (£45 in total) towards the cost of these ingredients for your son/daughter to successfully develop all of the skills necessary during the course. Your child will be making approximately 6-8 recipes per term. We would really appreciate your support however, should the contribution present a difficulty do please contact me.

This payment can be made as a one off at the start of the school year or at the start of each term, in instalments, whichever suits you best. We would kindly ask if you can arrange payment to the school via the school online payment system Scopay. **Unfortunately, if there are no contributions made by October half term, students will then need to provide all their own ingredients for each of the recipes.**

There are two occasions when students will be required to source their own ingredients, these are when students have planned their final dishes in year 11; and when we do a mock practical assessment (Date to be confirmed). This is due to each student's recipe being bespoke to them and their coursework.

There will occasionally be times when pupils have chosen a specific addition to the recipe that they will be asked to bring in the ingredients from home, but plenty of notice will be given on these occasions. **On the day of the practical lesson pupils will need a labelled container to store and transport their finished product home.**

If you have any concerns over this matter, please feel free to contact me at school via email, klythgow@mhs.school

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Lythgow
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