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Dear Parent/Carer

Provision of ingredients for GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition lessons – Year 10

The provision of ingredients for Food Technology lessons has traditionally consisted of students and parents being provided with an ingredients list and students bringing in the required amounts for their practical lessons. However, quite often (and for a host of different reasons) this method has proved problematic for students, their families and staff.

To simplify this for everyone, the Design and Technology department now provides the necessary ingredients for the students; this reduces costs, time and waste.

As you may be aware, Food Technology is taught in one hour sessions. In order to make these sessions as effective as possible, not all practical lessons will involve every student producing large products that are then transported home. We will adopt a variety of effective working methods, such as paired or line cooking, recipe repetition and food science experimentation.

Producing smaller quantities more quickly will allow for sensory analysis (such as taste-testing) of the cooked food and evaluation of the process; these are both important areas of the curriculum that are sometimes rushed or overlooked.

In order to make this provision we need to ask for a contribution towards the cost of ingredients of £45 for the year, or £15 per term.

Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option) or by cheque made payable to Ashlyns School. You may choose to either pay £45 for the whole year or pay £15 each term. Please complete and return the slip overleaf by Thursday 19 December at the latest. Please note that there is no need to return the slip if paying by WisePay. No student will be denied participation in the activity because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs Amamou in the Finance Office, in confidence

I hope that these working methods will be seen as more convenient and cost effective for students and parents alike.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mark Nicholson
Head of Faculty for Design and Technology, Computer Science and Business Studies

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Please return to the Finance Box outside the staffroom by Thursday 19 December. There is no need to return this slip if payment is made by WisePay.

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

I enclose a cheque for £45.00 payable to Ashlyns School

I enclose a cheque for £15.00 for this term and I will make further payments of £15.00 at the beginning of the remaining two terms, upon request

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____