



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Year 7 Technology – Food Lessons**

As part of the curriculum at South Dartmoor, your son / daughter will study Design Technology. They will spend half of the year in Food and half in Design Technology workshops. Students swap between these areas halfway through the academic year. Your son/daughter will start Food lessons after the February Half Term holiday.

Following research into how other schools organise the purchase of ingredients, we believe we can reduce the cost of purchase by buying all ingredients for the students in bulk. This would also support students in not having to bring in ingredients on the day of their lesson or having to weigh and prepare food at home.

To finance the cost of these ingredients we, in line with most schools and colleges, are requesting a contribution which will cover all the recipes being completed this year. To contribute towards the cost of ingredients, we are asking for a payment of £18 – this represents a significant saving from buying separate ingredients yourselves.

Please make your payments online via ParentPay by 27 February. Your child's account has been set up for this. Should this cause undue hardship, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please be aware that if payment is not made, your son/daughter will not be able to do practical food making in lessons and will instead learn about the subject in a more theoretical manner – again, please contact us with any issues in advance so we can ensure practical work is the norm for all students.

Finally, students and parents will be made aware via class charts of upcoming recipes so that appropriate containers can be brought in for transporting the food home for your enjoyment. If your son/daughter has any dietary requirements we will do our best to accommodate this. Please get in touch if this is the case – we will also be asking the students in class to highlight these.

Kind regards

Ralph Wickenden

Head of Creatives

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