

## GCSE HOME ECONOMICS

EXAMINING BOARD: CCEA

### *Course Content:*

Students taking Home Economics can look forward to an exciting opportunity to learn about:

- Practical Food Work
- Diet and Health
- Consumer Awareness
- How important it is to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Developing your ICT skills to research and present information
- Food Hygiene Certificate

### *You will study ...*

**PRACTICAL FOOD WORK:** Each week students will cook a range of tasty dishes and develop practical skills, in the preparation, cooking and presentation of food.

**DIET AND HEALTH:** You will study healthy diets for people of all ages. For example, you will study babies/young children and how to provide for their dietary needs.

**CONSUMER AWARENESS:** You will study organizations that provide information to consumers, such as the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Also use of the Internet to research information about food and equipment for consumers.

**ESSENTIAL FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATE:** This will be available as part of the course. Students will be entered for this exam in Year 11. This certificate is an advantage to students when applying for part-time/full-time jobs in the food industry.

### *You will be assessed in the following way ...*

*Exam Paper (40%):*

**Diet and Health, and Consumer Awareness**

1 hour 30 minutes

*Coursework:*

**Diet and Health**—a research project (40%)

This includes a **Practical Food Exam** of 2 hours to 2 hours 30 minutes

**Consumer Awareness**—a research project (20%)



***Future Prospects:***

Successful completion of this exam enables progression to further academic courses, such as A Level Home Economics, and vocational courses, such as AVCE Hospitality and Catering, Health and Social Care, Early Childhood Studies. In addition, it provides a basis for those seeking employment in a wide range of careers, such as Catering, Food Production, Food Photography, Recipe Development, Food Journalist, Food Retailing, Nursing, Working with Children, Teaching, the Armed Forces, Social Work, Legal Studies, Environmental Health Officer, etc., and is beneficial to all students as Life Skills training.

GCSE Home Economics will provide a suitable basis for further study at a more advanced level by offering progression to academic and vocational courses. It is foundation to many career opportunities.

The following may be considered:

- ***Hospitality:*** hotel management or catering
- ***Industry:*** product development with, for example, Marks and Spencer, Tesco or Sainsburys
- ***Education:*** primary and secondary school teaching
- ***Communications:*** advertising or food photography
- ***Retailing:*** marketing
- ***Consumer affairs:*** working in Consumer Advice Centres or being involved in consumer protection
- ***Caring services:*** working with health promotion such as dieticians
- ***Health and Social Services:*** care workers, teaching assistants, nursing, midwifery, social work, play group leaders, etc.

