

Curriculum Update 2020-21

Food Department

On returning to school in September 2020, we embarked on a full Gap Analysis for all year groups to ascertain the breadth and depth of gaps resulting from the National Lockdown in the previous academic year.

We spent the first four weeks of the academic year assessing checking knowledge, skills and understanding for our subject. These skills and knowledge would be essential for future learning.

Gap Analysis

	Gaps identified	Recovery plan from October 2020
Year 7	Lack experience of cutting and use and safety of knifes. • Some gaps in basic hygiene methods • No prior knowledge of using equipment like ovens, hobs • Lack of measurement knowledge	RAG scores for each pupil based on hygiene, skills, independence and outcome, every time they cook Self-assessment each time they cook Most are working at Amber (ON TARGET) as this subject is new to them anyway
Year 8	 Some lack practical skills due to never moving to food rotation in Year 7 as a result of lockdown Hygiene better, some gaps in knowledge of cross-contamination Pupils are assessed on skills learnt last year (some lacked knowledge due to rotation last year but are progressing) 	RAG scores of skills displayed. Evaluations of knowledge in books Mixed results in skills, but already seeing progression Most working on target Some key skills and processes are repeated – i.e creaming, rubbing in etc. this helps to confirm knowledge
Year 9	 Recapped skills from previous years, rubbing in, creaming, chopping, browning, boiling etc shows a lack of skill in some pupils Demonstrations and tasting to assess food language and evaluation skills, all need practice and lack knowledge due to methods used in the past 	RAG assessment after each practical, plus new self-assessment methods in place Most working on target, a few below, extra support and demonstrations during lessons when confused. (spot demos) All work safely
Year 10	Gaps identified for this year group are mainly based on a lack of confidence. The lockdown and rotational basis of technology in the lower	Working on a series of mini projects to gain further skills and assess to gaps

	school, meant that learning time was affected	All elements of coursework will be
	for this year group. This has affected practical	set out over a number of mini
	skills as well as theoretical knowledge.	projects, i.e focusing on evaluation
		or research or design
Year 11	As above with Year 10, but with added skills such	Mock exam questions will form
	as shaping bread, types of pizza, baking cakes in	part of the single lessons after
	pairs, various icing types tested and assessed.	October half term.
	Some gaps in knowledge from exam paper mock.	Homework set to research areas
	Some pupils were able to answer in full and some a	ready for mock exams.
	lot less able.	
		Coursework started, all doing well
	All have some good practical skills and hygiene but	so far, researching topic and
	lack consistency due to behaviour and removal last	understanding it.
	year. This gap should quickly be bridged by	
	covering skills and setting short tasks.	Short, achievable goals are helping
		this group focus and achieve.
		All practical graded and reviewed
		by the class.

From October until December 2020, we taught an adapted curriculum so that we could fill the gaps identified in the full gap analysis. The recovery plans that were put in place for short-term, medium-term and long-term planning, starting with the most urgent gaps in short term planning. The plans put in place aimed to

January 2021

From January 2021, the school is again closed to most children as a result of another National Lockdown. Although we are delivering all lessons live to children at home via the remote learning systems, we have made the following adaptations to planned curriculum to ensure that the lessons are translatable for those at home.

	Adaptations to taught curriculum	Rationale
Year 7	Still following the fruit and vegetable scheme of	Health and safety. Children at
	learning. Working through health and safety and	home cannot 'cook along' due to
	then learning about diet, fruits and vegetables.	H&S Issues and I am unable be
	Having recorded video demonstrations to learn	responsible for practical work at
	methods at home, and actual practical's in school to	home.
	aid learning. Those at home have tasks set each	
	week based around food, hygiene, the	
	demonstration of the week, with a view to physically	
	try some of the meals on return.	
Year 8	This group were beginning to show good skills	
	before the lockdown in class and so I am continuing	
	the knowledge and practical work by doing step by	
	step demo videos of the topic. They are set different	
	types of work each week to aid the learning; for	
	example, quizzes, worksheets, posters, research, etc.	
	On return they will have a chance to cook the things	
	they have missed at home.	
Year 9	As year 7, they were a new group for one week	
	before lockdown so I have again been demonstrating	
	all the cooks at home whilst in class pupils cook each	
	week. All paperwork is based on the topic of food	
	around the world, with video clips to research and	
	reflect on and also to learn more theory. again, I	
	aim to get the practical side covered at school on	
	return.	
Year 10	We have been focusing on our cooking skills, design	As above
	work, and theoretical knowledge in class (6 pupils)	
	Those at home have been set weekly activities to	
	improve the subject knowledge and to help gain in-	
	depth understanding of new methods ready for	
	return to school. All pupils have also completed	
	design work and are planning for practical. We are	
	spending single lessons both in the classroom and at	
	home going over exam style questions and	
	broadening knowledge of equipment and cooking	
	skills.	
Year 11	We have been mainly focused on coursework	As Above, although 2 critical
	planning. Spending the majority of lessons doing the	worker pupils have cooked in
	paperwork of the coursework, writing up previous	school and others have chosen to
	cooks and planning for the final NEA 2 assessment	cook at home with supervision

on our return. Some pupils have cooked at home off
their own back and after checking with parents for
safety. The group have additionally been
researching and reviewing exam style content to
back up their theory work and to improve
knowledge. This work isn't coursework but is
beneficial to bridge the gaps from year 10 learning.

after speaking to parents directly at parents evening.