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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Navy Chefs Event

We are delighted to inform you about an exciting hands-on opportunity for our Hospitality and Catering students. On **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October**, we will be hosting serving chefs from the Royal Navy Catering Services Branch for an immersive, practical culinary workshop.

During these interactive sessions, 2 to 3 serving members of the Royal Navy team will visit our department to work directly with our students. They will lead a masterclass and practical cooking session where students will prepare a high-level two-course meal featuring a **Chicken Kiev with Fondant Potatoes** followed by a **Fruit-Filled Pavlova**.

What the Experience Entails:

- **"Ready, Steady, Cook" Workshop (90 minutes):**
  An interactive, *MasterChef*-style lesson where the class will be divided into small teams. Each group will be presented with a box of ingredients to create both the main dish and the dessert within the timeframe. Guided by recipe sheets and supported by the Royal Navy team, students will have 90 minutes to execute, plate, and present their dishes. This high energy activity is a fantastic way to develop pupils' initiative, teamwork, communication, and time management skills.
- **Catering Services Presentation (30 minutes):**
  An insightful presentation explaining the role of the Catering Services Branch within the Royal Navy. The team will cover career path opportunities, service life, educational gains, sporting and social activities, and offer a real-world look into the life of Royal Navy personnel.

This visit promises to be a memorable and valuable enrichment activity that connects classroom learning with real-world industry skills and career potential.

Students should ensure they have their full practical catering kit ready on their scheduled workshop day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support.

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