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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Jamie Oliver Pasta Challenge – World Record Attempt – Tuesday 1 July

All Year 9 students who have opted for GCSE Food and Nutrition OCR GCSE have been selected to take part in the Jamie Oliver Pasta Challenge, a Guinness World record attempt, on Tuesday 1 July. The current record stands at 6,778 participants all cooking at the same time across 89 schools, and took place in 2015.

The attempt will be based in the Food Room, T2, at 10.30am where we will connect to a live Zoom meeting with the Jamie Oliver Cooking School. All students will cook the recipe we have been given for pasta with a tomato sauce. **Please can you provide the ingredients below for Tuesday 1 July.** All equipment will be provided by the school on the day.

### Ingredients List:

- 100g '00' pasta flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 medium egg
- 3 ripe tomatoes
- ½ a garlic clove
- 2 sprigs of fresh basil
- Olive oil, extra virgin if possible
- Parmesan or another hard cheese

Once we have completed the pasta dish we can enjoy eating it for lunch and it will be verified that all participants took part and completed the challenge. All students will then receive certificates in the post. Students will be in the food room from 11am-12.30pm then will return to normal lessons.

This event will be live-streamed. The stream will only be visible to the Jamie Oliver Cookery School, other schools taking part, and the Guinness Book of Records team. All students involved already have parental consent for photos to be taken but if you would prefer your child not to be visible on camera please let me know by Friday 27 June.

Thank you very much for your support in this attempt. If you have any questions regarding the challenge please don't hesitate to contact me at [jmasters@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:jmasters@newsteadwood.co.uk).

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