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# DT : HOW TO GET A HIGHER GRADE AT GCSE

## CATERING GCSE

- In cooking tasks, choose something that challenges you, NOT something you find easy.
- In peer assessment tasks use correct terminology to widen your vocabulary.
- In evaluation tasks ensure you write in depth including improvements to be made.
- In practicals, use a variety of commodities (ingredients) to improve your skills level.
- Also, practice a variety of different cooking methods to improve skills levels.
- Learn the CATERING TERMINOLOGY as this will be used repeatedly in exam questions
- In written exams, READ THE QUESTION carefully.
- Answer the question in the style stated eg 'Discuss', 'Comment', 'Evaluate'.
- Answer a question with the number of marks in mind – write 6 things for a 6 mark question. Plan your answer by underlining key words in the question and planning bullet points before you write up your answer in full

## RESISTANT MATERIALS AND TEXTILES GCSE

### COURSEWORK

- Situation and design brief
- Research analysis – at least 5 images with annotations and a conclusion summing up findings
- Specification – must, should and could for a range of categories with reference to research conclusion
- Design ideas – at least 5 sketches with annotations and some development of ideas
- Final design – neat isometric drawing of chosen design with all dimensions, materials, construction, information annotated
- Flow chart to plan making
- Well made finished product
- Diary with notes and photos explaining how the product was made
- Technical problems – evidence to show how any problems were solved
- Evaluation – critical evaluation of the making process and final product against the specification. Evidence of testing of the product and improvements that could be made

### EXAMS

- Sketching questions need at least one good sketch and as many annotations as there are marks available
- Read the question carefully to work out exactly what it is asking
- 6 mark questions need at least 6 bullet points explained and are also marked for spelling punctuation and grammar. Plan your answer by underlining key words in the question and planning bullet points before you write up your answer in full