



Cedarbank School

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Dear Parent / Carer

25th November 2018

I write to inform you that due to circumstances out with our control we are currently unable to offer CDT or Practical Woodwork to our pupils in s1 – s5. We have advertised for a new CDT teacher and will inform you in due course if we are successful in filling this position.

In the meantime, it is our intention to amend pupil timetables as of Monday 29th October 2018.

We are fortunate that, for our pupils in s4 – s5 who chose to study Practical Woodwork, our new ASN teacher, Mrs Orr, who is a qualified Home Economics Teacher, is able to offer them a brand new course for Cedarbank which is a **National Progression Award in Bakery**. This course is offered at SCQF Level 4. The National Progression Award in Bakery aims to provide pupils with a range of bakery skills and understanding of the employment opportunities within this industry. It recognises that learners will be at a stage where they are making choices about their future. As a result, it offers multiple exit routes, either towards employment or further study, depending on the wishes of our pupils. Completing the award will put our pupils in a stronger skillset position as they move to the next stage of their education and provide them with the opportunity to consider this route of employment when they leave school. To make up for time lost in this course we have allocated 4 periods per week to pupils.

This year, both Mrs Cook our Science Teacher and Mrs Anderson our Home Economics Teacher have been successful in securing funding from the **Food For Thought Education Fund**. As a result of this the current time allocated to CDT for our pupils in s1 – s3 will be given over to our Food For thought Sustainability project '*A square meal in a square meter*'. During this time, pupils will be given responsibility to grow food of their own choice in our school garden quad and cook their harvested food in their Home Economics lesson. Using their inventiveness pupils will develop recipes and work together to produce a cookbook which will also contain gardening hints and tips. An exciting project indeed.

If we are successful in appointing a new CDT teacher over the course of the coming months our pupils in s1 – s3 will have CDT re-allocated to their timetable and our s4 – s5 pupils will have the opportunity to pick Practical Woodwork next academic year either at CB@DCHS or CB@Armada Academy.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or concerns you have regarding the amendments to your child's timetable.

Yours sincerely,

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