

Moderation Feedback – Visiting - 2005

Assessment Panel:

Home Economics/Hospitality

Qualification area

**Subject(s) and Level(s)
included in this report**

**Standard Grade Home Economics – practical and
organisational skills. Foundation – Credit.**

General comments on moderation activity

- Overall ability of the candidates is very good as the majority demonstrated a very good grasp of the skills required to carry out the practical assignment.
- The candidates performed well in the planning and carrying out strands of the assignment.
- The candidates perform less well in the evaluation strand of the assignment.

The main reasons for this are:

- Pupils are able to identify the key and additional points from the assignment.
- The explanations offered are improving as skill level improves, but some candidates are still making statements rather than providing explanations – this advice has been given to the centres concerned.
- Some centres are still unclear on how to get candidates to write bullet points of explanation.
- The carrying out strand was very well executed by the candidates – a few centres strayed from the normal class time allocation for pupils which caused confusion. There were no centres which were not accepted for the carrying out strand.
- The planning strand is generally well done with some candidates providing statements rather than explanations for why the items chosen meet the key/additional points. The revised planning section was commented on positively by numerous centres as assisting the candidates and improving the grades.
- The evaluation strand causes difficulty for some candidates – errors are made carrying the star rating forward to the next page and explanations do not always match up to the star ratings provided by the candidates. Many candidates are making evaluative comment at credit level, but often the grade achieved is at the lower credit level.

Specific issues identified

One centre included craft items such as badges and key rings as items for the practical assignment, this is not appropriate for Home Economics.

Feedback to centres

- Candidates should provide explanations rather than statements for the strands of analysing, planning and evaluating.
- Evaluation strand – the explanations should link to the star ratings allocated.
- Evaluative comment should be provided at Credit level.
- Centres should refer to the guidance documents and exemplars for guidance on the criteria expected to achieve each level.