



**ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE  
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**TIME: 15 MINS**

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**TEACHER'S PAPER**

**Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.**

The teacher should instruct the candidates to answer the questions on the paper provided. The following procedure for reading the Listening Comprehension passage is to be explained to the candidates immediately before proceeding with the examination.

*You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. I shall first read through the questions and then read the passage at normal reading speed. You may take notes during the reading. After this reading there will be a pause of another three minutes to enable you to answer some of the questions. The passage will be read a second time and you may take further notes and answer the rest of the questions. After this second reading you will be given a further three minutes for a final revision of answers.*

- a. 3 minutes – students read out the questions.
- b. 3 minutes – teacher reads passage aloud for the first time while students take notes.
- c. 3 minutes – students answer questions.
- d. 3 minutes – teacher reads passage for the second time while students may answer more questions.
- e. 3 minutes – students revise final answers.



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**Teacher's paper**

*You are going to listen to an information programme about Britain's first insect restaurant.*

Britain's first insect restaurant in Pembrokeshire, south-west Wales, has just opened its doors. It's called Grub Kitchen and Andy Holcroft, the head chef, is confident diners will "love" his bug-laden dishes.

"I've always been really interested in trying to do something different with food," Holcroft said. "I want to make people think about their food."

The award-winning chef is a passionate supporter of entomophagy or, in simpler words, the practice of eating insects. It is estimated that there will be almost ten billion people in the world by the year 2050. Unless humans change their eating habits there might not be enough food to meet the food demands of the future.

At least two billion people worldwide already eat a variety of insects. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, about 1,900 species are commonly consumed. Eating insects for protein is increasingly popular in other EU countries such as the Netherlands, and Mr Holcroft believes his restaurant will be a step towards making this apply to Wales as well.

He is always experimenting to perfect his menu. "The first dish I created was a mealworm and cricket kebab," he said. He subsequently developed the restaurant's signature bug burger – a blend of toasted crickets, mealworms and grasshoppers, mixed with spinach, sundried tomatoes and seasonings.

"Kids love the edible insects – they don't have that fear factor," he said. "I wouldn't expect everyone to like them, in the same way I wouldn't expect everyone to like fish or mushrooms or pork."

Mr Holcroft describes mealworms as having "a pleasant texture," while crickets could be compared to puffed rice. Weight for weight, crickets can contain more protein than beef and can nourish humans up to 25 times more efficiently.

There is no current UK law on how to breed insects for human consumption. The critters served at Grub Kitchen are bred in laboratories and imported from a variety of European firms, but Mr Holcroft hopes to be breeding his own supply by next year. For diners with a sweet tooth, desserts include cricket crepes with bamboo worm fudge ice cream.