

Year 8 Big Picture – Food

Overview for Year 8

In Year 8, students continue with the adventure that they started in Year 7. Following on from hygiene and safety, students will look more closely at Food, Personal & kitchen hygiene, food storage methods, EHO and their role within the hospitality industry. Year 8 continue to follow the Eatwell Guide looking at the proteins & alternatives which includes looking at the factors that affect the food that we choose to eat such as culture, religion, vegetarianism. Fats in the diet and obesity. The journey into understanding the Eatwell guide continues with a focus on minerals and different cooking techniques. Practical's are still linked to the sections of the Eatwell Guide that are being studied.

The Year 8 unit plan has been developed to enable pupils to develop and demonstrate a range of food skills, increasing in complexity and accuracy, to cook a range of dishes, safely and hygienically, and to apply their knowledge of nutrition and food provenance. In addition, they will consider the factors that affect food choice and the effect of the nutrients when cooking food.

Aims

- Pupils will deepen their knowledge and understanding of food and nutrition.
- Pupils will deepen their knowledge food provenance.
- Pupils will further develop their food skills and techniques.
- Pupils will further develop and demonstrate the principles of food hygiene and safety.
- Pupils will deepen and apply their knowledge of consumer food and drink choice.
- Pupils will develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently.
- Pupils will build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to create and make recipes and dishes for a wide range of people.
- Pupils will evaluate their ideas and the work of others.
- **Learning outcomes overview**

Through the Year 8-unit plan, pupils will:

- recall and apply the principles of *The Eatwell guide* and the 8 tips for healthy eating.
- explain energy and how needs change through life.
- name the key nutrients, sources and functions.
- adapt and follow recipes using a variety of ingredients and equipment to prepare and cook a range of more complex dishes.
- develop and demonstrate a wider range of food skills and techniques.
- develop and demonstrate the principles of food hygiene and safety in a range of situations.
- explain the factors that affect food and drink choice.
- demonstrate the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of planning and making.
- apply and consolidate their literacy and numeracy skills by using them purposefully in real-life scenarios.

Prior learning

Pupils will build on their learning in Year 7: knowledge and skills include:

- describing and applying *The Eatwell Guide* and the 8 tips for healthy eating.
- explaining energy and energy balance, key nutrients, their sources and functions.





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- using and adapting recipes.
- using appropriate ingredients and equipment to prepare and cook a range of dishes.
- acquiring and demonstrating a range of food skills and techniques.
- acquiring and demonstrating the principles of food hygiene and safety.
- acquiring and demonstrating a knowledge of the source, seasonality and characteristics of a range of ingredients.
- acquiring and demonstrating the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of planning and making.








At KS3 students rotate after ½ term 3

Monday 1st September 2025 Inset Staff Only











Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Year 7 only

<p>Autumn 01 2025 Weeks 1 – 8 (8 weeks) Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - HALF TERM</p>	<p>Autumn 02 2025 Weeks 9 – 15 (7 weeks) Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</p>	<p>Spring 01 2026 Week 16- 22 (6 weeks) Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February - HALF TERM</p>
<p>Content Recall and develop principles of Hygiene and Safety, Food,</p> <p>Personal & kitchen hygiene </p> <p>EHO and role within the hospitality industry Chilled storage and danger zone</p> <p>Nutrients – Macronutrient fat </p> <p><u>Practical's and skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chicken goujon wrap – temperature probe, coating, binding, wrapping, baking, greasing, seasoning ▪ Chilli Con Carne – boiling, simmering sauteing, peeling, slicing dicing, seasoning ▪ Chicken Fajitas – peeling, slicing, dicing, frying, seasoning 	<p>Content Nutrients – Macronutrient Protein and vegetarians, fat</p> <p></p> <p>Micronutrients – minerals Methods of cooking <u>Practical's and skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sweet and sour chicken and rice- julienne, slicing, steaming, stir frying ▪ Beef koftas – Peel, Slice, Dice, Deseed, Blitz, Food processor, grilling ▪ BBQ chicken – Glazing, seasoning, Boiling, Simmering, baking. ▪ Pizza -Kneading, Rolling, Shaping, Baking, Grating ▪ Crispy Tacos – Peel, Slice, Dice, Browning, Seasoning, Simmering, Baking, Melting, Garnishing 	<p>Content Cooking methods Seasonality Big Test and intervention <u>Practical's and skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chocolate chip cookies - Weighing, Measuring, Greasing, Creaming, Folding, Portioning, Temperature control ▪ Chocolate fudge Brownies –Melting, creaming ▪ End of rotation Practical TBC <p><u>Cultural capital</u> - teamwork, individual and independent work</p> <p>during practical lessons. </p> <p>Reading and following a recipe</p>



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<p><i>Spring 02 -2026</i></p> <p><i>Weeks 25 – 29 (5 weeks)</i></p>	<p><i>Summer 01 - 2026</i></p> <p><i>Weeks 30 – 34 (5 weeks)</i></p>	<p><i>Summer 02 2026</i></p> <p><i>Weeks 35 – 42 (8 weeks)</i></p>

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Monday 6th April - Monday 17th April - EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - HALF TERM-WHIT	
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