



Curriculum Overview for Food Preparation and Nutrition Year 9

Term 3: Food around the world (Italy)	Teachers lead by example.
	Teachers read from the board
Substantive Knowledge:	but will also encourage pupils to
Nutrition and Health	read aloud to the class.
Role of macro and micronutrients	
in the body	Syllabification of key words.
Balanced diet and effects of	
nutritional imbalances	Pupils will analyse a variety of
	text sources.
Understanding food labels and	Nutrients
traffic light systems	Macronutrients
 Nutritional needs across life stages 	Micronutrients
 How nutrition affects health 	Protein
outcomes	Carbohydrates (Simple/Complex
Food Science	Fats (Saturated/Unsaturated)
• Scientific principles behind cooking	Vitamins (A, B, C, D, E, K)
methods	Minerals (Iron, Calcium, Sodium
How different ingredients behave	Potassium)
(e.g., flour + fat = short texture)	Fibre
	Water
Functions of ingredients in recipes Chaminal and a busical share see	Eatwell Guide
Chemical and physical changes	Dietary reference values (DRVs)
during cooking	Glycaemic Index (GI)
Food Safety and Hygiene	Deficiency
 Importance of hygiene in food 	Obesity
prep	Malnutrition
 Identifying food poisoning risks 	Allergies
and how to prevent them	Intolerances
• Safe use and storage of ingredients	Denaturation
and equipment	Coagulation
 Procedures for safe practical work 	Gelatinisation
Food Choice	Dextrinisation
	Caramelisation
Why people eat what they eat	Enzymic browning
(cultural, social, ethical)	Aeration
 Impact of religion and culture on 	Shortening
food choices	Gluten
 Health and environmental 	Maillard reaction
influences	Raising agents (chemical,
• Dietary adaptations for allergies,	biological, mechanical)
intolerances, and ethics	Cross contamination
Cooking and Preparation	Personal hygiene
Accurate use of basic and	Bacteria
intermediate cooking techniques	High-risk foods
U	Danger zone
 Adapting recipes and cooking 	Cleaning
methods for different ingredients	Cooking temperatures





	Wider links to the world and diversity
 Timing, organisation, and cleanliness in the kitchen 	HACCP (simplified at KS3) Religious food laws (Halal, Kosher, Vegetarian) Ethical issues (Animal welfare,
 Disciplinary Knowledge: Practical Skills – Safe, independent use of equipment and techniques Sensory Analysis – Evaluating 	Fairtrade, Organic) Environmental issues (Food miles, Carbon footprint) Seasonality Cost Culture
 texture, taste, aroma, and appearance Nutrition Analysis – Evaluating meals and recipes for nutritional content Food Science Investigation – Conducting simple experiments with variables Research and Enquiry – Investigating food issues using data 	Sustainability Assessment at the end of the unit made up of short answer and long answer questions. Collect scores from formative assessments in the classroom – multiple choice questions, low stakes. Completion of an extended piece of writing throughout the unit.
 and sources Evaluation and Reflection – Judging quality, giving feedback, self-assessing Presentation and Plating – Creatively presenting dishes Recipe Adaptation – Substituting ingredients 	Homework booklet with tasks every week