

Curriculum map overview for Year 8 Food & Nutrition 2025/26

Term (Weeks)	Topic/Unit (weeks)	Key Objectives	Type of assessment
Week 1 (First full week)	100 mins: review of how food room works,	Health & Safety, introduction and overview of food curriculum	
Week 1	Recap & Kitchen Safety Theory	Refresh Year 7 content + new kitchen rules,	Quick-fire quiz, group task
Week 2	Knife Skills & Soup practical	Prepare vegetable soup: chopping, simmering	Observed technique and hygiene checklist
Week 3	Nutrients in Detail theory	Focus on carbohydrates, proteins, fats - functions	Nutrient identification task

Week 4	Cook with Protein	Egg-based dish (e.g., omelette) to explore protein	Teacher
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Week 5	Vitamins & Minerals theory	Key micronutrients, their sources, and functions	Label a food plate with nutrients present
Week 6	Nutrient-Rich Dish practical	Salad with varied ingredients, dressing skills	Practical hygiene and presentation assessment
Week 7	Factors Affecting Food Choice	Culture, religion, health, ethical choices	Group presentations on different factors
Week 8	World Foods Practical	Simple cultural dish linked to food choice	Self and peer evaluation
Week 9	Food Labelling & Shopping	Understanding food labels and making informed choices	Supermarket label analysis activity
Week 10	Healthier Meals	Healthier alternative recipe: e.g., burger or pasta bake	Teacher practical assessment
Week 11	Meal Planning & Evaluation	Balanced meal planning using knowledge gained	Written task: Plan a balanced, realistic meal
Week 12	Practical Assessment	Independent world food dish considering nutrition	Graded on hygiene, skills, nutrition evidence