

Introduction to GCSE Home Economics (Food and Nutrition)

Why study Home Economics (Food and Nutrition)?

Would you like a practical challenge? Do you enjoy working with food? Would you like to be kept up to date with food and nutrition issues? Are you ready for life away from school? If you have answered yes to these questions then choose to study Home Economics (Food and Nutrition). In this course you will develop your knowledge and skills through studying a range of different topics. You will also have the chance to carry out a variety of practical investigations. The qualification can lead to further study at AS/A Level and/or GNVQ/VCE in a variety of subjects. There will also be career opportunities in the food and hotel industry, teaching, retail and business professions.

You will study:

- * Nutrition and Health;
- * Food Choice;
- * Food Preparation and Processing;
- * Deterioration, Safety and Preservation of Food;
- * Marketing, Advertising and Consumer Education.

You will learn how to:

- * Prepare food suitable for a variety of home and family situations;
- * Explore and investigate the nature of food;
- * Carry out individual, original research;
- * Apply the skills learned in coursework to the examination paper.

Strategies include:

- * Practical work using food testing and tasting;
- * Use of surveys, questionnaires, the Internet and ICT;
- * Study of the theoretical aspects of the topics listed above.

Assessment:

There is a choice between two levels of entry: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level (Paper 1) the grades available are G to C and at Higher level (Paper 2) the grades available are D to A*.

Coursework

You will produce one Individual Task, which should take 12-14 hours to complete and two Resource Tasks which should take 2-3 hours each to complete.

You can take either:

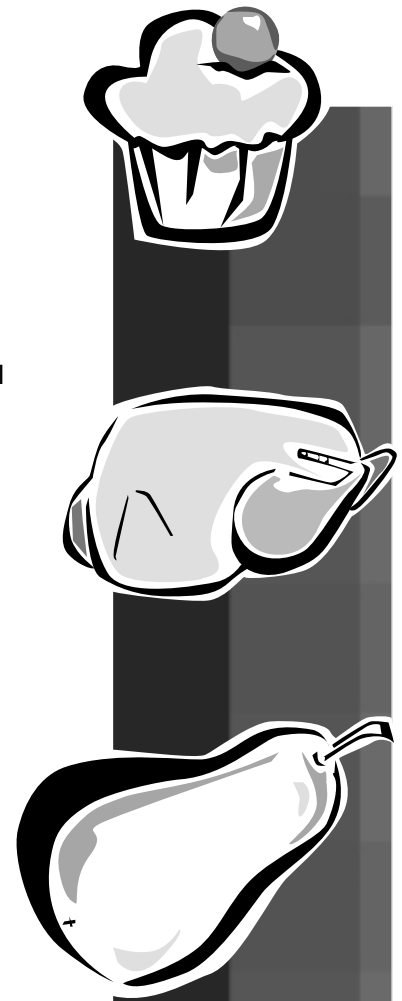
Paper 1 (1 hour 30 minutes)

This includes short answer, data response, structured and free response questions.

Or:

Paper 2 (2 hours)

This includes short answer, data response, structured and free response questions.



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