Knife Skills

Ingredients (Tzatziki):

75g Greek Yoghurt with 1 tbsp lemon juice added

Pinch of salt

Ingredients (Crudité):

Half Cucumber

1 Carrot

1 stick Celery

1 pepper

- 1. Cut the cucumber in half and scrape out the seeds
- 2. Grate into a bowl
- 3. Add the yoghurt, lemon juice and grate in the garlic
- 4. Mix and season to taste
- 5. Cut the veg into batons

Sausage Rolls

Ingredients:

Half red onion

2 pork sausages

Small handful of breadcrumbs

150g Block of puff pastry

- 1. Finely chop the onions.
- 2. With a sharp knife, slit the skins of the sausages and pop the meat out. Put it in a mixing bowl with the onion mix and the breadcrumbs.
- 3. Scrunch well with your clean hands to mix together.
- 4. On a floured work surface, roll the pastry out into a big rectangle as thick as a pound coin and cut it lengthways into two long, even rectangles.
- 5. Roll the mixture into sausage shapes with your hands and lay along the centre of each rectangle.
- 6. Brush the pastry with a little water to make it sticky, then fold one side of the pastry over, wrapping the filling inside. Press down with your fingers or the edge of a spoon to seal the join.
- 7. Cut the long rolls into the sizes you want and space them out on a baking tray.

Stir Fry

Ingredients:

1 chicken breast or block smoked tofu

Half onion

3 heads of broccoli

3 button mushrooms

Handful of mangetout

Sweet chilli sauce

70g long grain rice

- 1. Cut chicken into 1cm cubes and lightly fry in sunflower oil until cooked through. Remove from the pan for later
- 2. Finely slice onion and mushrooms and quarter broccoli heads
- 3. Wash rice under the tap to remove the starch and cook for 10-12 minutes in small pan of water
- 4. While rice is cooking, stir fry the veg for 3-5 minutes
- 5. Add the cooked chicken, mangetout and sauce
- 6. Drain the rice and serve

Cheese Scones

Ingredients:

120g self-raising flour

25g salted butter

15g mature cheddar

75ml milk

1 tsp salt

- 1. Heat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
- 2. Mix together the flour and salt and rub in the butter. Grate the cheese and stir into the flour. Slowly, add in the milk and stir to get a soft dough. Don't put too much milk in!
- 3. Turn onto a floured work surface and knead very lightly. Pat out to a round 2cm/¾in thick. Use a 5cm/2in cutter to stamp out rounds and place on the baking sheet. Lightly knead together the rest of the dough and stamp out more scones to use it all up.
- 4. Brush the tops of the scones with a little milk. Bake for 12–15 minutes until well risen and golden. Cool on a wire rack

Cupcakes

Ingredients:

55g unsalted butter or margarine

55g caster sugar

1 large egg

½ tsp vanilla extract

55g self-raising flour

100g icing sugar

1tbsp cocoa powder

Sprinkles - optional

- 1. Heat the oven to 180C/160 fan/ gas 4 and fill half cupcake tray with cases
- 2. Using a wooden spoon, cream together the butter and sugar until pale and light.
- 3. Mix in the egg, vanilla extract and flour
- 4. Add a tablespoon of batter into each cake case
- 5. Bake for 15-18 mins until golden brown and a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool on a wire rack
- Combine the icing sugar and cocoa powder and slowly add 1-2 tbsp water until you form a smooth paste (don't make it too runny!)
- 7. Add the icing to the top of each cupcake and lightly cover with sprinkles

Pizza

Ingredients (dough):

200g plain flour, plus extra to dust

1/2 x 7g sachet fast action dried yeast

1 tsp fine sea salt

1 tsp caster sugar

1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra to drizzle

Ingredients (toppings):

1tbsp tomato paste

50g cheese (mozzarella or cheddar)

Your own pizza toppings – sweetcorn, pepperoni, onion, mushrooms, roast chicken etc.

- 1. Preheat the oven to the hottest it goes
- 2. Mix the flour, yeast. Salt and sugar together in a mixing bowl.

 Make a well in the middle and add the oil and 110ml of warm

 water. Bring together and then tip onto a floured surface to kneed.
- 3. Kneed for 1-2 minutes until the dough is smooth and stretchy and then leave to rest in the bowl.
- 4. Prep your toppings grate cheese, chop veg etc.
- 5. Now it's time to shape your pizza! Roll out the ball to a circle about 25 cm. Using your hands, press out the dough around the edges to form a slightly larger pizza with a raised crust. Place onto a piece of baking paper covered baking sheet.
- 6. Spread the tomato paste and add the toppings.
- 7. Leave the rest for 15 minutes while you wash up.
- 8. Bake for 15 minutes until the crust is golden and the cheese bubbling.

Jam Tarts

Ingredients:

150g plain flour

75g butter

Half an egg

50g jam or marmalade

- 1. Put the flour, butter and a pinch of salt into a bowl and rub together to form breadcrumbs
- 2. Using a butter knife, mix in a little egg at a time to bring the dough together. Finish by making into a ball with your hand not over working the pastry.
- 3. Clingfilm and put in the fridge while you wash up and get out your baking pan.
- 4. Pre-heat the oven to 200C/ 180 fan/ gas 6.
- 5. Unwrap your pastry and roll out on a lightly floured surface to the thickness of a £1 coin
- 6. Using a round cutter, cut out 6 circles and lightly push into the tin
- 7. Add 1-2 tsp of your filling into each case.
- 8. Bake for 15-18 minutes until golden and leave to cool in tray before transferring to a wire rack.

1 pan roast – summer

Ingredients:

50g new potatoes

45g peas

100g broad beans

4 sticks of asparagus

1 salmon fillet

1 lemon

1 clove of garlic

1tbsp extra virgin olive oil

- 1. Preheat the oven to 220C/ 180 fan/ gas 6
- 2. Half the potatoes and put into an oiled baking sheet
- 3. Put the salmon and asparagus on top and season with salt and pepper
- 4. Bake for 20 minutes
- 5. While baking, grate half the lemon zest and garlic clove into a bowl. Add half the lemon juice and olive oil and set aside for serving
- 6. Then, simmer the broad beans and peas for 3-5 minutes
- 7. Serve together, topped with the dressing

1 Pan Roast - Winter

Ingredients:

50g potatoes

1 carrot

1 parsnip

1 chicken breast

Seasoning of your choice – herbs, paprika etc.

- 1. Preheat the oven to 220C/ 180 fan/ gas 6
- 2. Peel and chop the potatoes, carrots and parsnips
- 3. P in baking tray with the olive oil
- 4. Place chicken breast on top and season
- 5. Roast for 20-25 minutes until chicken is cooked through