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Grade descriptors for GCSEs graded 9 to 1: food preparation and nutrition

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Grade 8

1.1 To achieve Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

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- demonstrate relevant and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply precise and sophisticated technical skills when using a wide range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present complex dishes
- critically analyse and evaluate, to draw well-evidenced conclusions:
 - issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - food made by themselves and others

2.

Grade 5

2.1 To achieve Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate mostly accurate and appropriate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply competent technical skills to a range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present dishes with some degree of complexity
- analyse and evaluate, to draw coherent conclusions :
 - issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - food made by themselves and others

3.

Grade 2

3.1 To achieve Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate some relevant knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely apply limited skills to some equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present simple dishes
- make straightforward and obvious comments on:
 - issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - food made by themselves and others

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