

Design and Technology Department at Durrington High School

Durrington High School has a dynamic and successful Design & Technology and Food department staffed by an enthusiastic team with a range of experience. We are constantly seeking ways to develop and improve our own teaching practice, maintain relevant, up to date resources and continue to focus on new technology, skills and trends to ensure the best possible engagement and outcomes for our students.

Our department's vision is to equip students with the skills, enthusiasm and qualifications to go on to become the next generation of creative practitioners in a range of fields. Through the delivery of engaging well planned lessons from passionate teachers we aim to build confidence and encourage our students to take risks and go beyond their best.

At KS3, Food Preparation & Nutrition lessons are part of a DT rotation. Students spend a term per academic year in the subject area where there are 2 well equipped classrooms. The subject sets out the knowledge, understanding and skills required to cook and apply the principles of food science, nutrition and healthy eating.

Food Preparation & Nutrition is a popular KS4 choice for students. It is an exciting and creative course which focuses on practical cooking skills to ensure students develop a thorough understanding of nutrition, food provenance and the working characteristics of food ingredients. Students have more independence in their recipe selection and presentation skills are a key focus.

One of our greatest department strengths is our teamwork, we all contribute to planning, implementing/reviewing systems, creating resources and expanding each other's subject knowledge and skill set. DT staff meet weekly to maintain consistency across the department, always keeping our technicians informed, up to date and ensuring that they are included, which subsequently supports the effective running of the department. You will be welcomed into a supportive, friendly and knowledgeable environment.

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