



Healthy Lifestyle Challenge: Exploring the Science of Nutrition and the Art of Culinary Delights

SHORT DESCRIPTION

This multidisciplinary assignment combines science and culinary arts to engage secondary school pupils aged 14-16 in a hands-on exploration of healthy eating habits and culinary skills. The assignment encourages pupils to prepare nutritious meals and understand the scientific principles behind healthy food choices, without involving research or writing for the pupils.

PUPIL TARGET

Secondary school pupils aged 14-16.

REQUIERED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Basic understanding of scientific concepts related to nutrition, basic culinary skills or a willingness to learn, and the ability to work collaboratively in a team.

GROUP SIZE AND WAY OF EXECUTION

Small groups (3-4 pupils). The assignment is executed through practical cooking activities and scientific discussions.

TIMEFRAME

2-3 weeks.



In this assignment, pupils will explore the science behind healthy eating habits and develop culinary skills to create nutritious meals. The assignment consists of the following tasks:

a) Task 1 - Nutritional Analysis

Pupils analyze the nutritional content of common food items, comparing their macronutrient and micronutrient compositions. They discuss the importance of a balanced diet and identify nutrient-rich foods.

b) Task 2 - Recipe Development

Pupils work in groups to develop a recipe for a healthy, balanced meal. They consider taste, texture, and nutritional content when creating their recipe.

c) Task 3 - Culinary Skills Workshop

Pupils participate in a culinary skills workshop where they learn techniques such as knife skills, cooking methods, and meal presentation. They practice these skills while preparing their chosen recipe.

d) Task 4 - Meal Preparation

Pupils prepare their selected recipes, focusing on proper ingredient measurement, cooking techniques, and food safety practices.

e) Task 5 - Scientific Presentation

Pupils present their prepared meals to the class, discussing the nutritional benefits and the scientific principles behind their recipe choices.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

MATERIALS NEEDED

Ingredients for recipe preparation, kitchen equipment and utensils, access to nutritional databases or resources, presentation materials.

- Develop an understanding of the science behind healthy eating habits and nutrition.

- Enhance culinary skills and knowledge of cooking techniques.
- Foster teamwork and collaboration in recipe development and meal preparation.
- Improve presentation and communication skills through scientific discussions.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS COVERED

LEARNING GOALS

Science, Culinary Arts.

HASHTAGS

#HealthyLifestyleChallenge #NutritionScience #CulinaryDelights





International Recipe Exchange: Sharing Healthy Culinary Traditions

THE ONLINE
ASSIGNMENT

In this online collaborative session, secondary school pupils from different countries come together to share their traditional healthy recipes. Building on the "Healthy Lifestyle Challenge" assignment, participants engage in a cultural exchange of recipes, exploring diverse culinary traditions and promoting global understanding and appreciation for healthy eating.

ORGANISATION
AND WAY OF
EXECUTION

Participants will join an online meeting platform where they will be divided into small groups comprising individuals from different countries. Each group will share a traditional healthy recipe from their culture, discussing its nutritional value, cultural significance, and preparation methods. Participants will exchange ideas, ask questions, and appreciate the diversity of culinary traditions.

LEARNING GOALS

- Foster cultural understanding and appreciation for different culinary traditions.
- Promote global connections and collaboration through shared recipes and cultural experiences.







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