Key Terms Year 8	Definition
Eat Well Guide	A visual representation of how different foods and drinks can help
	us to follow a balanced diet. The Eatwell Guide is based on the 5
	food groups and shows you how much of what foods should come
	from each group
Healthy Eating	Eating a variety of foods that will give you the correct nutrients to
	maintain your health, feel good and have energy. They will include
	Protein, Fats and Carbohydrates
Nutrients	A substance that provides nourishment that is essential for the
	maintenance of life and growth. These are broken down into 2
	groups – Macronutrients and Micronutrients
Cross-contamination	The transfer of bacteria from one food source/object to another
Vitamins	Micronutrients are organic compounds that are needed in small
	amounts for normal body growth. They are found naturally in
	foods from plants and animals.
Amino acid	The building blocks of proteins
Essential amino acids	Amino acids your body needs as it can't make them itself
Non-essential amino acids	Amino acids that your body can make by itself
Minerals	Minerals are essential for health and growth, some of them are
Uinh hintariant value	calcium, sodium, iron and magnesium
High biological value	Protein foods which contain all of the essential amino acid
Low biological value Gelatine	Protein foods which contain all of the essential amino acid
Unsaturated Fats	Protein made by boiling animal bones, used for setting food
Unsaturated Fats	Fat containing a high proportion of fatty acid molecules with at least one double bond . They are liquid at room temperature and
	found in plant sources such as olive oil and sunflower oil. Healthier
	than saturated fats.
Saturated Fats	Fat containing a high proportion of fatty acid molecules without
	double bonds. They are solid at room temperature and found in
	protein-rich foods such as fatty lamb, fatty beef, pork, chicken with
	skin but also in butter and cheese.
Protein complementation	When two LBV protein foods are combined to form HBV protein
Fat-soluble vitamins	These are vitamins A, D, E and K
Saturated fats	Usually from animal sources; can be harmful to health
Unsaturated fats	Usually from plant sources; can be good for health
Cholesterol	A fatty substance which is needed for the normal functioning of the
	body
Type 2 diabetes	A condition where the body sugar levels cannot be controlled
	properly
Heart disease	A build up of fatty deposits in the coronary arteries
Sugar	Simple sugars (e.g. glucose) and double sugars (e.g. sucrose)
Starch	A complex sugar (e.g. potatoes, rice and bread are high in starch)
Dietary fibre	A complex sugar found in the cell walls of plants
Free sugar (added sugar)	Sugars added to food (e.g. sugar, syrup and honey)
Fruit sugar	Natural sugars contained in the cell walls of plant foods (e.g. sugar
	in the banana)
Obesity	Being very overweigh, carrying more body fat than is healthy
Digestive system	Parts of the body where food is broken down to provide nutrients
Constipation	When stools are dry and hard to pass
Basal metabolic rate (BMR)	The rate at which a person uses energy when resting
Kilocalories (kcal)	A unit of measurement for energy in food

Fibre	Nutrients found in the cell walls of cereal grains. It is needed for the
Tible	digestive system to remain healthy and function properly.
High-risk foods	Ready to eat moist foods, usually high in protein
Bacteria	Microscopic living organism, which are single- celled and can be
	found everywhere
Reproduce	When animals and plants make more of their kind
Binary fission	How each bacterium reproduces by splitting in two
Temperature danger zone	Temperatures between 5°c and 63°c where most bacteria can
Tomporators danger zone	multiply
Dormant	When bacteria are inactive and cannot grow at all
Temperature probe	A device with a metal spike which takes the temperature of food
Pests	Insects or animals which may be contaminated food
Nausea	Feeling sick
Vomiting	Being sick
Diarrhoea	Passing looser or more frequent stools than is normal for you
Mandatory	Required by law
Use-by-date	A date on perishable foods (they can go off quickly), telling you
, and	which date the food should be used by
Best before date	A date on foods that keep for a longer time, such as biscuits or
	canned foods
Macro and Micro nutrients	Nutrients are divided into two categories: Macro and Micro
	nutrients. Macronutrients are the nutrients that the body needs in
	large amounts from proteins, carbohydrates and fats.
	Micronutrients are the nutrients that the body needs in smaller
	amounts and are found in vitamins and minerals.
Carbohydrates	Sugars, starches and fibres found in fruits, grains, vegetables and
	milk products. There are simple carbohydrates which are made up
	of no more than 2 molecules which the body can break down fast
	and provide the body with fast release energy. These are foods
	such as cakes, pizza, bread, sugary drinks and white rice/pasta.
	Complex carbohydrates are made of 2 or more molecules held
	together by bonds in long complex chains which takes the body
	longer to break down and keep us fuller/sustained for longer.
	These are foods such as wholegrains, vegetables, peas and beans.
Proteins	A nutrient found in a food that is made up of amino acids joined
	together. They are a necessary part of our diets and are important
	for cell structure and growth. Found in foods such as: meat, beans,
	nuts, lentils and pulses, eggs and cheese.
Biological Bacteria Contamination	Microscopic living organisms that are usually one celled which can
	multiply very quickly and can be found everywhere. They are
	dangerous as can cause infection. They can be found/produced
	by:- viruses, rodents, humans or pests. It is the most common
	cause of food poisoning worldwide
Physical Contamination	This refers to food that has been contaminated by a foreign object
	at some stage during cooking/production. They can cause harm
	when ingested. Examples are: plasters, small parts of machinery,
	finger nails and rodent droppings
Chemical Contamination	This refers to foods that have been contaminated by some type of
	chemical during the food production/growth and in
	preparation/cooking process. Examples are:- cleaning fluids,
	pesticides and natural toxins found in some foods

Allergenic Contamination	This refers to foods not properly stored or prepared correctly and may come into contact with foods that contain allergens that some people are allergic to. Examples are: nuts, eggs, fish and food containing gluten.
Food Spoilage	The process where a food product becomes unsuitable to eat when it becomes contaminated with bacteria, mould, yeast, moisture, light and heat that cause the food to 'go off'
Food Poisoning	An illness caused from consuming contaminated foods/drinks. Symptoms are nausea, vomiting, fever and diarrhoea
Command words	
Range	A variety of/a number of
Describe	Identify distinctive features and give description, factual details. Unless the word states 'describe and explain', no explanations are needed for just 'describe'. Look at it as painting a picture with words.
Explain	To make it clear by describing it in more detail and revealing any relevant facts
State	A short factual answer
Compare	To identify the similarities and differences