



Cooking together: Pupils get a taste of life at secondary school by making pizza and meeting their peers. Peer tutor Lizzie Cook with Ruby Newland, 11, and Rosie Banks, 12, with cooking tutor Francine Russell

Getting a taste of life at the big school

PUPILS due to start at Ashton Park Secondary School this autumn are rising to a healthy eating cookery challenge.

Youngsters moving from South Bristol primary schools are having a taste of secondary school life by meeting their new classmates, teachers and some of the older pupils.

The week-long summer challenge, which is unique to the school on Blackmoor's Lane, sees pupils learn about healthy cooking on a budget, ending with the ultimate challenge of

cooking for 60 invited guests from the local community.

Sue Cherrington, co-ordinator of the project, said: "The move from primary school to secondary is seen as an exciting milestone by both pupils and parents alike, however this also comes with some fear and trepidation.

"By taking part in the summer challenge this gives everyone the chance to meet and take part in a variety of activities with a topical subject."

Francine Russell, chef trainer from

All About Food, said the challenge involves learning to plan and cook healthy food, understanding a balanced diet and includes visits to a local supermarket and farm.

The children's new skills will be put to the test, as the week culminates with a celebratory lunch on Friday, when pupils will cook and serve food for 60 guests from the community, including elderly people, family, teachers and friends.

Ex-England and Gloucestershire fast bowler Syd Lawrence will present certificates to pupils.