**Jamie Oliver**

Jamie Oliver is a genius in the world of food and one of Britain's most famous cooks. His programmes are shown in over 100 countries including the USA, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, Japan and Iceland.

Jamie Oliver was born in 1975 in England. From an early age he got interested in food. His parents had a pub where he often helped them in the kitchen. At the age of eight Jamie cut vegetables like any other ordinary worker in the pub.

Jamie Oliver left school at 16 without any official certificate. He went to college to study economics and after that travelled to France. Jamie knew that in France cooking was a kind of art.

After returning from France, Jamie worked in a number of British restaurants. At that time there was a programme on the telly about the café where Jamie worked. TV producers were impressed by the young chef. The next day Jamie received calls from five different TV companies wishing to work with him. He soon became the best-liked celebrity chef on television.

However, Jamie devotes his time not only to cooking. He's a family man, with a wife and four children. He also works on a number of projects. For example, Jamie Oliver created the “Fifteen Foundation”. Each year, fifteen young people are trained and taught to work in the restaurant business. He chooses youngsters from unhappy families. Some of them were in prison or took drugs. In this way Jamie Oliver tries to help them start a new life.