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Cooking With The Stars, the ultimate celebrity culinary contest is back.

**Emma Willis** and **Tom Allen** return as hosts presiding over all the action, as eight celebrities are paired with professional chefs who will mentor them, in a bid to transform them from amateur to expert in a matter of weeks.

Celebrities taking part in this new series include Paralympian Ellie Simmonds, model and presenter Abbey Clancy, athlete Linford Christie, actor and television host Christopher Biggins, presenter Carol Vorderman, comedian Katherine Ryan, YouTuber Harry Pinero and Strictly professional dancer Pasha Kovalev. Produced by South Shore and co-funded by Marks & Spencer, this six-part cooking competition will transmit this summer on ITV1, ITVX, STV and STV Player.

Throughout the series, the celebrities will be guided by their Chef Mentor as they attempt to create the winning dish in a series of intense Cooking Battles. The loser of each Battle will then have to fight for their place in the competition in the dreaded Cook Off. Judged blind by all the chefs, there is the possibility that the losing celebrity could even be sent home by their own Chef Mentor. But who can handle the heat and go all the way to the end to become the culinary champion of this exciting cooking competition?

Cooking With The Stars is a partnership between Marks & Spencer, ITV and South Shore. It was recommissioned for ITV by Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning, ITV, Paula Thomas Gallie and Lily Wilson, Commissioning Editors, Entertainment, ITV. Executive Producers for South Shore are Melanie Leach and Ben Peart.

ITV Studios handles global distribution for Cooking With The Stars.

Emma Willis:

"I'm so excited to be heading back into the Cooking With The Stars kitchen alongside Tom for an all new series. We have a brilliant new line-up of celebrities who are set to be put to the test. You never know what their capabilities are which makes it a lot of fun. And if we're lucky, we get to mop up the leftovers from the worktops!"

## Tom Allen:

"I cannot believe how lucky I am to watch another batch of celebrities - all pretty much clueless in the kitchen - turning out the most amazing dishes. All in a bid to get their hands on my golden frying pan. Emma and I are back in the Cooking With The Stars kitchen and we are over the moon!"

Melanie Leach, Co-CEO from South Shore said:

"Cooking With The Stars is back with brand new themes and even more challenging recipes for 2024. We're excited for Emma Willis and Tom Allen to welcome this year's class back to cookery school and look forward to seeing them handle the heat of the toughest cookery competition on British TV."

Sharry Cramond, Marketing Director from M&S said:

"We're so excited to welcome back Cooking With The Stars, the biggest cooking show on ITV, for a fourth series! This year's line-up is spectacular and will hopefully inspire viewers of all ages to get excited about cooking from scratch at home, with all the quality ingredients at amazing value found in our foodhalls. Get ready for 6 weeks of serious spice, high level heat and intense showdowns in the celebrities' bid to become Cooking With The Stars champion and win the most sought after prize on British TV...the Golden Frying Pan!"

Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning from ITV said:

"Our ongoing partnership with Marks & Spencer has helped to make Cooking With The Stars a popular cookery challenge format and we can't wait to see what the class of 2024 will be serving up."

Bhavit Chandrani, Director of BE Studio from ITV said:

"Our partnerships with Marks & Spencer continue to grow and we're thrilled that that includes reaching the milestone of four series of Cooking With The Stars. I can't wait to see a fresh crop of celebrity chef hopefuls taking to the kitchen!"

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