The small intestine is designed to continue the digestion of food from the stomach. It then passes the tiny food molecules to the bloodstream.

**Research Ideas**

- How long is the human intestine?
- Which substances are digested in the small intestine?
- How does absorption into the blood take place?
- What types of food are not absorbed into the blood?
- How is cancer of the intestine treated?

**Advanced Research**

- How is food moved along the small intestine?
- What is the function of ‘intestinal juice’?
- How is the surface area of the small intestine increased?
- Find out about some diseases of the small intestine.

**Presentation Ideas**

Design a wall display with diagrams and facts. Make sure your titles are big and bold, and that your work is as neat as possible.

Give a talk to your class. Prepare some diagrams (maybe on overheads) to help illustrate your presentation.

**Internet Search Terms**

(we recommend “google.com”)
- “small intestine” + length
- “small intestine” + function
- “small intestine” + cancer
- intestine + disease
- intestine + fats + protein

**Websites**

- http://kidshealth.org/kid/body/digest_noSW_p2.html
- http://arbl.cvmbs.colostate.edu/hbooks/pathphys/digestion/smallgut/
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/science/biology/

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