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THE FIT FACTOR

LIFESTYLE CHANGE

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FITNESS TIP

As an incentive, look to walk/run one mile a day for four months – that's equivalent to completing just under nine Great North Runs.

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SMALL everyday changes will improve your life. Your health, wellbeing, appearance and self confidence will benefit hugely by implementing positive changes that are repeated consistently.

Implementing these changes now should give you noticeable results by the middle of May 2022. A four-month commitment for tangible results is not long – and you will thank yourself for doing these come the warmer weather.

Here are some examples of positive changes and new things you can try:

- Just 15 press-ups a day is a monster 1,680 over four months.

- Eating 200 calories less per day saves 22,400 calories – that's 7lbs of fat.

- A one-mile walk or run a day is 112 miles – that's just under nine Great North Runs.

- Reducing two digestive biscuits (or equivalent treat) down to one a day will save around 9,500 calories.

- 30 squats a day adds up to 3,360 in 16 weeks – imagine how strong your legs will feel.

- One minute plank a day to

improve your stomach and core strength. That's one hour 12 minutes of the plank.

- Completing a set of 100 stairs every day is 11,200 stairs in total.

- Cutting alcohol consumption by just half a glass a day will reduce your intake by 5,000 calories over four months.

- Reducing down from four slices of bread a day to two is a huge 224 less slices over four months.

- Full-sugar fizzy drinks in 330ml cans contain 10 teaspoons of sugar. The daily recommended limit for adults is seven per day. If this is a daily habit and you cut it out, you'd be reducing your intake by a staggering 1,120 teaspoons of sugar over the four-month period.

- 40 stomach crunches per day will total 4,480 in 16 weeks. If 40 is too many in one go try 4x10 or 2x20. The main thing is keeping the consistency going. I recommend partnering these with the plank for muscle balance.

- Three cups of coffee per day with one sugar in each, amounts to 336 teaspoons of sugar and 6,720 calories over four months. Keep the coffee, but drop the sugar.

When you add small everyday changes over a week/month or in this case four months you begin to realise the huge positive changes you can make.

Unfortunately, you can also see how easy it is to go the other way with little or no exercise and a massive excess of daily calories.

Over months, years and decades these seemingly small but repetitive unhealthy habits add up – which is why this country is in poor health with such high obesity rates.

Try to make changes to your own daily habits and routines to see how much better you will feel in four months.

Change is never a matter of ability – it's a matter of motivation

Motivational quote of the day



► If you have three coffees a day, each with one sugar, you pile up 6,720 calories in four months – so why not keep the coffee but drop the sugar?