Jamie Oliver's Trapani Style Rigatoni

Serves 4-6 (6 with a salad on the side)

Ingredients

- 500g dried pasta such as rigatoni (you could also use penne)
- 40g parmesan cheese, plus extra to serve
- 100g whole blanched almonds
- 2 cloves of garlic peeled
- 1-2 fresh red chillies (deseeded if you prefer less heat) stalks removed and cut into a few pieces
- 2 cups fresh basil leaves plus extra to add when serving
- 4 anchovy fillets in oil (don't be scared by this if you don't like anchovies, you can't taste them but they add a depth to the sauce)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil (or the oil from the anchovies)
- 500g cherry tomatoes keep most whole and halve or quarter about 150g of the tomatoes to add when serving.
- salt and pepper to taste

Method

- 1. Fill a large saucepan (approximately ¾ full) with water and bring to the boil ready to cook the pasta (use the kettle to boil the water if you want to speed it up). Once boiling add a couple of tablespoons of salt to the water then cook the pasta as per the packet instructions.
- 2. While the pasta is cooking, place the parmesan, almonds, garlic and chillies into a food processor and process until everything is cut fairly fine. Add the basil (saving a small amount to add when serving), anchovies, two thirds of the cherry tomatoes (whole) and the olive oil and process until it forms a chunky paste. If it is too thick, add a bit more oil or some of the water from the pasta. Taste and season with salt and pepper if needed.
- 3. Once the pasta is cooked, reserve a cup of the cooking water and then drain the rest, returning it to the hot pan. Add the sauce and some cooking water to help it form a sauce.
- 4. Serve topped with the remaining cherry tomatoes, basil and extra parmesan.

Adapted from *Jamie's 30 Minute Meals - Trapani-style Rigatoni* (also known as Jamie Oliver's Meals in Minutes).