## **CHOCOLATE & COCONUT PROTEIN OATIES**

They are chewy, they are crunchy, they are chocolatey and scrumptious. You can make these as little biscuit rounds as suggested or you could bake it like a streusel/crumble topping and add it on top of fruit, a compote, yoghurt, as an alternative biscuit base for cheese cakes, baked pies or a layered traybake.

Recipe Makes: 10 Servings

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- Ο F н 100 g Coconut Oil
- 40 g Flaked Almonds 40 g Raisins 2 tbsp Maple Syrup U E Α 1 tsp Vanilla Bean Paste 30 g Crystallised Ginger, chopped Т D 5 Medjool Dates, chopped 50 g Buckwheat Flakes, ground (or oats/GF oats) 50 g Buckwheat Flakes, whole (or oats/GF oats) 15 g Flaxseeds 15 g Chia Seeds 35 g Ground Almonds 1/2 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda 15 g Cacao Powder 15 g Protein Powder
- Preheat oven to 160C Fan/180C/Gas Mark 4, line a tray with baking paper. Μ
- Ε - Into a saucepan, add coconut oil, maple syrup and vanilla and place over a gentle heat. Give everything a good stir and allow it to warm for about 5 minutes. Т
  - In the meantime, add all the remaining ingredients to a large bowl and mix to combine.
    - Once the coconut oil is hot, pour into the bowl and use a fork to mix everything together.
      - Allow the biscuit mix to cool slightly before using your hands to squish together golf ball sized rounds until smooth(ish) before placing them spaced well apart on the tray.
      - Once they have all been rolled, use the palm of your hand to gently press down.
      - Transfer the tray to the oven and bake for 14 minutes.

- Remove the tray from the oven and leave to cool for 30 minutes before carefully moving them onto a wire rack to cool completely.

- Once cooled, they are good to gobble. Pop them into a tupperware box and these will stay good for up to a week.