

Junior School Assessment Guidelines for Year 8 English

September - June

Year 8: September - December

Course Overview: Autobiographical Writing – based on study of a novel

- **Assessment Task:** Students will produce a piece of writing entitled 'My Autobiography'.
- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on specified homeworks, including reading, writing, research tasks and spellings. An overall mark out of 20 will be awarded based on quality of homework completed.
- **Christmas Exam:** Students will be assessed on key skill areas building on activities completed during the course of the term. The exam will be in three parts:
 - Reading fiction showing understanding of writer's technique;
 - Extended writing task in the form of a diary entry;
 - Punctuation task.

Year 8: January - March

Course Overview: Journeys – students will read a text based on the theme of journeys

- **Assessment task:** Students will be assessed on their reading skills, examining how characters are presented.
- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on specified homework as per the first term.

Year 8: April – June

Course overview: Non-fiction persuasive writing/Poetry

- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on specified homeworks as per the first term. An overall mark out of 20 will be awarded to reflect the quality of homework completed.
- **Summer Exam:** Students will be assessed on the skills they have developed:
 - Analysing presentation features in a non-fiction text;
 - An extended writing piece, focusing on using persuasive language to put forward an argument;
 - A short grammar exercise