

# Junior School Assessment Guidelines for Year 9 English

## September - June

### Year 9: September - December

**Course Overview:** Strange and Mysterious/Suspense – based on the study of a novel

- **Assessment Task:** Students will produce an extended piece of creative writing.
- **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 homeworks 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 descriptive writing task;
  - Punctuation task.

### Year 9: January - March

**Course Overview:** Problems

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

### Year 9: April – June

**Course overview:** What's in the News? / War 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:
  - Reading and exploring language in a news article;
  - An extended writing piece, focusing on using persuasive language to promote an issue;
  - A short grammar exercise