

Junior School Assessment Guidelines for Year 8 Science

September - June

Year 8: September - December

Course Overview: Investigating Science

Cells

Growing Up

- **Project:** Students will write a short essay about the journey of a sperm. They are to write the essay as if they are the sperm describing their journey until fertilisation.
- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on each topic through an end of topic test. A spelling test will also be used as assessment for each topic.
- **Christmas Exam:** Students will be assessed on the knowledge and skills they have developed in the three topics studied. This includes:
 - Matching keywords with their descriptions;
 - Labelling diagrams;
 - Identifying apparatus;
 - Extended writing on a practical they have carried out.

Year 8: January – June

Course Overview: Earth and Space

Acids and Alkalis

Making and using Materials

Local Product

Variation

- **Project:** Students will carry out research and create a powerpoint based on Earth and Space. They will be assessed on the scientific content, their literacy and their ICT skills.
- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on each topic through an end of topic test. A spelling test will also be used as assessment for each topic.
- **Summer Exam:** Students will be assessed on the knowledge and skills they have developed in the first four topics studied. This includes:
 - Labelling diagrams;
 - Answering closed questions;
 - Extended writing on a practical they have carried out.