Year 8 Reading Assessment Framework

Beginning	Working Towards	Expected	Exceeding	Excelling
1	Grade 2-3	Grade 4-5	Grade 6-7	Grade 8-9
I can:	I can:	I can:	I can:	I can:
Understand and interpret texts:	Understand and interpret texts:	Understand and interpret texts:	Understand and interpret texts:	Understand and interpret texts:
Identify the explicit meaning of texts and start to use some inference skills. Use evidence from the text to prove my ideas.	Identify explicit and implicit meanings and make secure inferences. Use evidence from different places in a text to prove my ideas.	Clearly identify explicit and implicit ideas in texts. Develop the use of inference by exploring meaning using well-chosen evidence.	Clearly interpret texts using aptly chosen evidence to support a full range of ideas.	Respond thoughtfully to texts and develop my ideas. I may begin to consider different interpretations based on precise textual evidence.
Analyse methods:	Analyse methods:	Analyse methods:	Analyse methods:	Analyse methods:
Begin to comment on some features of language and why a writer has used them. I may show some understanding of organisation of a text and identify basic structural features.	Make clear comments on a writer's use of language and begin to explain the effect of particular words or images. I may make clear comments about the organisation of a text and use of structural features.	Make detailed comments about the effects of a writer's language choices. I may make detailed comments about the organisation of a text and the effects of structural features.	Make developed and thoughtful comments on a writer's use of language. I may begin to consider different interpretations. I may make thoughtful comments about the organisation of a text and the effects of structural choices.	Precisely analyse language and appreciate a writer's choices. Begin to explore different interpretations. I may explore and analyse the effects of structural choices and a range of features relating to the organisation of texts.
Consider context:	Consider context:	Consider context:	Consider context:	Consider context:
Identify elements of the social and historical context.	Show some understanding of the importance of social and historical context.	Explain the importance of context and its contribution to meaning.	Analyse the significance of context on the overall meaning and impact of the text.	Explore the intentions of the writer in relation to the context of when the text was written or received.

Year 8 Writing Assessment Framework

Beginning	Working Towards	Expected	Exceeding	Excelling
1	Grade 2-3	Grade 4-5	Grade 6-7	Grade 8-9
I can:	I can:	I can:	I can:	I can:
Plan and organise ideas:	Plan and organise ideas:	Plan and organise ideas:	Plan and organise ideas:	Plan and organise ideas:
Show some evidence of	Plan and organise my ideas. Use	Demonstrate clear and effective	Organise my ideas with a clear	Organise and manage thoughtful
planning and organisation.	clear paragraphs with links	planning. Paragraph securely	structure. Link my ideas effectively	and developed ideas. Shape
Demonstrate increasingly	between paragraphs.	and structure writing with topic	through varied paragraphing and	paragraphs for effect and use
secure paragraphing.		sentences and connectives	some use of discourse markers.	discourse markers effectively.
Impact my reader:	Impact my reader:	Impact my reader:	Impact my reader:	Impact my reader:
Start to use appropriate	Use various techniques	Employ a wide range of	Craft an imaginative and highly	Convincingly match content to
techniques to suit the	effectively to match purpose and	techniques to engage the	engaging piece of writing using	purpose and audience. Write in a
purpose and audience.	audience. Use vocabulary that is	audience and tailor my writing	techniques and a rich vocabulary to	distinctive personal voice and style.
Choose vocabulary for	varied and sometimes	specifically to the purpose. Use	enhance the reader's experience and	Use sophisticated phrasing
effect.	adventurous.	more ambitious vocabulary.	add layers of meaning.	vocabulary and techniques.
Use clear sentences:	Use clear sentences:	Use clear sentences:	Use clear sentences:	Use clear sentences:
Use simple, compound and	Use a variety of sentence types	Use a variety of sentence types	Demonstrate full control of sentence	Use a variety of sentence types with
complex sentences.	accurately.	accurately and for effect.	structures for purpose and effect.	precision and clarity to enhance
				engagement, coherence and flow.
Use a range of punctuation:	Use a range of punctuation:	Use a range of punctuation:	Use a range of punctuation:	Use a range of punctuation:
Use capital letters, full stops,	Use basic punctuation accurately.	Use basic punctuation and	Use a wide range of punctuation	Use the full range of punctuation
question marks and	Use commas, speech marks and	commas, speech marks and	including colons, semi-colons and	accurately including colons, semi-
exclamation marks correctly.	apostrophes with some lapses.	apostrophes accurately.	dashes with minor lapses in accuracy.	colons and dashes.
Spell correctly:	Spell correctly:	Spell correctly:	Spell correctly:	Spell correctly:
Spell most basic words	Spell most words of my correctly	Spell correctly including	Mostly spell correctly including some	Spell with a high level of accuracy
correctly.	including some tricky words	irregular words with a few	ambitious and more complex word	including ambitious words.
		lapses in accuracy.	choices.	

Year 8 Speaking and Listening Assessment Framework

Beginning	Working Towards	Expected	Exceeding	Excelling
1	Grade 2-3	Grade 4-5	Grade 6-7	Grade 8-9
I can:	I can:	I can:	I can:	I can:
Content and Organisation:	Content and Organisation:	Content and Organisation:	Content and Organisation:	Content and Organisation:
Plan and organise my	Plan carefully and organise my	Plan effectively to ensure I use	Plan and shape my presentation	Craft and shape my presentation
presentation. Explain my	ideas with a clear structure.	structural devices and sequence	using a range of structural devices	using a wide range of structural and
ideas in some detail.	Clearly explain my ideas in	my ideas to interest my audience.	to impact the audience. Present	rhetorical devices. Present
	detail.	Explain thoughtful ideas with depth	perceptive ideas in a way that	challenging ideas and encourage
		and clarity.	encourages discussion.	discussion and debate.
Presentation Skills:	Presentation Skills:	Presentation Skills:	Presentation Skills:	Presentation Skills:
Use a loud clear voice. Use some eye contact at times.	Speak loudly and clearly with expression. Use eye contact and gesture.	Vary the pace, tone and volume of my voice for effect. Use eye contact, gesture and body language effectively.	Make deliberate choices about speech, movement and gesture to create different roles and scenarios.	Employ a wide range of presentation techniques effectively throughout: voice, eye contact, body language, stance and gesture.
Listening Skills:	Listening Skills:	Listening Skills:	Listening Skills:	Listening Skills:
Listen with interest and respect when others are presenting.	Listen carefully in discussions and sometimes ask appropriate questions.	Listen with sensitivity and understanding of others' ideas and opinions.	Consistently exhibit perceptive listening skills and readily follow the development of discussions.	Engage with the ideas being presented to me through discussion and debate.