Year 7 English Progress Criteria 2019

Students are assessed across a broad range of skills in year 7. We expect students to consistently demonstrate these skills in their class work, homework and during assessments.

Foundation	Secure	Advanced	
Students working on a foundation pathway in Year 7 can: Pick out explicit bits of information from a text. Identify important word choices that have been deliberately chosen by a writer. Use basic subject terminology correctly i.e. noun, verb, adjective. Identify important structural choices that have been made by a writer i.e. a change of setting, a shift in character focus. Can make explicit comparisons, both similarities and differences. Can show a simple awareness of the type of writing they are producing and make appropriate word choices to match it. Use paragraphs to show a change of topic. Write sentences that make sense and include some variety. Use basic punctuation, including .?, ' Use limited vocabulary and simple words. Show a general understanding of the texts we have studied. Show a general understanding of the ways that writers use language, words and phrases to create specific effects.	Students working on a secure pathway in Year 7 can: Pick out explicit and implicit bits of information. Identify important words choices and language features and make comments on their effects i.e. simile, metaphor, personification etc. Identify important structural features and make comments on their effects i.e. zooming in and out, change in tense, shift in narrator etc. Pick out important points of comparison. Select important quotes and discuss how successful they have been. Think carefully about their word choices and make sure they are generally appropriate for their type of writing. Use paragraphs, topic sentences and connectives to effectively structure their work. Use simple, compound and complex sentences and a range of sentence starters. Use a range of punctuation, mostly correctly including ! '-;: () "a" Select words carefully to create an effect. Show a clear and developed understanding of the texts we have read. Show a clear understanding of how writers use language and structure to help create a certain impression of characters or themes. Show a clear understanding of the ways that writers' lives and times impact upon and influence their writing.	Students working on an advanced pathway in Year 7 can: Pick out relevant and significant implied and explicit information. Explore the impact of language choices. Explore the impact of structural choices. Pick out significant and less obvious points of comparison. Pick out well-chosen points/quotes and express how successful they have been in creating meaning. Make deliberate word choices that create specific effects in their work. Use a range of paragraphs, topic sentences, connectives and discourse markers to effectively structure their work. Consistently and accurately use a full range of punctuation. Use a sophisticated range of vocabulary. Show a detailed and perceptive understanding of the text we have studied. Respond to a text using quotations to support their ideas with confidence and in detail. Explore the connotations of key words within a quote. Show a confident understanding of how writers use language and structure to create specific effects.	

Can show a general understanding of the	
ways that writers' lives and times affect	
their writing.	
Usually use evidence to support their ideas.	