

English & Literacy Dept Info



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The English team is a dynamic and innovative department consisting of a Curriculum Leader, Deputy Curriculum Leader, KS5 Co-Ordinator and 6 further teachers. As well as delivering an imaginative, creative and thoughtful curriculum at KS3, KS4 and KS5, the department has built links with KS2 at the Academy enhancing our already excellent practice. The study of English is rooted in providing the necessary skills and experience for taking students on to further education and the world of work.



High expectations are set within the department for both students and teachers alike. The English teachers at the Alec Reed Academy are committed to developing the way that they teach, taking on board new initiatives and experimenting with a wide range of teaching styles and strategies. Assessment for Learning is also considered to be of high importance and fully integrated into the planning and delivery of all Schemes of Learning; furthermore students are regularly encouraged to mark their own work and that of others.



The English department is a well-resourced curriculum area that makes outstanding use of Interactive White-Boards, visualisers and a suite of ICT facilities. Students are encouraged to use the resources available to them to make choices as to how best they learn. Independent learning tasks are planned to advance students' understanding of topics studied.

Professional development of staff is promoted and supported; Performance Management target are set and training opportunities identified and all staff are involved in the online Academy Improvement Planning and review process. The department therefore benefits from the very latest teaching and learning strategies and innovations for literacy as well as ensuring that all teachers are expert practitioners in their field.



Teaching is differentiated and personalised to meet the individual needs of all students. Lessons are planned to enhance students' speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. A wide range of literary texts are studied, both from the literary canon and more contemporary fiction and non-fiction. Homework is integral to students' success and work is submitted online via Teams and marked to provide feedback to students and inform future planning.

All students study for the AQA English and English Literature GCSE. In Post 16 the Edexcel A Level syllabus is followed.