



English Department Details

We are a department that provides excellent teaching and learning for all pupils in our care. As a team we are dedicated to providing students with a broad, balanced and developmental curriculum underpinned by a commitment to improving the literacy of pupils at Avon Valley College. They can then be in a position to take the most appropriate pathway for them once they leave full time education. A love of studying literature is central to our curriculum plan. We are a lively and highly motivated team of specialist teachers, ranging in experience. Where possible decisions are reached through collegiate team-based discussion and management. All staff are actively encouraged to initiate change and developments within the department to drive forward improvements in our practice and as part of their CPD. All team members have their own teaching base, there is a well-stocked library and reading for pleasure is a core principle of Avon Valley College.

KS3 Curriculum

Schemes of work in place follow 'Key Competencies'. Our Key Competencies are an integral part of the curriculum and are used to assess, monitor and track pupil progress as well as inform curriculum planning and development. Here, the focus is creativity combined with reinforcing and developing literacy skills and specific exam style responses. Our curriculum is designed to motivate and engage pupils. Literature lies at the heart of much of what we teach.

KS4 Curriculum

The department follows the AQA syllabus for years 10 & 11. Pupils study GCSE English Language and Literature across years 10 and 11.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our Year 7 students take part in Book Buzz in order to boost a love of reading when students first join us. We aim to enrich the curriculum with a variety of extra activities throughout the academic year.