

Inclusion



English as an Additional Language

The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College provide support for our students who have English as an additional language. This support covers reading, writing, speaking and listening as well as functional skills for life. This takes place by scaffolding teaching and connecting life skills language with academic terminology.

We have a designated classroom which is equipped with a wide range of designed and created resources to support the learning and curriculum access needed for our bilingual students. A qualified and trained EAL coordinator has an important role to play in conducting small EAL group sessions and one to one support particularly when EAL students first commence at our school.

EAL students' progress is monitored and maintained by regular informal, formal and oral assessments. The assessments provide us with the tools to recognise English language competence and carry out further relevant support to meet the students' academic needs. Resources provided include flashcards, writing frames, word banks, including most common key facts and GCSE exam vocabulary as well as dedicated EAL software which staff/students can use during mainstream lessons.

Our aim is to provide the right support to enable our EAL students to function in mainstream lessons and to achieve in line with all other students.

For more information, please contact our Inclusion Department.