

THE CURRICULUM AT 'ADO RIVER VALLEY'

KS4 through to Post16 and beyond

Further Education Pathways at ADO River Valley

For KS4, Post-16 and beyond

- ▶ Our standard curriculum offers are based on the 'core' and 'career' pathways. The core pathway is specifically for our KS4 students and is also available for students who join us for Post16 yet have substantial gaps in their learning, and certifications. The 'career' pathway is specifically for Post16 students who in KS4 have obtained relevant knowledge and qualifications in core subjects such as Maths, English and Digital Skills.
- ▶ At ADO River Valley, students will cover a wide range of 'core' subjects within their school experience. Core subjects are part of our specialist curriculum and core pathway, meaning that students will have access to these subjects on a weekly basis as standard.
- ▶ Students will also be able to choose from a selection of qualifications in line with their chosen 'Career Pathway' for Post16. Our career pathways are inclusive to all students in Post16, with a variety of options to meet individual needs with opportunities to progress through the pathways during their time at ADO River Valley.
- ▶ ADO River Valley provide holistic curriculums that supports the wellbeing of the students in attendance.
- ▶ We strongly believe that engaging in learning is more effective when students focus on study and wellbeing in equal measure, and this is why we offer a variety of different therapeutic interventions within the school timetable.

Core Pathways at ADO River Valley (KS4 Curriculum)

Linguistic

English Functional Skills (Pearson)
From Entry Levels- Level Two

Mathematics

Maths Functional Skills (Pearson)
From Entry Levels- Level Two

Science and Humanities

Science Level 1 Introductory BTEC in Applied Science

Geography AQA UAS

Technology

Digital Skills Functional Skills (Pearson)
From Entry Levels- Level One

Human and Social

PSHE AQA UAS

RSE AQA UAS

Life skills AQA UAS

Careers AQA UAS

Physical and Aesthetic

Adventure Sport AQA UAS

Mindfulness AQA UAS

Creative Education

Level 1 Introductory BTEC in Art and Design

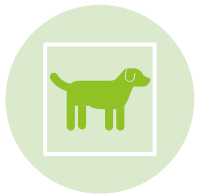
Outdoor Education

Level 1 Introductory BTEC in Land Based Studies

Career Pathways at ADO River Valley

Please note our specialist subjects are available in many levels, to ensure we can help each student to reach their full potential. We can deliver courses which are as high as the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diplomas, however more commonly our students complete the Level 1 Introductory, the Level 1/2 First Awards, and Level 2 Technical Diplomas when they are here with us (based on their cognitive abilities). If a whole course is not achievable for a student, they can be working on specific units within the correct levelled qualification within their chosen subject.

Please note - Courses are offered dependent on demand, so not all courses run every year.



Animal Studies



Equine Studies



Sport & Leisure



Land based
Studies



Youth and
Healthcare



Business
Studies

Animal Studies at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ Our wide variation of qualifications in Animal Care and Animal Management, are designed for students who have a keen interest in learning how to look after animals.
- ▶ Our animal qualifications are versatile, which means we can assign courses to meet students' specific skillsets.
- ▶ Students will be required to complete a selection of set units per course, which will have internal and external assessments.
- ▶ Length of courses are dependent on the individual requirements and Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

Where does it lead?

- ▶ Students could start with the Level 1 Introductory BTEC in Land Based Studies and choose the animal-based units within that to get a feel for how it works....
- ▶ Students could then move on to the Level 1/2 First Award in Animal Care, and then the Level 2 Technical Diploma
- ▶ Further study of Animal Courses could include degrees at University
- ▶ Courses such as ours could lead students to pursuing a career in Animal Welfare, Animal Husbandry, or Animal Management. Examples of future careers could include being a Zookeeper, Animal Nutritionist, or a Canine Behaviouralist.

Equine Studies at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ We offer a large range of Equine Based courses; these courses are perfect for students who are interested in any aspect of working with 'Horses and Ponies'.
- ▶ These courses offer a selection of 'optional' units which allows students to take control of some elements of their qualification.
- ▶ Any Equine based course at ADO River Valley will allow students to put their practice to good use, by caring for our five rescue equines.
- ▶ Our facilities include stables, a large arena, roundpen, grazing areas, woodland with a stream, horse herb area and much more.
- ▶ Students learn 'Natural Horsemanship' and experience a connection that is empowering and very different to that of a riding facility.

Where does it lead?

- ▶ Students could start with the Level 1 Introductory BTEC in Land Based Studies and choose the equine based units within that to get a feel for how it works....
- ▶ Progression on to the Level 2 Technical Diploma in Equine Studies, which is a full-time course and is equivalent to 5 GCSES.
- ▶ Further study of Equine Courses could include degrees at University or studying the British Horse Society (BHS) stages
- ▶ Careers within the equine sector are incredibly wide ranging. Students could pursue jobs such as: a riding instructor, a groom, a farrier, a saddler, a natural horsemanship trainer, or an equine therapist.

Sport and Leisure at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ This area of study is for students who have a keen interest in 'Sport and Fitness'.
- ▶ Our variety of courses contain practical and written study which are internally and externally assessed.
- ▶ Each of the courses have important links to science through anatomy and physiology of the human body.
- ▶ All of our sport qualifications have Adventure and Outdoor Specialisms embedded.
- ▶ We incorporate sports such as archery, mountain biking, low ropes, dog agility, tree climbing and non-contact boxing along with table tennis, volleyball and badminton.

Where does it lead?

- ▶ Progression to a higher levelled BTEC at ADO River Valley.
- ▶ Further study could include extended courses at college or university.
- ▶ Jobs may include: Adventure Sport coach, personal trainer, climbing instructor, sports coach, sport governing body role, wellness rep.
- ▶ Accessing our Adventure Sport courses will provide students with an alternative way to think about sports. We do not promote competitive sports here, instead we focus on individual progression and team-building.

Land Based Studies at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ Our Land Based subjects teach students a wide variety of skills in order to make a positive impact within nature.
- ▶ Although these courses are mainly hands on, there are written elements too.
- ▶ Students learn about topics such as: estate maintenance, tree identification, ecology, horticulture, food growing habitats, and conservation.
- ▶ These courses are perfect for students who like to be in the great outdoors in all weathers!
- ▶ Students who enrol on our Land Based Studies are provided with a broad level of training and exposure into how to care for the land of our school.
- ▶ Students learn through risks, and gain exposure into using a wide variety of tools to help manage the land at school.

Where does it lead?

- ▶ Students could start with the Level 1 Introductory BTEC in Land Based Studies and choose the Countryside and Environment units within that to get a feel for how it works....
- ▶ There is a natural progression throughout our land-based courses, progressing on to a Level 2 course and potentially to enrolling on a Level 3 diploma.
- ▶ From ADO River Valley, students may choose to study further at college/university or join an apprenticeship within their chosen arena.
- ▶ This area of learning can lead into a wealth of career opportunities which may include: a countryside officer or ranger, estate management, conservation officer, recycling officer, environmental agent, or food grower.

Youth and Healthcare at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ Through recent research, statistics show that a career in Youth and Community work is within the top two choices that young people would like to do in the future.
- ▶ Youth workers work directly with young people helping them to build life skills, healthy relationships, and encourage them away from gangs/ danger.
- ▶ We offer excellent courses in Health and Social care, and Youth Work at ADO River Valley which would be perfect for a student looking to make a positive impact on their community.

(not currently running due to low demand)

Where does it lead?

- ▶ A student attending ADO River Valley who wanted to gain a wider understanding and skillset within the Youth/ Health and Social sectors could complete courses coinciding with one another. Such as the BTEC Level 1-2 First Award in Health and Social Care and the AQA UAS Level 2 in Youth Work (Building Relationships).
- ▶ Careers within this industry could include: social work, youth work, community officer, health therapist, specialist care giver, young offending support worker.

Business Studies at ADO River Valley

(not currently running due to low demand)

Overview

- ▶ **Business Studies is an ever-evolving industry and would interest students who may like to have their own business in the future.**
- ▶ **Our business courses are great for students who want to improve their Maths and English skills.**
- ▶ **Courses within this arena help to prepare students for the working world.**
- ▶ **Students would gain skills including: teamworking, working from a prescribed brief, presenting information effectively, carrying out administrative tasks, and being given responsibility.**

Where does it lead?

- ▶ **This course is appropriate to students who may be interested in running their own business in the future, especially those that are linked to our outdoor career pathways.**
- ▶ **This suite of qualifications provides opportunities for learners to progress to either academic or more specialised vocational pathways.**
- ▶ **Careers could include running or supporting a business such as a dog grooming, tree surgery, food growing or running an equine yard.**

Careers at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ The young people complete a careers programme throughout the year, working towards AQA unit award certificates.
- ▶ The units focus on areas including
 - ▶ Identifying own skills and qualities and matching which careers these skills could be used in.
 - ▶ Researching potential careers and qualifications, entry requirements and creating a personal progression plan.
 - ▶ Practicing completing application forms and create CVs.
 - ▶ Completing enterprise projects and work experience.

Where does it lead?

- ▶ Students will achieve AQA unit award certificates.
- ▶ The courses are designed to introduce young people to different career options available to them.
- ▶ They will be able to experience and hear about a range of career options.
- ▶ They will develop knowledge in how to apply for jobs.

Life Skills at ADO River Valley

Overview

- ▶ Young people complete Life skills sessions once a week, in addition to PSHE sessions, supported by our full time Occupational therapist.
- ▶ The Life skills curriculum is designed to support preparation for adulthood and students work towards AQA unit award schemes.
- ▶ The topics change half termly and cover cooking, hygiene, health and nutrition, road safety, shopping and safe travel on public transport.

Where does it lead?

- ▶ Students will achieve AQA unit award certificates.
- ▶ The courses are designed to prepare the young people to live as independently as possible in adulthood.
- ▶ They will develop resilience and confidence and support the young people in keeping themselves safe and healthy.

Progression through Further Education Pathways Post16 and beyond

- ▶ Young people that have attended ADO River Valley through KS4 or Post16 can continue studies beyond compulsory school age with options to progress to higher levels of Further Education BTEC studies and Maths/English where appropriate.
- ▶ Timetables and Programs of activity follow a set structure however the chosen pathway and levels of study are dependent on need, interest and capacity
- ▶ Students maybe be progressing to higher levels of Functional Skills (Maths, English, ICT) and/or higher levels of their chosen BTEC vocational courses
- ▶ Where students have completed Maths, English, ICT to Functional Skills Level 2 standard, the periods within the timetable program will be assigned for self-study/homework periods linked to their vocational courses and other chosen subjects
- ▶ Students may discuss in their Independent Learner Plans that they wish to select a certain course to study, and such feedback can be shared with caregivers as required/ appropriate.

Thank You For Reading

► We appreciate that our approaches to education differ from the norm and with this in mind please do feel free to contact us for more information by calling 02088506778, emailing us at education@adorivervalley.co.uk

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