



ALDE VALLEY ACADEMY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

2 OCTOBER

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest news from Alde Valley Academy. It has been a busy fortnight of opportunities, celebrations and community events. Thank you to the pupils, staff and families who make our school such a welcoming place.

OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 1 October, we welcomed families to explore Alde Valley Academy. The evening was buzzing, with 70 students returning to support the event.

We heard amazing speeches from Marnie, Charlie, our Head Students Merran and Shanjay, and past student Max. Their contributions were a highlight of the evening.

Thank you to every student who helped. You were excellent ambassadors and role models, and we are very proud of you!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Following the hustings videos and interviews, we are delighted to introduce our new Senior Student Leadership Team.



Head Students

Merran and Shanjay

Deputy Head Students

Alfie, May and Olivia

Senior Prefects

Sophie and Freya

We have received 24 prefect applications from students across the rest of the school. Our Head Students will review these next week, and the appointments will be announced to the whole school before half term.

ROOTED RHYTHMS

We welcomed Rooted Rhythms for our transition event. Mrs Gleeson and the Leiston Education Partnership brought together eight primary schools for a shared Djembe drumming experience.

The project helps young people feel rooted in their local community and connect with pupils from other schools through music. Year 7 pupils supported children from their former primary schools. Further sessions build towards a celebration at Snape Maltings.



Our amazing student representatives for the day.

LEARNING CREATIVITY AND CELEBRATION

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EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Alde Valley Academy has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated European Day of Languages! From culinary masterpieces to interactive quizzes, students and staff came together to celebrate the richness of languages and global cultures.

The Great Languages Bake Off

Tuesday's Great Languages Bake Off was a highlight. We were blown away by the participation, tremendous effort and extraordinary creativity of our student bakers. The showstopping cakes were displayed before being sold at lunchtime, raising **£140 in total for Macmillan Cancer Support**. Thank you to everyone who baked, helped or bought a slice. Winners will be announced in assemblies next week. Which is your favourite?



A heartfelt thank you to the students, parents and staff whose hard work, support and enthusiasm made the week such a success!
The Alde Valley Academy Languages Team

LANGUAGES FOOD AND CONNECTIONS

International lunch menu

The celebrations extended into the canteen on Tuesday. Our fabulous catering team cooked up a special international menu, giving students the chance to sample delicious dishes from around Europe. The lunch went down a treat across all year groups!



Inspiring assemblies

Dedicated assemblies for all year groups explored the personal and career opportunities that travel and studying abroad can bring, inspiring students to broaden their horizons.

Classroom and tutor time fun

In tutor time, students put their detective skills to the test in a language quiz, identifying which teachers were speaking which foreign languages in recorded clips. It was wonderful to hear students enthusiastically greeting teachers in a diverse range of European and world languages in hallways and classrooms!

SPORT ART AND SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

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SPORTS ROUND UP



Our netball team developed its passing, defence and shooting across the partnership tournament. **Girls U16 football won their cup game against Ormiston Denes 4-1!** The Boys U16 football teams came **1st and 5th** in the tournament. Well done to everyone for your teamwork and commitment.

See the fixtures list on the final page.

YEAR 10 ART

Pupils have been exploring nature inspired printmaking for their exam portfolios. Their colourful work shows careful observation and creative experimentation.



FORMER PUPIL

Jack, 16, has set up The Cycling Gardener and is studying horticulture at Suffolk Rural.

Read his inspiring story on the Suffolk New College website.

suffolk.ac.uk



ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL LIFE

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 11 pupils in attendance band 1 (95-100%) are twice as likely to achieve grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSEs as pupils in band 2 or below.

Every day in school counts for learning, friendships and belonging.

FIESTA FRIDAY



Last week's Fiesta Friday saw key staff pied by students! Today it's Mr Spinks' amazing bingo. Keep showing up, students — fantastic rewards await, and every day matters!

Darts Club runs every Friday lunchtime in DE2.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY TO OCTOBER HALF TERM

WED 7 OCT

Hampton Court trip

THU 8 OCT

Year 7 Theatre and Tower of London

WED 14 OCT

Year 10 geography trip

MON 19 OCT

Year 10 Future Skills Fair

THU 22 OCT

Year 7 Parents' Evening

FRI 23 OCT

Staff PD Day and half term

Maths Homework Club Wednesday 3-4pm in IT2. See the final page for PE fixtures.

MATHS SUPPORT AND OUR MULTI SPORTS PITCH

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MATHS HOMEWORK AND SUPPORT

Homework is set and due every Tuesday. Please speak to your teacher by Monday if you are having difficulties.

Maths Homework Club runs every Wednesday in IT2 from 3pm to 4pm, with a late bus available. Come along to finish your homework with help from a maths teacher.

 **Sparx Learning**

 **Sparx Maths**

Homework is set and due
every **Tuesday**

Homework club is every
Wednesday (IT2)

You must speak to your teacher by **Monday** if you are having issues

 **Alde Valley Academy**

 **Sparx Maths**

**MATHS
HOMEWORK
CLUB!**



EVERY WEDNESDAY IN IT2

3PM-4PM

(LATE BUS AVAILABLE)

Come along and
get your maths
homework
finished the day
after it is set
with the help of a
maths teacher.
One less thing to
worry about!



FOOTWEAR FOR OUR 3G PITCH

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✓ WHAT'S ALLOWED	✗ WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED
ONLY STUDED BOOTS These are the only boots allowed on the 3G pitch.	 TRAINERS ✗
METAL STUDS 	 ASTRO TURF SHOES ✗
MOULDED STUDS 	 FLAT SOLED SHOES ✗
ONLY these boots help protect our pitch. Thank you!	 INDOOR FOOTBALL SHOES ✗
	 BLADES ✗
	 BOOTS WITH A RAISED HEEL OR TOE ✗
	 CASUAL SHOES ✗





UPCOMING PE FIXTURES

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Date	Start or departure	Return	Venue	Sport	Age group
Mon 5 Oct	3:30pm	5pm	Alde Valley Academy	Boys Football Cup v Debenham	U16
Mon 5 Oct	Depart 1:15pm	5pm	Copleston	Girls Football Cup	U14 Girls
Tue 6 Oct	3pm	6pm	Thomas Mills	Girls Netball	U12 + U13
Wed 7 Oct	3pm	6pm	Thomas Mills	Boys Football Cup match	U12
Thu 8 Oct	3:30pm	5pm	Sizewell Social Club	Girls Football Cup	U16 Girls
Mon 12 Oct	3:15pm	4:45pm	Alde Valley Academy	Boys Football Cup match v Woodbridge	U13
Wed 14 Oct	3pm	6pm	Thomas Mills	Girls Netball	U14 + U15
Thu 15 Oct	9am	3pm	RHS	Cross Country	All

YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

A questionnaire for parents and carers

Your Child's Future (YCF) helps education settings understand parents' and carers' knowledge, confidence and awareness of careers. This insight strengthens parental engagement and helps schools develop more informed, responsive and effective careers programmes to better support young people.

Please scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire.



JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ALDEBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aldeburgh Primary School is looking for a wraparound care helper. Hours: **3.30-5pm** and, if possible, **7.30-8.40am**. Working hours can be discussed.