



Alde Valley Academy

Aspire and Achieve. Lead with Kindness. Stronger Together.

NEWSLETTER - 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

PARENT SURVEY

DEAR PARENTS AND
CARERS

We want to make sure
your voice is heard so that
we can create the best
learning environment for
your child.

SO HAVE
YOUR SAY!

Click the link below:
[EDURIO.COM/POLL/XKB4GF](https://edurio.com/poll/xkb4gf)

YR11 MOCK EXAMS

This is next week's Year 11 Mock Exam timetable. You can find more information on the exams and revision pages of our website:

<https://www.aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk/Exams/>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	English language Paper 1 (1 hour and 45 mins)	English literature Paper 2 (2 hours 15 mins)	Maths Paper 2 (1 hour 30mins)	Maths Paper 3 (1 hour 30mins)	Art and Graphics
P2					
Break					
P3	Lunch at 1230	Lunch at 1230	Lunch at 1230	Lunch at 1230	
Lunch					
P4	Maths Paper 1 (1 hour 30mins) Start time 1315 End time 1445	Biology Paper 1 Triple Start time 1315 Combined Science 1330	Chemistry Paper 1 Triple Start time 1315 Combined Science 1330	Physics Paper 1 Triple Start time 1315 Combined Science 1330	

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

Over the next two weeks, Year 11 students will be sitting their mock exams, an important milestone in their GCSE preparation. Core subject exams will take place in the main hall under full exam conditions, giving students valuable experience of what to expect during the real exams in the summer.

Mock exams play a crucial role in helping us gather realistic and meaningful progress data. This information allows teachers to provide targeted feedback and support, ensuring every student is fully prepared for the challenges ahead. The results also enable us to share detailed feedback with parents, helping everyone work together to support each student's next steps.

While the mocks can feel demanding, they offer a vital opportunity to practise revision strategies, manage exam timings, and build confidence. With focus and commitment, the experience gained over the next two weeks will be an important step toward success in the summer GCSEs.

YR11 PROGRESS EVENING – 11TH DECEMBER

We would like to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Progress Evening, which will take place on Thursday 11th December from 4pm to 7.30pm. This event is an invaluable opportunity for us to discuss your son/daughter's progress, address any concerns you may have, and collaborate on their educational journey. At Progress Evening, you will have the chance to meet with your son/daughter's teachers individually to receive updates on their academic performance, behaviour, and overall development. To ensure a productive and meaningful meeting, we kindly request that you schedule appointments with teachers in advance. This will help us manage the event smoothly and provide you with ample time for discussions.

To schedule your appointments, please visit our online booking system :

<https://aldevalley.schoolcloud.co.uk>

The booking system opens on Monday 1st December at 4pm and will close on Tuesday 9th December. If you encounter any difficulties or have specific scheduling preferences, please do not hesitate to reach out, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

ASSEMBLIES FOCUS ON MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in assemblies led by members of the Suffolk Youth Justice Team. The sessions focused on the important role of bystanders and how everyday choices can help prevent anti-social behaviour.

Through real-life examples and discussion, students learned how actions — or inactions — can make a big difference in their communities. The team encouraged everyone to think carefully about how to respond when they witness poor behaviour, and how to support their friends in making positive decisions. These assemblies served as a powerful reminder that we all share responsibility for creating a safe, respectful, and supportive environment both inside and outside school.



PE NEWS

In the primary schools football tournament, it was a nail biting finish with a penalty shoot out. Kelsale won with the last penalty kick. Mr Kelsall said it was more exciting than a World Cup final!

It's set to be an action-packed week in PE with a range of tournaments and football matches across different year groups. Here's what's coming up:

Monday, 10th November

Year 11 Table Tennis Tournament at Hartismere, 4:15 – 6:00 pm. Departure at 7:00 pm. Staff: SDA
Year 10 Football vs Benjamin Brittain at Sizewell, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Return at 5:00 pm. Staff: AKE

Tuesday, 11th November

Year 11 Basketball Tournament at Thomas Mills, 4:15 – 6:00 pm. Departure at 6:30 pm. Staff: DCO

Wednesday, 12th November

Year 8 Table Tennis Tournament at Bungay, 4:15 – 6:00 pm. Return at 7:00 pm. Staff: KWH

Thursday, 13th November

Year 11 Football vs Ormiston Denes at Leiston, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Return at 5:00 pm. Staff: AKE

We wish all our students the best of luck in their upcoming fixtures – go out there and represent the school with pride!

YR10 VISIT TO SUFFOLK FUTURE SKILLS FAIR

On Monday 3 November, all of Year 10 attended the Suffolk Future Skills Fair at Suffolk New College. The event offered students a fantastic opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths and discover job roles they may not have previously considered. Industries represented included Construction, Agriculture, Public Services, and Health and Social Care.

Students enjoyed a variety of hands-on activities, from virtually flying a plane with the RAF and operating diggers, to changing a tyre, building a phone holder, and even trying their hand at hairdressing. A highlight of the day was seeing some of our students take to the stage to share their musical talents—performing not only for their peers, but for students from other schools too.

John Grose also hosted a “Value the Car” competition, and we are delighted to announce that three of our students, who submitted a joint entry, won a share of a £100 Amazon voucher. Next time I buy a second-hand car, I know exactly who to ask for advice!

We hope all students took something valuable away from the day (and not just the pens, hats, and hi-vis vests!) as they begin to think about the many future career opportunities open to them. A big thank you to the staff who supported the visit, and to the students for making it such a positive start to the new term.



CHILDREN IN NEED

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK...



So ...what's happening at AVA?



CiN 25 question quiz - In tutor groups, one morning next week.
Teams (max 4 person per team)
Each team completes the 25 question quiz in a set time. Teams will then swap papers & tutor will go through answers & award credits depending on place
10 = 1st place / 5 = 2nd place / 2= 3rd place

Tue 11th November - "Bear Pong"
50p a go / Gym
Bounce the ping pong ball over the net in to cups - 3 balls. Highest score wins.

Fri 14th November - "Funky tie and socks day"
Wear a different tie (or be creative and design your own) and coloured socks for the day.
£1 donation for CiN.

Wed 12th November - **Bake-off competition & Cake Sale**

Bake a cake, cook buns / muffins, or make cookies & then decorate them with a CiN / Pudsey / "Challenge yourself to 25" design to enter the House Bake-off competition.

All entries should be brought to LIS office on Wed morning, when they will be judged and credits awarded.

Cake Sale - everything will then be sold at the cake sale during break and lunch. All items 50p - £1.

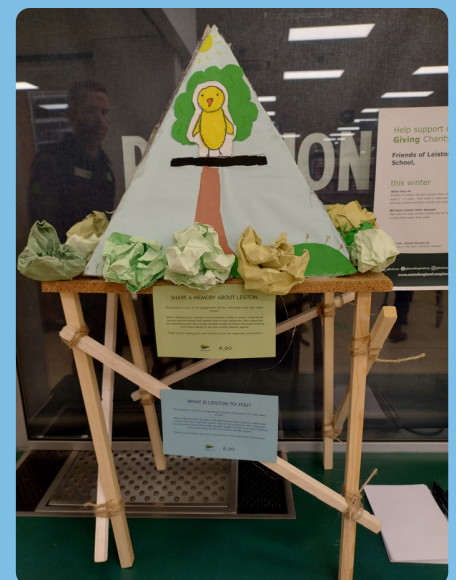
*Donations from friends & families will also be much appreciated.

Please remember to bring in some money next week so you can donate and join in!

LEISTON MARKET SQUARE PROJECT

Alde Valley students have installed several postboxes around Leiston, including at the Library, Co-Op, and Leiston Film Theatre. In collaboration with If_Do Architects and East Suffolk Council, we are inviting local residents to share their memories of Leiston and tell us what the town means to them. These contributions will help shape the design elements of the new Market Square project.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed working alongside industry professionals and are excited to remain involved as the Market Square project continues to take shape.



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY AND POPPY APPEAL

Next week, our school will be holding a Remembrance Assembly to honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. As part of the commemoration, we will also observe a two-minute silence.

Poppies will be available to purchase during break and lunch on Monday and Tuesday, with proceeds supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Students wishing to buy a poppy should bring some cash on those days.





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Christmas Concert Celebration

December 17, 2025 at 6 PM

Alde Valley Academy

Free Entry - donations accepted

A night of joyful music

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HANSOM AND PETAL

A CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME



4th &
5th
DEC

AT 6:30 PM
ALDE VALLEY ACADEMY

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