



Alde Valley Academy

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NEWSLETTER - 10TH OCTOBER 2025

OPEN EVENING

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Our recent Open Evening was a resounding success, welcoming a large number of prospective Year 7 students and their families to explore our school.

Visitors had the opportunity to tour the school, meet staff and students, and learn about the wide range of academic, creative, and extracurricular opportunities available. The evening showcased the vibrant learning environment and strong sense of community that our school is known for.

Highlights from the evening included large chemical reactions and dissections in science, which captivated students with hands-on demonstrations, and remote control tanks in history, bringing lessons to life in an interactive way. In modern languages, visitors sampled French and Spanish food, as well as dishes from our school canteen, offering a taste of the culinary experiences students enjoy every day.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the friendly atmosphere, engaging activities, and informative sessions. The event was a fantastic opportunity for prospective students to see first-hand the exciting opportunities that await them.

We would like to thank all staff and current students who contributed to making the evening so welcoming and informative. We look forward to seeing many of our visitors joining us as part of Year 7 next September.

More information about the Year 6 Transition can be found at:

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



PE NEWS

Netball

- The Year 8 girls put on a fantastic performance, securing a 9–1 victory against Stradbroke. Excellent teamwork and determination from all involved!
- The Year 10 girls played with great energy and resilience but were narrowly defeated 4–8 by Stradbroke. Well done to the team for their continued effort and sportsmanship.

Football

- The Year 10 boys football team faced a tough match against Debenham, losing 1–2 in a closely contested game. The boys showed strong teamwork and perseverance throughout.

Upcoming Fixtures

Looking ahead to next week, we have another busy and exciting schedule:

Tuesday, 14th October 2025 – Year 8 & 9 Netball Triangular at Thomas Mills

🕒 4:00–5:15pm | 🚌 Return by 6:00pm

Thursday, 16th October 2025 – Cross Country at RHS

🕒 9:00am–3:00pm

Good luck to all teams competing next week!

INDIVIDUAL SPORTING SUCCESS



County Cricket Selection

We are delighted to announce that Ellen (Year 8) has been selected to represent Suffolk in the U13 girls' cricket team.

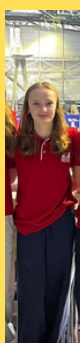
This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Ellen's skill, dedication, and hard work. We are incredibly proud of her and wish her every success as she represents Suffolk in upcoming fixtures.

National County Team Championships – Swimming Success

Congratulations to Freya, one of our talented Year 11 students, who recently represented Suffolk at the National County Team Championships held in Sheffield. Competing in the 14/15 age category, Freya took part in both the 100m Butterfly and the 200m Medley Relay events.

In the 100m Butterfly, Freya delivered an impressive performance, finishing 5th in her heat with a time of 1:08.56, achieving an excellent 13th place overall. She also competed as part of the 200m Medley Relay team, swimming the 50m Butterfly leg. The Suffolk team placed 5th in their heat with a split time of 30.23 seconds, finishing 7th overall in the event.

This is a fantastic achievement at a national-level competition, and we are incredibly proud of Freya's dedication, skill, and success in representing both Suffolk and our school.



YEAR 10 TRIGONOMETRY

Careers in the curriculum



This week, our Year 10 students took part in an exciting Careers in the Curriculum session linking classroom learning to real-world applications. We were delighted to welcome Patrick, a Civil Engineer from AtkinsRéalis, who shared insights into his work and the vital role mathematics plays in engineering.

AtkinsRéalis is involved in a range of major national projects, including HS2, Sizewell C, and several large-scale road developments. Patrick explained how trigonometry and the use of triangles are essential tools in designing and building these complex structures.

Students were shown real-life examples of trigonometry in action before being challenged to solve an engineering-style problem using the skills they've been developing in recent weeks.

The session concluded with a lively Q&A, where students asked Patrick about topics such as engineering salaries, favourite projects, and global career opportunities. One particularly fascinating project Patrick described involved generating electricity from the thermal energy of a volcano — a great example of how creative thinking and STEM skills can make a real difference in the world.

This was an inspiring and informative session that showed students how the maths they learn today can lead to exciting careers in the future.

YR7 PARENTS EVENING

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of Year 7 students into school for an opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and discuss how they have settled into life at Alde Valley Academy.

Appointments can be booked through our online booking system at:

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

The booking system will open on Monday 13th October at 4:00pm and will close on Wednesday 22nd October at 8:00pm. If you experience any difficulties with the system, or if you require alternative arrangements, please don't hesitate to contact us—we will be happy to help.