



Alde Valley Academy

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HOMEWORK

HOMEWORK POLICY

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

At Alde Valley Academy, we strongly believe that homework matters. As Albert Einstein once said, "If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough." This reflects our belief that great teaching – both in and beyond the classroom – should empower students to truly understand and retain what they learn.

Homework plays a vital role in this process. It encourages independent thinking, builds resilience, and supports long-term memory and learning. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that secondary school students can make up to 5 months of additional progress through effective homework routines. It's not just 'work done at home' – it's meaningful learning that happens between lessons, in the library, during after-school clubs, or at home.

I would be grateful if you can click the relevant link below to find out more about the homework your child should be completing and support us as we help our students aspire and achieve.

Mrs Isaac, Deputy Headteacher

Years 7, 8 and 9 (KS3)

Years 10 and 11 (KS4)

YR11 INFO EVENING

It was great to see so many parents of Year 11 students last night. We are stronger together and the students will benefit from all of our support throughout their GCSE year. The key message is that we must work in partnership; we will provide high quality teaching, students will provide commitment to their studies and we are hoping that all parents will engage with us and support their child throughout Year 11. Hopefully everyone found the revision skills and key messages from English, Maths and Science useful. As well as Mr Moscovici's tips to maintain your wellbeing.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Friday all students and staff arrived looking smart, ready for their school photographs to be taken. As you can imagine this is quite a logistical challenge, but all went smoothly and there were lots of cheesy grins.



YR11 ZOO VISIT

Year 11 students recently visited Colchester Zoo to enrich their Art and Graphics GCSE studies. The trip provided a wealth of inspiration, from observing animal forms and textures to exploring patterns, colours, and environments. Graphics students enjoyed a workshop with staff and discussed topics to aid them with their coursework and future projects. It was a fantastic opportunity to see how classroom techniques can be applied to real-world subjects.

PARENTS REQUIRED TO JOIN OUR NEW ACADEMY COUNCIL

We're looking for parents or members of community groups or local businesses to join our Academy Council – a group similar to school governors that helps shape the future of Alde Valley Academy.

As a member, you'll gain a better understanding of what's happening in school, represent the views of parents, and work with staff to make sure every child has the best possible experience. It's also a great way to develop new skills, meet other parents, and make a real difference in our community.

No experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a commitment to supporting our school. Meetings are flexible and welcoming, and training will be provided.

Join us on Thursday 18th September, between 9am and 11am, where we will be hosting an informal coffee morning for anyone who wishes to find out more. Just turn up at the school reception.



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL

All school information, communication, payments etc is now managed by the My Child At School App. Please download and sign up ASAP.

Please check your child's contact details in the MCAS app and amend within the app.

- On the app click on data collections (on the front page of the app)
- Contact information
- Update information on the child or the parent
- Click on save changes

Parents need to put money on the MCAS app for their child to be able to purchase items from the canteen

- On the app click on dinner
- Payments
- Add dinner money
- Enter amount
- Add to basket
- Check out



PE NEWS



A fantastic afternoon of teamwork for the Year 8 Football and Netball teams. They took part in a tournament held at Hartismere School, which included teams from Debenham, Thomas Mills and Hartismere, as well as ourselves. The Football team achieved success winning the entire tournament. Everyone represented Alde Valley superbly and should be commended for their efforts.