



Alde Valley Academy

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NEWSLETTER - 17TH OCTOBER 2025

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

A chance to meet your child's Form Tutor

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. So far we have only had 50% of parents sign up – we would love to get to 100%!

Appointments can be booked through our online booking system at:

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

The booking system is already open 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.



ONLINE PARENT FORUM

Monday 20th October 2025
7pm–8pm

<https://meet.google.com/jmn-rztt-ecv>



We are delighted to invite you to an online Q&A session with our Headteacher, Mr Hetherington. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from Mr Hetherington about life at our school, upcoming plans, and our shared goals for the year ahead.

Whether you have questions about school life, learning, communication, or future initiatives, this informal session is the perfect chance to share your thoughts and get answers.

We value your feedback and look forward to an open, friendly discussion with our parent community.

Your voice helps shape our school — we hope to see you there!

PE NEWS

It's been a busy and exciting week in PE, with pupils taking part in both House Cross Country and Schools Cross Country events. The enthusiasm and effort from everyone have been fantastic!

Schools Cross Country

Even after the bus got stuck in traffic, our runners showed brilliant determination. Congratulations to Connie (7th), Freddie (49th), May (12th), Isla (17th), Charlotte (19th), Merran (26th), Basil (10th), Jayden (29th), Ted (42nd), and Alfie (44th) – all qualifying for the next round of the Suffolk Schools Cross Country on 15th January.

House Cross Country Results

Well done to everyone who took part – here are the top finishers:

Year 7 Girls: 1st Connie, 2nd Skarlett, 3rd Gracie – B Race: Lexi

Year 7 Boys: 1st Calvin, 2nd Alfie, 3rd Kaiden – B Race: Oscar

Year 8 Girls: 1st Elia, 2nd Emily M, 3rd Ellen – B Race: Emily W

Year 8 Boys: 1st Reuben, 2nd Zachary, 3rd Alex – B Race: Harvey

Year 9 Girls: 1st Freya, 2nd Isla, 3rd Seomara – B Race: Demi

Year 9 Boys: 1st Caiden, 2nd Theo, 3rd Micah – B Race: Danny

Netball

The Year 8 and 9 girls' teams played in tournaments against local schools, with the Year 9s earning a great draw against Debenham. Well done, teams!

Coming Up Next Week

- Mon 20 Oct: Yr 11 Football @ Thomas Mills – 4–5:15pm (AKE/OMA)
- Tue 21 Oct: Yr 8 A + B 6-a-side Football @ Thomas Mills – 4–5:15pm (DCO/OMA)
- Thu 23 Oct: Yr 7 A + B Netball @ Thomas Mills – 4–5:15pm (SDA)
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Another brilliant week of effort, teamwork, and achievement – well done everyone!



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Spy Pups & Dogs



Some copies of the Spy Dog, Spy Pups, and Spy Cat books by Andrew Cope include a printed website address that originally led to fun bonus content about the characters. However, the domain name has since been taken over by a third party and now redirects to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and is working to remove affected copies from schools, libraries, and shops while taking legal steps to take the website down.

Please check any Spy Dog, Spy Pups or Spy Cat books at home, especially the final pages, and make sure your child does not visit the website link.

This is a good opportunity to remind children not to visit websites they find in books or online without checking with an adult first.

More information at this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn7631z8343o>

YR10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Cost of living increasing? Budget harder to balance?

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A photograph of a man and a woman smiling. The man is on the left, has a beard, and is wearing a dark jacket with a light-colored fur collar. The woman is on the right, has long brown hair, wears glasses, and a brown cardigan over a grey top. They are standing in front of a blurred background that appears to be an indoor setting with large windows.

Don't miss money coaching

**Run by Suffolk Coastal Poverty Action
working in partnership with Alde Valley Academy**

A free four week course which includes building a successful budget and keeping track of your money in an easy and accessible way. Why not try it?

Taking place at the Waterloo Centre, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. IP16 4HF

**Starts Monday 20th October for 4 weeks, from 10:00am til 12 noon – just come along
Continuing on Monday 3rd, 10th and 17th November**

To find out more, please contact Helen Peats at helen.peats@scpa.uk