



# Alde Valley Academy

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## Weekly Newsletter

**17th July 2026**

As the final bell rings and the school year draws to a close, we look back with immense pride at everything we have achieved together. This year has been an unforgettable journey of growth, determination, and joy. From the classroom to the sports fields, our students have poured incredible hard work into their studies, showing us all what is possible when curiosity meets dedication.

It has also been a year defined by happiness and collaboration. Whether working together on stunning art projects, supporting one another on challenging DofE expeditions, or cheering each other on during our sports tournaments, our school community has shone brighter than ever. The sheer variety of trips and activities we've enjoyed recently has created invaluable memories that will last a lifetime—filled with laughter, shared triumphs, and new friendships.

We want to extend our heartfelt praise and gratitude to our amazing students for their boundless energy, and to our fantastic staff and supportive families who make this school community so incredibly special.

While we are already looking forward to next year and the exciting new chapters it will bring, it is now time to pause and reflect on a job well done. We wish you all a wonderful, safe, and deeply relaxing summer break.

### **Welcome Back: September Start Times**

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the new school year! Please note the staggered start dates for our students this September:

- Thursday 3rd September: **Year 7 and Year 11** students only.
- Friday 4th September: **All year groups** return to school.

### **First Day Back Prize Draws!**

On the first day back there will be attendance prize draws for each year group - make sure you are in school to be in with a chance of winning up to £50!!

# Enrichment Day Success!

Wow! What an incredible day we had yesterday!







Whether they were seeking high-speed thrills at Pleasurewood Hills, showing incredible team spirit in the Football Tournament, or unleashing their creativity in the Great British Bake Off and collaborative art sessions, our students have had an absolutely spectacular time. From testing their resilience on the DofE trails and exploring Rendlesham Forest to hands-on crafting and tackling the paintball field, it was a day packed with adventure, laughter, and brilliant teamwork.

A massive thank you to all the staff who made these brilliant experiences possible, and to our amazing students for bringing their absolute best energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to every single challenge!

# September Uniform

## ALDE VALLEY ACADEMY CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER

### WHITE SHIRT & SCHOOL TIE



Formal white shirt.  
The official school tie  
**must** be worn.

### BLACK TROUSERS & SKIRT



Tailored **black trousers**  
(not leggings/jeans) or black  
**pleated/tailored skirt.**

### BLACK V-NECK JUMPER



Formal black V-neck jumper.  
(Note: Can be branded with  
school logo, or unbranded).

### SCHOOL SHOES



NO TRAINERS

Black school shoes.  
(NO trainers, canvas,  
or athletic shoes).

ALL DETAILED INFO IS ON  
THE SCHOOL WEBSITE



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

### FUTURE POLICY UPDATE

Discussions around a summer  
uniform are ongoing. This will  
be updated in September.



# Safeguarding Update

## SAFEGUARDING OVER SUMMER



During the summer holidays, school staff will not be contactable through the usual school communication channels. However, safeguarding remains our highest priority, and support is still available if you have concerns about a child's welfare.



We know that keeping children safe does not take a break just because it is summer. If you need to contact the safeguarding team over the summer holiday, please send an email to [safeguarding@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk). This inbox will be monitored throughout the holiday, although it should **not** be used for emergency situations.



If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child and require advice or wish to report a concern, you can also contact Suffolk's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **0808 800 4005**.



If a child or young person is in immediate danger, always call **999**.



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# September Staffing Changes

The end of the academic year naturally brings a time of transition, and this summer we bid a warm farewell to some valued members of our staff who are moving on to new adventures. We want to express our deepest gratitude for their dedication, passion, and the lasting impact they have made on our students and school community. We wish them the absolute best of luck in their next chapters!

A fond farewell to

- **Mr G Hetherington**, Headteacher
- **Mr C McDonald**, Caretaker
- **Mrs J Forster**, English Teacher
- **Mrs P Gueguen**, Teacher of English and Maths
- **Mr D Cordice**, Head of Year
- **Mrs M Peachy**, Cover Supervisor and DT Teacher

At the same time, we are incredibly excited to be welcoming some fantastic new talent to our team. In a climate where school recruitment can often be a challenge, we are absolutely delighted to share that we are fully staffed in all subject areas for September.

Having our complete, highly-skilled team locked in and ready to go gives us a wonderful head start for the new academic year. Below are a list of our new staff members starting with us in the autumn term, and we thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our team feel so welcome.

A warm welcome to

- **Mr C Webb-Cook**, Director of English and Literacy
- **Mr B Scarce**, Head of Year and Music Teacher
- **Mr J Allen**, Head of Science
- **Mrs Z McKay**, LSA