

16th November 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to you to provide a very positive update on the rebrokerage of Alde Valley Academy from Bright Tribe Trust to a different Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), supported by the Regional Schools Commissioner for the East (RSC) at the Department for Education (DfE).

Following meetings with the DfE and the RSC, Waveney Valley Academies Trust (WVAT), a strong partnership of three schools including Sir John Lemn High School and Sixth Form, which was shortlisted for the TES Secondary School of the Year Award in 2016 and whose senior leadership team has previously worked closely with Alde Valley Academy, has been identified as its sponsor. The rebrokerage was approved at the meeting of the Head Teacher Board of the RSC yesterday.

All three of us agree that WVAT will be an excellent sponsor for the school, as it is a very well-run Trust that has the same ethos and is a local trust. WVAT has a proven track record for rapid and sustained school improvement, achieved through delivering effective leadership, embedding tried and tested systems, and ensuring its schools remain at the heart of the local communities they serve.

The decision means that, subject to the usual due diligence process, contracts and future consultation, WVAT will become the sponsor of Alde Valley Academy. We are hopeful that the process will move forward rapidly, providing certainty to staff and parents, with transfer to WVAT taking place in the first part of 2019.

We all feel that this is a fabulous opportunity for students, for parents and for staff, and see this as a very positive move forward. We hope you agree that this is an excellent local solution with real potential to support Alde Valley Academy on its strong journey of improvement.

Dan Mayhew, the Principal of Alde Valley Academy, and Jeremy Rowe, the Chief Executive of WVAT, have arranged a meeting for 6pm on 27th November at the school that we would like you to attend if you can, to set out their vision for the new partnership and will take questions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of Alde Valley Academy as the school embarks on an exciting new chapter.

Yours sincerely,

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