

19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent

Suffolk New College on the Coast

As you may be aware, Alde Valley Academy is leasing out some building space to Suffolk New College from September. The rationale for this is because Alde Valley currently has excess capacity therefore it makes sense for this space to be utilized by another provider.

From September Suffolk New College will be offering a range of Level 1 and Level 2 vocational courses. This will enable local students to have the opportunity to follow courses closer to home. It will also enable the school to refurbish and modernise internal areas. Two new 'state of the art' Science rooms, a refurbished drama studio and improvements to the outer décor of the Academy are planned for September.

'Suffolk New College on the Coast' will be a separate institution to Alde Valley Academy. However, as there will be increased usage of the front car park, it is our intention to re-open the side access gate that has been closed for some years (currently located near the bike sheds) to ensure the safety of students. A new student access path will be created and the front car park will become a pedestrian free zone.

These are very exciting developments, not just because of the greater choice for the young people in Leiston and surrounding towns and villages, but also for the boost it will give to the local economy and strengthen Alde Valley's position as a centre of opportunity and excellence.

Students have now been briefed on these plans. Suffolk New College on the Coast will be delivering assemblies to Years 9 and 10 regarding possible courses in the near future.

If you wish to know more about these developments there will be a short briefing on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm here at the school. Please feel free to attend.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Wilson  
Principal

