

Alde Valley Drive Team meeting minutes
30th March 2017

Present: Mike Wilson (MW), Cara Chinery (CC), Joanne DeBelgeonne (JD), Nicky Wedekind (NW), Chris Betson (CB).

Apologies: Jeremy Rowe (JR)

1. Notes of the previous meeting were accepted and MW took the opportunity to remind members of their specific responsibilities to and representation on the Drive Team as follows:-
JR – Exec Principal, MW – Principal, CC & JD – Parents, NW – Staff, CB - Community.
2. CC reported that she was impressed with the issues raised and the enthusiasm of the School Council. She confirmed that the aim was to identify issues and through research etc seek to identify solutions. She advised that the next meeting was scheduled for early in the summer term. **N of A** – CC to identify what solutions could be developed for this meeting.
3. MW identified a key priority to raise the aspirations of the 45 disadvantaged students and to ensure that marking and feedback was maintained at an acceptable standard. **N of A** – CC to liaise with Jane Woolley and Dan Mayhew re improving Key Stage 3 reporting to parents from the student/staff point of view.
4. NW reported that while progress in Maths, English and Science was matching the National Average, the aim was to improve on this. She advised that in Year 11 the introduction of focused groups into the Maths sets was showing encouraging results. MW reported that the Self Assessment grading was 'good' across the board because it came from a low starting point even though the Alde Valley nominal role was in the lowest quartile nationally.
5. MW briefed the meeting on the current refurbishment programme and there was a general discussion regarding the acquisition of a dishwasher for cleaning lab equipment. MW advised that Cold Fair Green Primary was now referring children to Alde Valley and that he NK and JD would be visiting Leiston, Yoxford, Snape, Benhall and Kelsale Primaries after Easter.
6. JD advised that, following a meeting with the Safeguarding lead, she was satisfied that Safeguarding at Alde Valley was satisfactory. MW felt that the Drive Team would benefit from an additional member from the Community. **N of A** CB to identify and invite. **N of A** CB to discuss curriculum with Jane Woolley and disadvantaged provision with Dan Mayhew

Next meeting-Wednesday 24th May 2017 4pm