

Woldgate School Alumni

Pocklington and District Local History Group - WOLDGATE SCHOOL HISTORY

We will be trying to fit the history of Woldgate into the context of the development of education nationally since 1945 and locally (the East Riding). We are hoping that the personal accounts and memories that you provide will illustrate these national and county developments on a very local scale.

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Please answer the questions below about your past time at Woldgate School

Date or year you started at Woldgate 1987 (Joined at the start of 3rd year)

Date or year you left Woldgate 1993

My role at Woldgate

Pupil

Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

I joined Woldgate at the start of the 3rd year after moving over from the Peak District. I often think that my life would have been very different without the lifelong friends and great times that I had at Woldgate.

There was lots of micky taking and banter which set me up well for being able to get on with people. Also a great mix of people at Woldgate which helps later in life as it helps you to interact confidently with people from different backgrounds.

Favourite teacher was Mr Spencer for geography.

I have loads of great memories of the times we had at Woldgate. It was a very sociable place, particularly in the 6th form where lots of strong friendships were formed. We probably didn't work as hard as we should but enjoyed the parties which seemed to be every weekend.

I was a prefect but was very bad at this and I seem to remember that we were all relieved of our duties not long after being given the badge.

I travelled by bus from Millington until I could drive then often drove to school so I could get home a bit earlier. Also often cycled from Thixendale until the 5th year when we moved to the farm at Millington. Still in touch with Richard Edwards, Ben Rawlings, Tom Dyson, Steve Mitchell, Jonathan Apaloo, Andy Roberts, Andrew Goodman, Sue Tinson.

After Woldgate I went to Newcastle Uni to study agriculture, then travelled around for a year before moving into insurance.

I've spent time living in Harrogate, Greenwich, Blackheath, and Surrey before moving back to Yapham when we had kids, the oldest of which will be joining Woldgate in 2022.

I'm working in my own business providing services to the Lloyd's insurance market.