

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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for ease of reference during the year*

ACADEMIC STAFF – SEPTEMBER 2021

Headmaster	Mr M A Skelly, B.A. (Maynooth), M.A. (Open)
Deputy Headmasters	Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab); Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab)
Assistant Heads:	Mr J J Bleakley, B.Sc. (Leeds), M.A. (London) Mr A R Dean, B.Sc. (UEA), M.Ed. (Canterbury)
Directors of School:	Lower School: Mr A Baggs, B.Sc., M.A.(London) Middle School: Mr A Barnett, B.Sc.(York) Sixth Form: Mr A McGee, B.Mus.(Cardiff), M.A. (Oxford Brookes)
Associate Assistant Heads:	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield); Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's); Mr T Derrick*, B.Mus. (Birmingham)

ART	Mrs C Glasscock*, B.A. (Surrey Institute) Miss K Gellard, B.A. (Havering)	MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES	Ms J McKeown* B.A., M.A. (Cantab) Ms M Niedziela, M.A. (East Anglia) -* <i>German</i> Mr G Rayment, M.A. (Nottingham) -* <i>French</i> Miss R Cocks-Rye, M.A. (Warwick) Ms I Fernandez, B.A. (Oviedo, Spain) Mr G Madrid, B.A. (Alicante, Spain) Mr G S Sampson, M.A. (British Columbia) Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T. Mrs T Genthe*, M.A. (Berlin)
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Mr R Steel*, B.Sc. (Bath) Dr S Johnson, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.) (London), Ph.D. (Greenwich)	MUSIC	Mr T Derrick*, B.Mus. (Birmingham) Mr A McGee, B.Mus. (Cardiff), M.A. (Oxford Brookes) Mr A Wood, B.Mus. (London)
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Mr C Wright*, B.Sc. (Anglia) Mr A M Moore, B.Ed. (Liverpool) Miss J Foster*, B.A. (London)	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Mr T Morrish*, B.A. (Leeds) Mr S Greaves, B.Sc. (Oxford Brookes) Mr J Sexton, B.A. (London) Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab) Mr M Atkinson / Mr H Marrant (Sport Coaches)
ECONOMICS	Mr P J J Cunneen*, B.A. (Nottingham) Mr A Baggs, B.Sc., M.A. (London) Mr A R Dean, B.Sc. (UEA), M.Ed. (Canterbury) Mr M R North, B.Sc. (Kent) Mrs E Carpenter*, B.A. (Leeds)	PSYCHOLOGY	Miss D Wajgensberg*, B.A. (W. Ontario), B.Ed. (Toronto)
ENGLISH	Miss S McGowan*, B.A., M.A. (Keele) Miss C Bailey, B.A. (Exeter) Miss C Ives, B.A. (Open) Mr T Keenan, B.A., M.A. (Open) Mr S Lilley, B.Sc. (Aston) Mrs G Koutas*, B.A. (Southampton)	RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Ms C Porter*, B.A. (Kent) Mrs K Cook, B.A. (Swansea) Mr T Hiller, B.A. (Cardiff)
GEOGRAPHY and GEOLOGY	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield) Mr R D Barber, B.Sc. (London) -* <i>Breadth Studies</i> Mr P Marlow, M.Sc. (London) Mr L Norman, B.Sc. (Exeter) Mr N H Cooper*, B.Sc. (East Anglia)	SCIENCE	Dr D Prendergast, B.Sc. (Galway), Ph.D. (Belfast) -* <i>Science & Biology</i> Mr K Dalby, M.Phys. (Salford) -* <i>Physics</i> Mr D Wightman, M.Sc. (East Anglia) -* <i>Chemistry</i> Mr G Barnes, B.Sc. (Bristol) Mr J J Bleakley, B.Sc. (Leeds), M.A. (London) Ms K Finch, B.Sc. (Kingston) Mr S W Hudson, B.Eng. (C.N.A.A.), M.Sc. (Bristol), C.Eng., MI.Mech.E. Miss E Lo, B.Sc. (London) Mr S Marriott, B.Sc. (London), M.Sc. (London) Miss B Negus, M.Sc. (Greenwich) Mr H J Tresidder, B.Sc. (Swansea) Mr A Williams, M.Sc. (East Anglia) Mrs L M Bennet*, B.Sc. (Southampton), M.Sc. (London) Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T. Mrs A Tyson (Lower School), Mrs C Hart (Middle School) and Mrs D Petty/TBC (Sixth Form Pastoral Assistants) Miss D Wajgensberg / Mrs L Bennet (Assistant) Mrs C Burden (TA Supervisor), Mr H Marrant, 3 TAs, Mrs M Masterson*, Mrs L Smith*
HISTORY and POLITICS	Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's) Mr R C Stevens, M.A. (Oxon & London) -* <i>Politics</i> Miss C Oliver, B.A. (London) Mr S Dex, B.A. (Cantab) Miss R Williams, B.A. (Southampton)	STAFF TUTOR PASTORAL TUTORS	
MATHEMATICS	Mr Manning/Mr Bleakley* Mr A Barnett, B.Sc. (York) Mrs C Dowding, B.Sc. (Greenwich) Mrs L Hammond, B.Sc. (Manchester) Mr A Lo, B.Sc. (Nottingham) Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab) Dr R F McCarthy, B.Sc. (Southampton), Ph.D. (Cantab) Dr A Nolan, M.Maths (Nottingham), D.Phil. (Oxon) Mr S Rahman, B.Sc. (Birmingham) Mrs E Wimsett, B.Sc. (Warwick) <i>*Head of Department *Part-time member of staff</i>	SEND/CO TEACHING ASSISTANTS/COVER	

FORM TUTORS AND PROGRESS LEADERS 2021-22

7N Miss Negus	8N Mr Keenan	9N Ms Fernandez	10N Mr Sexton	11N Ms McKeown
7S Miss Oliver	8S Mr Moore	9S Ms Niedziela	10S Miss R Williams	11S Miss Lo
7E Mr A Williams	8E Mr Lo	9E Miss Foster	10E Mr Rahman	11E Mr Marriott
7W Dr McCarthy	8W Miss Cocks-Rye	9W Mr Dalby/Mr Dex	10W Mr Wright	11W Ms Porter
7C Mr Morrish	8C Dr Nolan	9C Mr Madrid	10C Dr Shepherd	11C Mr Cunneen
7L Mr Wood	8L Mr Barnes	9L Mr Greaves	10L Mr Rayment	11L Mrs Koutas
L6A Miss Wajgensberg	U6A Mr Sampson	PASTORAL GUIDANCE	Mr A M Farrell, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.)	
L6B Miss McGowan	U6B Mrs Hammond	PROGRESS LEADERS	HEADS OF HOUSE	
L6C Mr Marlow	U6C Mrs Cook	Year 7 Miss Ives	<i>Osprey</i>	Mr Rayment
L6D Dr Prendergast	U6D Mrs Genthe/Mr North	Year 8 Mr Lilley	<i>Merlin</i>	Mr Sexton
L6E Mr Wightman	U6E Mr Stevens/Mrs Carpenter	Year 9 Mr Tresidder	<i>Kestrel</i>	Mr Lilley
L6F Mr Steel	U6F Ms Finch	Year 10 Mr Atkinson	<i>Harrier</i>	Miss Lo
L6G Mr Barber	U6G Mr Hudson	Year 11 Miss Bailey	House Co-ordinator	Mr Barber
L6H Mr Derrick	U6H Mrs Wimsett	Lower Sixth Mr Norman		
L6I Dr Johnson	U6I Mr Jeffreys	Upper Sixth Miss Gellard		
L6J Mr Hiller	U6J Mrs Glasscock			

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PREMISES STAFF

Director of Finance & Accounting	Mr S Rothon	Director of Technology	Mr J Kennedy
Director of Operations	Mrs K Mumford	IT Network Manager/Technician	Mr S Irons
School Bursar	Mrs N Darby	IT Technician	Mr D Holdaway
Senior Finance Advisor	Miss C Parkinson	Reprographics Manager	Mr I Castleton
Headmaster's PA	Mrs D Holley	Librarian/Assistant	Mrs H Murrell/Mrs M Schofield
Examinations Officer/Cover Manager	Mrs A Economou	Science Technicians	Miss M Gulliver/Mrs C Hadley/Mr P Willson
Facilities & Premises Officer	Miss E Lewis	Technology and Art Technician	Mr N Beshoori
Finance Assistant	Mrs G Marrant	Caretakers	Mr G Hill/Mr A Wall/Mr G Hammond
Data & Finance Administrator	Ms M Flynn	6th Form Cafe Manager/Assistant	Mrs C Brown/Mrs M Marr
Receptionists (Morning)/(Afternoon)	Miss A Mayne/Mrs Googe	Premises Maintenance	Mr G Marlow
CDO, Careers & WRL Co-ordinator	Mrs N Weller*	Groundsman	Mr S Hacker

BASIC RULES FOR PUPILS

As a pupil at Westcliff, you should:

1. Dress in School uniform and ensure high standards of personal cleanliness, neatness and presentation. Pupils must meet the requirement of the Conduct Card at all times.
2. Conduct yourself sensibly in School, coming to School and going from School.
3. Respect the authority of staff who may reasonably give direction to pupils on matters of work, language, safety and conduct.
4. Respect the property of the School and of others in the School and in particular the equipment, books, materials and facilities the School provides.
5. Act as a responsible member of the School community showing good manners, kindness, common sense and consideration towards others.
6. Never run in the corridors; show courtesy and respect by walking on the left, not pushing others and keeping your voice down.
7. Care for your Form Room, sitting on chairs rather than tables and never eating, drinking, chewing gum or shouting in Form Rooms.
8. Ensure that paper and wrappers are properly disposed of, that other litter is picked up if seen around the building and that bags are deposited tidily on the storage racks provided.
9. Wait (Years 7-10) outside classrooms in an orderly manner for the member of staff to arrive or (Years 11-13) enter, be seated and be ready for the lesson to begin.
10. Fully comply with the organizational and hygiene arrangements in place to manage the risk associated with COVID-19.

Pupils at Westcliff must never:

1. Disobey a reasonable request of a member of staff or speak to staff in an insolent, offensive or abusive manner.
2. Bring into School or take on a School visit or purchase on a School visit a knife, a gun or any other implement which has the potential to cause harm to others.
3. Introduce drugs, tobacco, alcohol or other illegal or age-restricted substances to the School community or promote or sell these things within the community.
4. Behave aggressively, provocatively or offensively towards others either in School, travelling to and from School or online, whether physically, verbally, in writing or by electronic means.
5. Abuse Information Technology either within the School or through communication with members of the School from outside the School.
6. Have mobile phones, iPods, or similar equipment 'live' on School days between 8.00am and 4.15pm.
7. Use mobile phones for calls, information retrieval, texting or photography in School between 8.00am and 4.15pm.
8. Visit the area behind the Theatre and to the south or west of the Sports Hall as these areas are out of bounds to pupils, except when supervised by a member of staff.

NOTES ON SCHOOL UNIFORM, PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND EQUIPMENT

The main items of School Uniform are:

Navy blue blazer with School badge	School V-necked pullover is optional. No other garments are acceptable
Black trousers of conventional material and cut	Black shoes of conventional shape and style. Boots are not acceptable
White shirt with conventional collar	Dark grey or black socks
School House tie	

PE and Games Kit: The following items are required:

From the School Shop:	Navy shorts	Kit bag and boot bag
	PE singlets (with House colour)	Security bag for personal valuables
	Reversible rugby jersey (with House colour)	
	Navy rugby shorts	
	Rugby socks (maroon/gold top)	
Items needed but not available from the School Shop:	Plain white PE socks (i.e. no logo)	Predominantly white training shoes
	Towel / Shin pads / Gum shield	Whites will be required for those selected for cricket teams.
	Rugby/football boots with either moulded studs or BS6366 screw-in rugby studs	

Personal Appearance: School uniform should always be clean and tidy. Shoes should be polished regularly. Hair should be clean, tidy and a natural colour. **Extremes of style and length are not acceptable.** The Headmaster is the final arbiter of what is acceptable.

Practical Lessons: Safety glasses and a laboratory coat (not nylon) must be worn in Science / Design & Technology lessons. Pupils are also asked to provide protective clothing for Art lessons.

Other Equipment: Pupils entering the School are also asked to have available:

- Bible
- English Dictionary
- French/Spanish/German Dictionary
- Calculator capable of manipulating fractions, performing statistical calculations and having scientific functions
- Pencil case with coloured pencils
- Bag suitable for carrying books
- Geometrical drawing instruments, including a protractor, a pair of compasses and 30cm transparent ruler

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The School offers a range of extra-curricular activities for pupils in all Years. Practice schedules for extra-curricular activities are either arranged before School, at lunchtime or after School. The Orchestra (The Sinfonia), other Groups and Ensembles rehearse once a week at times arranged by the Music Department. Concerts and Recitals are a prominent feature of our extra-curricular life. Societies meet either at lunchtime or after School and suggestions for new Societies and activities are always welcome. Field Visits are a regular feature of public examinations work in a number of subjects. The extra-curricular programme is currently under review in order to respond to the strict hygiene and social distancing requirements in operation.

Sport:

Rugby
Football
Athletics
Cricket
Badminton
Basketball
Table Tennis
Tennis
Cross-Country
Swimming
Squash

Music:

Sinfonia
String Orchestra
Big Band
Junior Jazz Band
Concert Band
Theory Club
Choir

Societies:

Chess Club
Technology Club
Wargames Club
Science Society
Debating Society
Film Club
Field Visits
Biology
Chemistry
Geography
Geology
History

Other Activities:

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
Duke of Edinburgh Award
Annual Ski Trip
Foreign Exchanges
House Competitions
Drama Programme
Public Speaking

Cultural Visits:

To the Royal Festival Hall/Royal Albert Hall
To the National Theatre and other Theatres

Education Events:

Two are held each year to enable worthwhile current issues in Education to be considered

THE SCHOOL FRONT RECEPTION is open from 8.00am until 5.00pm when the School is in session. The School Office is open to pupils between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM, and other essential School items, can be purchased online via the School website or by using the direct link: <https://whsforboys.shoptill-e.com>. The opening times of the school shop are on the website.

THE GOVERNING BOARD - SEPTEMBER 2021

Headmaster: Mr M A Skelly M.A.

Chairman: Mr J Gershinson

Vice-Chairman: Ms F Colwell

Academy Trust Governors

Mr C Casey (2022)
Mr A Cole (2024)
Ms F Colwell (2025)
Mr M DeGrove (2024)
Mr R Galvin (2024)
Mr J Gershinson (2025)
Mr D Norman MBE (2022)
Mr M Solomons (2025)

Co-Opted Governor

Ms E Hamilton (2023)
Dr T Nageh (2024)

Staff Governor

Mrs C Burden (2021)

Parent Governors

Mr J Currell (2024)
Dr P Guylar (2024)

Clerk to the Governing Board

Mr S Rothern

The year in brackets after the name indicates the year up to which present service will run. Meetings of the Governing Board in the academic year 2021-22 will take place on 21 September 2021, 14 December 2021, 22 March 2022 and 12 July 2022. The Governing Board also has four sub-committees.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs J Clarke is the current Chair of the Association, Mrs R Tanseli, Secretary, and Mrs K Merriman, Treasurer. Enquiries about the Parents' Association should be directed to the Committee via email pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk.

SCHOOL YEARS 2021-23

2021-2022

2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM:

Staff Development Day(s): Wednesday 1 & Monday 20 September 2021
Term Begins: Thursday 2 September 2021
Half Term: 25-29 October 2021 inclusive
Staff Development Day: Monday 1 November 2021
Term Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Thursday & Friday, 1 & 2 September 2022
Monday 5 September 2022
24-28 October 2022 inclusive
N/A
Wednesday 21 December 2022

SPRING TERM:

Staff Development Day: N/A
Term Begins: Tuesday 4 January 2022
Half Term: 14-18 February 2022 inclusive
Staff Development Day: Monday 21 February 2022
Term Ends: Friday 1 April 2022

Friday 6 January 2023
Monday 9 January 2023
13-17 February 2023
Monday 20 February 2023
Friday 31 March 2023

SUMMER TERM:

Staff Development Day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
Term Begins: Wednesday 20 April 2022
Public Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022
Half Term: 30 May-3 June 2022 inclusive
Term Ends: Thursday 21 July 2022

Monday 17 April 2023
Tuesday 18 April 2023
Monday 1 May 2023
29 May-2 June 2023 inclusive
Friday 21 July 2023

N.B. The School is closed to pupils on Staff Development Days

REPORTS AND PARENTS' MEETINGS 2021-2022

Year	First Report	Second Report	Third Report	Parents' Evening / Beginning of Consultations
7	15 October 2021	25 March 2022	15 July 2022	15 November 2021
8	12 November 2021	31 March 2022	15 July 2022	17 January 2022
9	21 October 2021	10 February 2022	8 July 2022	14 March 2022
10	19 November 2021	11 March 2022	8 July 2022	28 March 2022
11	15 October 2021	21 January 2022	18 March 2022 (Targeted)	7 February 2022
Lower Sixth	1 October 2021	28 January 2022	10 June 2022 (Data only) 1 July 2022	28 February 2022
Upper Sixth	8 October 2021	10 February 2022	31 March 2022 (Targeted)	29 November 2021

N.B. Year 11 Trial Examination Results issued 16 December 2021
Year 9 Options Evening – 3 March 2022