

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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for ease of reference during the year*

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ACADEMIC STAFF – SEPTEMBER 2023

Headmaster	Mr M A Skelly, B.A. (Maynooth), M.A. (Open)
Deputy Headmaster	Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab)
Second Deputy Head	Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab)
Third Deputy Head	Miss G Fairfax, LL.B. (Kings), Maîtrise (Sorbonne)
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: Mrs K Revell, B.Sc. (Middlesex).
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 Glassock*, B.A. (Surrey Institute) Mrs K Allard, 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> Ms A Bernárdez Touceda B.A (Vigo, Spain) Mr L Chanut-Garde, B.A. (Jean Monnet, France) Miss G Fairfax, LL.B (Kings), Maîtrise (Sorbonne) Mrs T Genthe*, M.A. (Berlin) Ms I Fernandez, B.A. (Oviedo, Spain) Mr G Madrid, B.A. (Alicante, Spain) Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T.
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 Wood, B.Mus. (London)
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Mr C Wright*, B.Sc. (Anglia) Mr A M Moore, B.Ed. (Liverpool) Miss D Onimisi, B.A. (Hertfordshire)	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Mr M Fitcher *, B.Sc. (Surrey) Mr S Greaves, B.Sc. (Oxford Brookes) Mr J Sexton, B.A. (London) Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab) Mr H Marrant / Mr P Shears (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	Mrs D Jenkins*, B.A. (W. Ontario), B.Ed. (Toronto)
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GEOGRAPHY and GEOLOGY	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield) Mr R D Barber, B.Sc. (London) -* <i>PSHEE</i> Mr P Marlow, M.Sc. (London) - * <i>Geology</i> Mr L Norman, B.Sc. (Exeter) Mr N H Cooper*, B.Sc. (East Anglia) Mrs K Revell, B.Sc. (Middlesex)	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> Dr M Archer, B.Sc (Manchester) Mr J J Bleakley, B.Sc. (Leeds), M.A. (London) Mr D Buckley, B.Sc. (Middlesex) Mr S W Hudson, B.Eng. (C.N.A.A.), M.Sc. (Bristol), C.Eng., MI.Mech.E. Mr R Jones, M.Sc. (Greenwich) Miss E Lo, B.Sc. (London) Mr T Mansfield, B.Sc. (Warwick) Mr S Marriott, B.Sc. (London), M.Sc. (London) Miss B Negus, M.Sc. (Greenwich) Mr H J Tresidder, B.Sc. (Swansea) Mr O Turner, B.Sc. (Exeter)
HISTORY and POLITICS	Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's) Mr R C Stevens, M.A. (Oxon & London) -* <i>Politics</i> Mrs R Shankster, B.A. (Southampton) Mr S Dex, B.A. (Cantab) Dr C Platts, B.A (Trinity), D.Phil. (Cambridge)	STAFF TUTOR	Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T.
MATHEMATICS	Miss A James*, B.Sc. (Reading) Mr A Barnett, B.Sc. (York) Mrs L Hammond, B.Sc. (Manchester) Mr A Kallon, M.Sc (London South Bank) 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>	PASTORAL TUTORS	Mrs J Radford (Lower School), Mr N Wilson (Middle School) and Mrs C Burden/Mrs L Begley/Ms J James (Sixth Form)
		SENDCO TEACHING ASSISTANTS/COVER	Mr J J Bleakley / Mr D Wightman (Assistant) Mrs C Burden (TA Supervisor), Mr N Challis, Mrs V Diana, Miss T Goldsmith*, Mr H Marrant, Mrs L Smith*, Mr J King

FORM TUTORS AND PROGRESS LEADERS 2023-24

7N Mr Wheeler	8N Ms Fernandez/Mr Turner	9N Miss Negus	10N Mr Lilley	11N Ms McKeown
7S Mr Mansfield	8S Ms Niedziela/Mr Chanut	9S Mr Moore	10S Miss Bailey	11S Miss Lo
7E Miss Peel	8E Miss James	9E Mr North	10E Mr Rahman	11E Mr Marriott
7W Mr Sexton	8W Mrs Allard	9W Dr McCarthy	10W Mr Wright	11W Mr Dalby
7C Dr Nolan	8C Mr Kallon	9C Mr Dex	10C Dr Shepherd	11C Mr Cunneen
7L Dr Platts	8L Mr Buckley	9L Mr Wood	10L Mr Rayment	11L Mr Fitcher
L6A Mrs Jenkins	U6A Dr Archer	PASTORAL GUIDANCE Mr A M Farrell, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.)		
L6B Miss Onimisi	U6B Mrs Hammond	PROGRESS LEADERS		
L6C Mr Marlow	U6C Mrs Cook	HEADS OF HOUSE		
L6D Dr Prendergast	U6D Mrs Genthe/ Ms Bernárdez Touceda	Year 7 Mr Norman	<i>Osprey</i> Mr Rayment	
L6E Mr Wightman	U6E Mr Stevens	Year 8 Mr Tresidder	<i>Merlin</i> Mr Sexton	
L6F Mr Steel	U6F Ms Bidwall	Year 9 Miss Ives	<i>Kestrel</i> Mr Madrid	
L6G Mr Barber	U6G Mr Hudson	Year 10 Mr Atkinson	<i>Harrier</i> Mr Marrant	
L6H Mr Derrick	U6H Mrs Wimsett	Year 11 Mrs Shankster	House Co-ordinator Mr Barber	
L6I Dr Johnson	U6I Mr Jeffreys	Lower Sixth Mr Greaves/Mr Lo		
L6J Mr Hiller	U6J Mrs Glassock/Mr Marrant	Upper Sixth Mr Jones/Mr Madrid		

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PREMISES STAFF

Director of Finance & Accounting	Mr S Rothon ACMA	Director/Deputy Director of Technology	Mr J Kennedy/Mr K Rand
School Bursar	Mrs N Darby	IT Apprentices	Mr J Quinn/Mr A Daniels
Headmaster's PA	Mrs D Holley	Reprographics Manager	Mr C Hadley
Examinations Officer/Cover Manager	Mrs A Economou	Librarian/Assistant	Mrs M Schofield*/Mrs J Oats*
Facilities and Premises Manager	Miss E Lewis	Science Technicians	Mr R Gutierrez/Mrs C Dawar/Mr R Jones
Finance Assistant	Mrs G Marrant	Technology and Art Technician	Miss J Such
HR Assistant	Miss C Parkinson	Caretakers	Mr G Hill/Mr G Hammond/Mr M Last
Data Administrator	Ms M Flynn	6th Form Cafe Manager/Assistant	Mrs C Brown*/Mrs M Marr*
Receptionists (Morning)/(Afternoon)	Mrs C Warren/Mrs C Googe	Premises Maintenance	Mr G Marlow
Uniform Shop Manager	Mrs I Gimbutiene	Groundskeeper	Mr R Lee
Careers & WRL Co-ordinator	Mr M Atkinson	Senior Staff Instructor (CCF)	Mr P Sell

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 in single file at busy times, 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.
9. Enter and exit classrooms in an orderly manner, be seated and be ready for the lesson to begin.

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, vaping materials, 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 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

Black trousers of conventional material and cut

White shirt with conventional collar

School House tie

School V-necked pullover is optional. No other garments are acceptable

Black shoes of conventional shape and style. Boots are not acceptable

Dark grey or black socks

PE and Games Kit: The following items are required:

From the School Shop:

Navy shorts

PE singlets (with House colour)

Reversible rugby jersey (with House colour)

Navy rugby shorts

Rugby socks (maroon/gold top)

Plain white PE socks (i.e. no logo)

Towel / Shin pads / Gum shield

Rugby/football boots with either moulded studs or BS6366

screw-in rugby studs

Kit bag and boot bag

Security bag for personal valuables

Items needed but not available from the School Shop:

Predominantly white training shoes

Whites will be required for those selected for cricket teams.

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

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.

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 list below provides details of some of the extra-curricular activities available.

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. Pastoral Offices is open to pupils between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

THE GOVERNING BOARD - SEPTEMBER 2023

Headmaster: Mr M A Skelly M.A.

Chair: Ms F Colwell/Mr A Cole

Vice-Chairman: Dr P Guyler

Academy Trust Governors

Mr C Casey (2026)
Mr A Cole (2024)
Ms F Colwell (2025)
Mr M DeGrove (2024)
Mr R Galvin (2024)
Mr D Norman MBE (2026)
Mr M Solomons (2025)
Dr T Nageh (2025)

Parent Governors

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

Staff Governors

Mr K Dalby (2025)
Mr R Steel (2025)

Clerk to the Governing Board

Mr S Rotheron

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 2023-24 will take place on 19 September 2023, 12 December 2023, 19 March 2024 and 9 July 2024. The Governing Board also has four sub-committees.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs J Clarke is the current Chair of the Association, (tbc) Secretary, and Mrs S Ghauri, Treasurer. Enquiries about the Parents' Association should be directed to the Committee via email pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk.

SCHOOL YEARS 2023-25

	2023-2024	2024-25
AUTUMN TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Friday 1 September 2023	Tuesday 3 September 2024
Term Begins:	Monday 4 September 2023	Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half Term:	23-27 October 2023 inclusive	28 October – 1 November 2024 inclusive
Staff Development Day:	Monday 30 October 2023	Monday 4 November 2024
Term Ends:	Wednesday 20 December 2023	Friday 20 December 2024
SPRING TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	N/A	Monday 6 January 2025
Term Begins:	Thursday 4 January 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Half Term:	19 – 23 February 2024	17 – 21 February 2025
Staff Development Day:	Monday 26 February 2024	Monday 24 February 2025
Term Ends:	Thursday 28 March 2024	Friday 4 April 2025
SUMMER TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Monday 15 April 2024	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Term Begins:	Tuesday 16 April 2024	Wednesday 23 April 2025
Public Holiday(s):	Monday 6 May 2024	Monday 5 May 2025
Staff Development Day:	N/A	N/A
Half Term:	27 – 31 May 2024	26 – 30 May 2025 inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 19 July 2024	Wednesday 23 July 2025

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

REPORTS AND PARENTS' MEETINGS 2023-24

Year	First Report	Second Report	Third Report	Parents' Evening / Beginning of Consultations
7	13 October 2023	22 March 2024	12 July 2024	13 November 2023
8	13 November 2023	28 March 2024	12 July 2024	11 December 2023
9	19 October 2023	4 March 2024	8 July 2024	18 March 2024
10	17 November 2023	12 March 2024	8 July 2024	22 April 2024
11	13 October 2023	19 January 2024	15 March 2024 (Targeted)	5 February 2024
Lower Sixth	29 September 2023	29 January 2024	7 June 2024 (Data only) 28 June 2024	4 March 2024
Upper Sixth	6 October 2023	9 February 2024	28 March 2024 (Targeted)	27 November 2023