

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025 – 26

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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ACADEMIC STAFF – SEPTEMBER 2025

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 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), M.A. (Open)

ART	Mrs K Allard, B.A. (Havering) (Maternity Leave) Mrs C Glascock*, B.A. (Surrey Institute) Mr H Hawkins, B.A. (Bournemouth) (Maternity Cover)
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Mr R Steel*, B.Sc. (Bath) Dr S Johnson, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.) (London), Ph.D. (Greenwich) Mr A North, B.Sc (Birmingham) *
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Mr C Wright*, B.Sc. (Anglia) Mr A M Moore, B.Ed. (Liverpool) Miss D Onimisi, B.A. (Hertfordshire)
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)
ENGLISH	Miss C Bailey, B.A. (Exeter) * Miss C Ives, B.A. (Open) * Mr S Lilley, B.Sc. (Aston) Miss Y Arunkumar, B.A. (Ashoka, India), M.Phil. (Cambridge) Mr M Wheeler, B.A. (Birmingham) Miss S Wood, B.A. (Nottingham)
GEOGRAPHY and GEOLOGY	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield) Mr R D Barber, B.Sc. (London) – *PSHEE Miss S Blackman, B.A. (Royal Holloway) Mr P Marlow, M.Sc. (London) – *Geology Mrs K Revell, B.Sc. (Middlesex) – *SENDCO Miss N Young, G.A (Durham) *
HISTORY and POLITICS	Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's) Mr R C Stevens, M.A. (Oxon & London) – *Politics Mrs R Shankster, B.A. (Southampton) * Dr C Platts, B.A. (Trinity), D.Phil. (Cambridge) Miss G Jackson, M.A. (Exeter)
MATHEMATICS	Miss A James*, B.Sc. (Reading) Mr J Alexander, B.A. (Cambridge) Mr A Barnett, B.Sc. (York) Mrs L Hammond, B.Sc. (Manchester) Mr N Huntington, M.A. (Southampton) 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) Mr A North, B.Sc (Birmingham) * Mr S Rahman, B.Sc. (Birmingham) Mr A Risk, B.Sc. (Portsmouth)

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES	Ms J McKeown* B.A., M.A. (Cantab) Ms M Niedziela, M.A. (East Anglia) – *German Mr G Rayment, M.A. (Nottingham) – *French Mrs J Bennett, B.A. (Newcastle) 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) Mr G Madrid, B.A. (Alicante, Spain) Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T. Ms J James*, B.A. (Open)
MUSIC	Mr T Derrick*, B.Mus. (Birmingham) M.A. (Open) Mr A Wood, B.Mus. (London)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Mr M Fletcher *, B.Sc. (Surrey) Mr F Gilmour, B.Sc (Brunel) Mr J Sexton, B.A. (London) Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab) Mr H Marrant and Mr J Tottman (Sports Coaches)
PSYCHOLOGY	Mrs D Jenkins*, B.A. (W. Ontario), B.Ed. (Toronto) (Maternity Leave) Mrs T Boyton, M.Sc (Arden), B.A. (Open) (Maternity Cover)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Miss L Bidwall*, B.A. (Wolverhampton) Mrs K Cook, B.A. (Swansea) Mr T Hiller, B.A. (Cardiff)
SCIENCE	Dr D Prendergast, B.Sc. (Galway), Ph.D. (Belfast) – *Science & Biology Mr K Dalby, M.Phys. (Salford) – *Physics Mr D Wightman, M.Sc. (East Anglia) – *Chemistry Dr M Archer, B.Sc (Manchester) Mr S W Hudson, B.Eng. (C.N.A.A.), M.Sc. (Bristol), C.Eng., Ml.Mech.E. Mr J Hunt, M.Sc (Bath) Mr R Jones, M.Sc. (Greenwich) Mrs E Lo-Whitford, 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) Mr A Williams, B.Sc. (Portsmouth) Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T. PASTORAL TUTORS Mrs J Radford*/Ms E Lambert* (Lower School), Mr N Wilson (Middle School) & Mrs C Burden (Sixth Form) Ms A May/Mr L Courtney (Sixth Form Assistants) SENDCO TEACHING ASSISTANTS/COVER Mrs K Revell / Mr D Wightman (Assistant) Mrs C Burden (TA Manager), Mrs V Diana, Miss T Goldsmith*, Mr H Marrant, Ms E Lambert*, Mr J Shulton *, Mr O Northfield HIGHER EDUCATION TEAM Mrs E Lo-Whitford (Team Leader), Dr C Platts, Mr R Stevens

FORM TUTORS AND PROGRESS LEADERS 2025-26

7N Miss Wood	8N Miss Arunkumar	9N Mr Wheeler	10N Mr Lilley	11N Ms McKeown
7S Ms Niedziela	8S Mr Wood	9S Mr Mansfield	10S Miss Bailey	11S Ms Bidwall
7E Miss A James	8E Miss Onimisi	9E Mr Moore	10E Mr Rahman	11E Mr Marriott
7W Mr Gilmour	8W Mr Dalby	9W Mr M North	10W Mr Wright	11W Dr McCarthy/Mrs Bennett
7C Ms J James	8C Miss Bernárdez Touceda	9C Miss Young/Mr A North	10C Dr Shepherd	11C Mr Lo
7L Mr Sexton	8L Mr Kallon	9L Dr Platts	10L Mr Rayment	11L Mr Fletcher

L6A Mrs Boyton (Maternity Cover)	U6A Dr Archer/Mr A Williams
L6B Mr Derrick	U6B Mrs Hammond
L6C Mr Alexander	U6C Mrs Cook/Mr Risk
6D Dr Prendergast	U6D Mr Huntington
L6E Mr Wightman	U6E Mr Stevens
L6F Mr Steel	U6F Mr Marlow/Miss Blackman
L6G Mr Barber	U6G Mr Hudson
L6H Mr Chanut	U6H N/A
L6I Dr Johnson	U6I Mr Jeffreys
L6J Mr Hiller	U6J Mrs Glascock/Mr Hawkins

PROGRESS LEADERS

Year 7	Mr Tresidder
Year 8	Miss Ives/Mr Turner
Year 9	Miss Negus
Year 10	Mr Atkinson
Year 11	Mrs Shankster/Miss Jackson
Lower Sixth	Mr Madrid
Upper Sixth	Mr Jones

HEADS OF HOUSE

<i>Osprey</i>	Mr Rayment
<i>Merlin</i>	Mr Sexton
<i>Kestrel</i>	Mr Madrid
<i>Harrier</i>	Mr Marrant
House Co-ordinator	Mr Barber

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PREMISES STAFF

Director of Finance & Accounting	Mr S Rothon ACMA	Director of Technology/Deputy Director/Technician/	Mr J Kennedy/Mr K Rand/ Mr J Quinn/
School Bursar	Mrs N Darby	ICT Apprentice	Mr O Muir
Headmaster's PA	Mrs D Holley	Reprographics Manager	Mr C Hadley
Examinations Officer/Cover Manager	Mrs A Economou	Librarian/Assistant	Mrs J Oats*/Mr O Northfield*
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	Ms H Seomore
HR Assistant	Mrs C Warren	Caretakers	Mr M Last/Mr M Missen
Data Administrator	Ms M Flynn	6th Form Cafe Manager/Assistant	Mrs C Brown*/Mrs M Marr*
Receptionists (Morning)/(Afternoon)	Mrs K Kent/Miss J Baimbridge	Premises Maintenance	Mr G Marlow
Uniform Shop Manager	Mrs I Gimbutienuė*	Groundskeeper	Mr S Hacker
Careers & WRL Co-ordinator	Mr M Atkinson	School Staff Instructor (CCF)	Mr H Hague
Community Development Office	Mrs J Clarke*	<i>*Head of Department *Part-time member of staff</i>	

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
- 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
- PE singlets (with House colour)
- Reversible rugby jersey (with House colour)
- Navy rugby shorts
- Rugby socks (maroon/gold top)
- Kit bag and boot bag
- Security bag for personal valuables

Items needed but not available from the School Shop:

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

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

THE GOVERNING BOARD – SEPTEMBER 2025

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 (2028)
Ms F Colwell (2025)
Mr R Galvin (2028)
Mr M Solomons (2025)
Dr T Nageh (2025)

Parent Governors

Mr D Bambrick (2028)
Dr H Moore (2028)

Co-opted Governor

Mr K Luxon (2028)

Staff Governors

Miss A James (2028)
Second Staff Governor to be nominated 09/2025

Clerk to the Governing Board

Mr S Rothon

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 2025-26 will take place on 23 September 2025, 16 December 2025, 24 March 2026 and 14 July 2026. The Governing Board also has four sub-committees.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs S Ghauri is the current Chair and Treasurer of the Association and Mrs C Goodwin-Self, the Secretary. Enquiries about the Parents' Association should be directed to the Committee via email pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk.

SCHOOL YEARS 2025-26

	2025-26	2026-27
AUTUMN TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Monday 1 September 2025	Tuesday 1 September 2026
Term Begins:	Tuesday 2 September 2025	Wednesday 2 September 2026
Half Term:	27 – 31 October 2025	26 – 30 October 2026
Staff Development Day:	Monday 3 November 2025	Monday 2 November 2026
Term Ends:	Friday 19 December 2025	Friday 18 December 2026
SPRING TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	N/A	Monday 4 January 2027
Term Begins:	Monday 5 January 2026	Tuesday 5 January 2027
Half Term:	16 – 20 February 2026	15 – 19 February 2027
Staff Development Day:	Monday 23 February 2026	Monday 22 February 2027
Term Ends:	Friday 27 March 2026	Thursday 25 March 2027
SUMMER TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 12 April 2027
Term Begins:	Tuesday 14 April 2026	Tuesday 13 April 2027
Public Holiday(s):	Monday 4 and Monday 25 May 2026	Monday 3 and Monday 31 May 2027
Staff Development Day:	N/A	N/A
Half Term:	26 – 29 May 2026	1 – 4 June 2027
Term Ends:	Friday 17 July 2026	Wednesday 21 July 2027

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

REPORTS AND PARENTS' MEETINGS 2025-26

Year	First Report	Second Report	Third Report	Parents' Evening / Beginning of Consultations
7	17 October 2025	20 March 2026	14 July 2025	17 November 2025
8	10 November 2025	26 March 2026	14 July 2025	8 December 2025
9	23 October 2025	3 March 2026	7 July 2026	16 March 2026
10	14 November 2025	10 March 2026	7 July 2026	27 April 2026
11	17 October 2025	20 January 2026	13 March 2026 (Targeted)	2 February 2026
Lower Sixth	3 October 2025	23 January 2026	5 June 2026 (Data only) 26 June 2026	2 March 2026
Upper Sixth	10 October 2025	10 February 2026	26 March 2026 (Targeted)	24 November 2025

N.B. Year 11 Trial Examination Results issued 12 December 2025

Year 9 Options Evening – 12 March 2026