

## 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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**Maiden name (if applicable)** Chris  
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Please answer the questions below about your past time at Woldgate School

**Date or year you started at Woldgate** September 2005  
**Date or year you left Woldgate** July 2012

**My role at Woldgate**

### Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

I seem to remember my first day being quite exciting, seeing my usual friends from primary school and then meeting others. I'm sure we had a large assembly where we met the headteacher, Mr Bower. My form group was Mrs Fawcett's.

I had lots of teachers throughout my time at Woldgate. Spanish teachers Mrs Jones and Mrs Russell were fantastic. Miss Bradshaw was a great history teacher, as was Miss Meadows. Mr and Mrs Macdonald were (and surprisingly still are) my parents!

English - Miss Stanley was very inspiring - she was a big fan of Gothic literature. The PE staff were great too, especially as I played for the school football and cricket teams throughout. Mr Cheetam and Mr Clark.

I had a very positive time at Woldgate - as a keen musician it was great to use the recording studio and the music staff were very good.

Mr Chapman was very popular.

J Block was the newest building but wasn't in the best condition. B block, D block and A block were particularly grim. Spanish taught often in the temporary classroom which seem to have been temporary for 30 years.

I used to walk to and from school as I grew up in Pocklington and lived about 20 minutes away.

Still in touch with a number of friends from school, with a handful still close friends.

Since leaving Woldgate I went on to study Politics at Newcastle University. I then worked for two years in North Tyneside as a playgroup assistant and a special educational needs support worker. In 2017 I began a primary PGCE at Sheffield Hallam University. I now work as a Year 5 teacher in Sheffield and am also the union representative for the National Education Union.