

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 1991

Date or year you left Woldgate 1998

My role at Woldgate

Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

1. The first key memory is a somewhat sad memory, of being on a musicals trip to London in early Year 9 and one of the other pupils finding a newspaper with details of the bus crash. The news had been deliberately kept from us to allow us to enjoy the evening, but at that point we all crowded into one of the teachers' bedrooms in the hotel to be told the news. Many of the pupils were from the very musical primary school of Stamford Bridge, which was, of course, where the bus was going. Many had siblings and friends on the bus and some should have been on it.

2. A trip to Hellevoetshuis in the Netherlands with the school recorder group under David Grosvenor. We'd all learnt some Dutch phrases but discovered that the Dutch kids spoke better English than us, though with marked American accents due to the American TV they all watched. On a second recorder trip to Denmark we were hosted for lunch, all 15 of us, by my uncle Frank, who ran a golf course in Denmark.

3. The school sponsored walk, or rather the lack of it. Out of 7 years at school I only did one sponsored walk in Yr 8. In Yr 7 I had a music theory exam the next morning so was excused it. In Yr 9 I dislocated my knee the previous week. In Yrs 10 and 12 I was a student leader on my primary school trip on my primary school trip to Wydale and in Yrs 11 and 13 I had exams on or near the walk day!