

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 September 1964
Date or year you left Woldgate July 1971

My role at Woldgate

Pupil

Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

I came to Woldgate from Pocklington Junior School in September 1964, the second member of my family to attend. My brother Richard Moore started in September 1959 and my younger brother John Moore followed in September 1969.

As I lived very close to school I went home for dinner until I was in the sixth form and was a prefect and then Head Girl. Unlike today where there is a lot of choice for school meals there was one main course and one pudding and it was eat it or go without!

My first day started in the assembly hall where we were allocated our forms and form tutors. Mr Pollock then took us over to our form room in the Woodwork block. It was a very strange day as it was the first time I had been in a class with lots of people I did not know.

I was in Moore house and took part in the public speaking competitions and also remember having to learn the Gettysburg Address as part of form competition judged by Mr Vaughan which earned house points. The music lessons also had singing competitions which in our year was always won by Pat Allison who had an amazing voice.

As I went through the school years my favourite teacher was Ken Jones who taught Geography and History and was also my form tutor in the fourth year. He had a habit of disappearing into the store cupboard at the back of the Geography room for a crafty cigarette, but he had great respect from all his pupils and his lessons were always interesting and fun.

I enjoyed everything about my time at Woldgate and was very proud to be head girl.

I left Woldgate to go to teacher training college in Sheffield but did not enjoy the course and left to join Midland Bank. After a number of years I joined the Burnley Building Society in York and worked there until I started a family. After a few years I went back to work in Estate Agency and finished my working life with a part time job in Audiology at York Hospital. I have been happily married to Ian Wight a former teacher for 35 years and we are now enjoying our retirement close to our family in Leeds.

