

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) NOBLE DENISE
Date Monday, February 28, 2022

Please answer the questions below about your past time at Woldgate School

Date or year you started at Woldgate 1966
Date or year you left Woldgate 1973

My role at Woldgate

Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

I remember feeling nervous yet excited about starting at Woldgate after coming from a small village school. The number of classrooms, pupils, staff and individual lessons (covering such a wide variety of subjects), all seemed overwhelming. I was not used to the amount of movement around a school - would I find my way to the specific rooms for lessons in time?!

As time went on, my confidence increased, and I began to decide which subjects I enjoyed most. Maths was not one of them! I was often caught out deciding which question I would be asked. The theory didn't hold out if the pupil in front of me didn't know the answer to their own question! Another subject that I found less enjoyable was Art. I remember Mr Hazelden wrote some kind comments on my report, considering my limited skills in Art! I particularly enjoyed Domestic Science, French and Geography, and these were the three subjects I studied at A level. Mrs Holden, Miss Oates and Mr Jones were the respective teachers for them. I became a school prefect, and then was asked to be Head Girl, which was a great privilege.

I still keep in touch with Pauline Seymour, and occasionally see a familiar face from my days at Woldgate when I am in Pocklington.

From Woldgate I went to Worcester College of Education to study Home Economics and Rural Studies for three years. After completing the time at college, I was lucky enough to attend an interview at Beverley High School, and was offered the post of Home Economics Teacher.