

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 1975

Date or year you left Woldgate 1982

My role at Woldgate

Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

My time at Woldgate was a very happy one. I remember feeling very grown up on my first day in my smart new uniform as I cycled past my old junior school & then feeling very small when I arrived at "big school" - all of the other pupils seemed like giants!

I threw myself into a whole host of extra-curricular activities including gymnastics, drama & choir & I frequently played piano pieces at school concerts, prizegivings & assemblies, which I loved.

My favourite teacher was David Tucker, he was the reason I chose A level geography, & I am still in touch with him today, in fact I met up with him only a few weeks ago.

My best friend at Woldgate was Kath Crusher, we first became friends at Pocklington junior school when we were 8 - & nearly 50 years on we are still the best of friends.

I felt truly honoured to receive the Jubilee Cup in my final year, given for outstanding contribution to the life of the school. I also gained my gold Duke of Edinburgh award before leaving. Despite studying A level geography, history & art, I went on to study Medicine at Manchester University, & I have been a GP since qualifying in 1988, currently at a practice in Chester, where I also live.