

# 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** Sept 1958 (on opening)

**Date or year you left Woldgate** July 1960

**My role at Woldgate**

## Please enter your highlights of your time at Woldgate

Coming from a small village School - Woldgate seemed huge- with seemingly hundreds of fellow pupils- all dressed the same in smart new uniforms, we were ushered into our form class rooms- I was in 4A and our form master was Mr. Ken Jones, who came from a grammar school in Manchester, his main subject was Geography. We then all made our way to the main Hall to be welcomed by Mr Vaughan the Head Master- I always remember the strong smell of new paint and varnish The teaching staff were great all very enthusiastic- Mr Meredith History, Mr Oats Rural Science, Miss Oats English Miss Mellor Art Mr. Hazledon also Art Mr. Cowell Woodwork Mr H Brown Metalwork Mr Pollock Maths. Mr Green deputy Head and English Mrs Simpson Domestic Science Mrs Anderson the Library and English Mr. Fletcher Sports and Gymnastics Mrs. Vaughan Music

Miss Leddie Religious Instruction Mr Larder Drama Mr Brooks Maths

the caretakers were Mr Stabler and Mr Simpson. These are the staff members I can remember and apologise for any omissions!

Unfortunately , being nearly fifteen when I started Woldgate I didn't get the full benefit and left at 16 with few qualifications- I did however become the First Headboy - which I was very privileged and proud to be

On leaving Woldgate I joined the Staff of furnishing Retailer Hunter and Smallpage in York There for 10 yrs then became the Yorkshire Representative for Stag Furniture. I eventually set up my own Agency in Furniture sourcing Furniture from the U.K. and worldwide for the top Retailers in the North of England which I continued until Retirement- my son

Nicholas also ex Woldgate has now taken over. Woldgate was great for me