



UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

Westcliff High School for Boys

ABOUT WHSB

Fide et Fortitudine - Our School Motto

As Westcliff High School for Boys approaches its Centenary, we look forward to celebrating our record of outstanding success. We continue to hold dear our values and traditions, whilst fostering academic excellence and a dynamism which allow us to provide a world-class education.

We believe that education has the power to transform lives, and that it must never be narrow. Our Learner Profile demonstrates that we wish to inspire pupils to think independently and to value knowledge, imbuing them with the confidence and sense of self-worth to become active and compassionate lifelong learners in an increasingly globalised and interdependent world.

As a Grammar School, we raise positive aspirations and set high standards, encouraging pupils to unlock their potential and realise their ambitions. Through our exceptional teaching and wealth of extra-curricular activities, we provide a unique education filled with exciting, challenging and enjoyable experiences.

WHSB is a supportive community that values and cares for the individual. Our pupils take pride in their School. They know that we are committed to supporting them on their journey to becoming well-rounded and principled people, equipped for the challenges ahead.



INTELLECTUALLY
CURIOUS



PERSONAL
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LIFELONG
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EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATOR



COLLABORATIVE &
SUPPORTIVE



GLOBALY
AWARE



OPEN TO
OPPORTUNITIES





YEAR 7

We understand that joining a new school can be daunting for both pupils and their parents. However, we regard every individual as a unique member of our community and we work hard to effect a smooth transition such that every new pupil feels happy and settled.

WHSB is a warm, welcoming and supportive School. Our older pupils and staff collaborate to offer advice and guidance to those new to the School or in difficulty. Year 7 pupils are based in their own building and have their own recreational area, whilst being supported by Sixth Form students, who are designated as Form Captains and attached to Year 7 Form Groups. There is always something exciting to do and someone to talk to.

We are proud of our history, and every new pupil becomes an important part of our heritage. We ensure that each pupil enjoys learning, makes progress and participates in the wider life of the School so that they may go on to become confident and responsible citizens. We are motivated by our desire to inspire young people, and share our passion for learning.

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THE TEACHERS ARE HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY.

Jacob, Year 7

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SIXTH FORM

While modern developments have transformed the way we research, develop and use knowledge, the ability to present an argument or explanation clearly is just as vital today as it ever has been.

WHSB is a School where students are encouraged to speak, to communicate, to debate, argue, persuade and explain. Form Periods and lessons provide some of the many opportunities for students to practise their presentation skills. A varied programme of lectures at WHSB and visits to events elsewhere expose students to expert perspectives on different matters and subjects. Students embark on a wide range of business, academic, technical, artistic, and sporting activities which enable them to hone their interpersonal skills. Clubs (both teacher-led and student-led) thrive, and an active House system enables myriad teams to compete in events.

While this is true of all Year Groups, the greatest opportunities come when our pupils progress into the Sixth Form. There, they enjoy greater independence in their studies, and dedicated, state-of-the-art facilities. They develop their leadership potential by taking on positions of responsibility and working with younger pupils. They make a valuable contribution to the community within School and more broadly, by volunteering their services as part of our Enrichment Programme. Whether expressed in the command of detail in the talks given by students at the conclusion of their independent Extended Project Qualification, or the enthusiasm for Science passed on during a Roadshow event to primary school children, WHSB develops highly effective communicators.



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

WHSB seeks to inculcate in its pupils a love of learning and a sense of intellectual curiosity that will stay with them for their entire lives. Pupils follow a traditional curriculum that allows them to develop their knowledge and skills in the Lower School across a broad range of subjects in the Arts, Humanities, Languages, Mathematics, and the Sciences, before making their GCSE and Advanced Level choices from an even wider range of subjects.

The numerous opportunities for enrichment, both in and out of the classroom, allow pupils to develop positive attitudes to scholarship and enable us to offer exciting challenges to our most able. Pupils discover where their interests and aptitudes lie, make progress and, ultimately, achieve at the highest level. Across all levels, public examination outcomes are consistently of the highest order and this, together with the broader perspectives and deeper insights which go beyond the narrow confines of the subject specifications, provides a secure foundation for future study. The natural destination for almost all of our pupils is the Sixth Form and, beyond that, university.

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**YOU LEARN MORE IN LESSONS AT WHSB
BECAUSE BEING INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS
IS FUN!**

Alfie, Year 7”

PASTORAL CARE

The welfare of our pupils is a duty we take very seriously. All members of staff have a responsibility for ensuring the well-being of each individual pupil. At WHSB, education is underpinned by a pastoral system which meets the changing needs of our pupils from their carefully phased induction into Year 7 through to their completion of Sixth Form study. Each phase of a pupil's education is supported by the work of our Lower, Middle and Sixth Form Pastoral Offices. Each Pastoral Office is overseen by a Head of School who leads a dedicated team of Progress Leaders and a full-time Pastoral Tutor. Parents can contact the Pastoral Offices directly if they wish to discuss any aspect of their child's education and well-being.

The tutor group is at the heart of our pastoral care, and Form Tutors are the primary source of guidance for pupils. Form Tutors are supported by Pastoral Leaders within a framework of care and guidance which fosters both academic progress and personal development. We have high expectations of our pupils, both inside and outside of the classroom, as they progress through School.

Pupils and students take an active role in the pastoral system. Our Sixth Form students are attached to the Form Groups of younger pupils as Form Captains, and also offer their services as academic mentors in their specialist subjects. We use our daily assemblies to encourage empathy, tolerance and community service. Concern for welfare beyond the School is demonstrated in the wide range of charitable events, including the Charity Weeks arranged by Year 7 and Year 12 pupils which raise awareness, and significant funds, for worthy causes.





A background image of a student in a white lab coat working in a science laboratory. The student is focused on a task at a workbench, with various laboratory equipment visible. The lighting is warm and the scene is slightly blurred, emphasizing the text overlay.

DEVELOPING MORAL VALUES

The quality of moral and social guidance is a particular strength at WHSB. Our pupils learn that principles matter and underpin one's character, personal integrity and reputation. They understand that honesty, reliability and tolerance pave the way to personal growth and contentment. A WHSB pupil knows the value of honour and dignity.

Pupils are taught that individual freedom is not without boundaries because it carries with it a personal responsibility to respect oneself and others. We provide pupils with a clear moral framework which is integral to our daily assemblies, teaching programmes, and our ethos.

Pupils are encouraged to recognise the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations, and to appreciate that we have obligations to others and to our community. To that end, pupils have many opportunities to be of service within the School and the wider community through a variety of roles such as Subject Mentors, Prefects and Form Captains.

WHSB promotes spiritual fulfilment and cultural awareness in its pupils. They are encouraged to identify and establish personal interests which build confidence, increase self-awareness and develop compassion.

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THE FOCUS ON PERSONAL INTEGRITY ENSURES THAT PUPILS DO THE RIGHT THING.

Kye, Year 7

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STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY

At WHSB, we promote the same sense of belonging and community spirit outside of the School as we do within it. We value highly the links we have fostered and maintained with our local area: the interaction between WHSB and the wider community benefits those around us while broadening our pupils' horizons and enhancing their educational outcomes.

All pupils choose two foreign languages to study in Year 7 and we believe this assists them in beginning to unlock the cultures of other countries. WHSB has close links with schools throughout Europe, and our pupils enjoy wide-ranging exchange programmes and visits across the globe. Some of our students also choose to undertake voluntary work overseas during the summer or during a gap year prior to entering university.

Our Sixth Form students work with the elderly and disabled and support more than 50 local primary schools helping younger pupils to develop their reading skills. We host conferences in a variety of subjects, weekly primary school workshops and provide Saturday classes for local Year 5 pupils considering taking the 11+ Test.

The Old Westcliffian Association and Alumni help us to maintain strong links with our former students who are located around the world. We are proud of their many achievements and delighted that they choose to stay in touch.





SPORTING DIVERSITY

Sport is an important part of life at WHSB. We are passionate about sport, and value the role it plays in promoting healthy lifestyles, instilling discipline, fostering effective communication, enhancing leadership qualities and developing character.

No matter what a pupil's age or ability, there are sporting opportunities available to them. We are committed to competing at the very highest levels and have achieved notable successes in local, regional and national competitions across a range of sports. If representative sport does not appeal, there are many other ways to become involved, including recreational sports clubs and inter-House sporting competitions.

Our sporting facilities are first-class, including a four-court multi-purpose Sports Hall, a modern Fitness Suite, an all-weather athletics area, several rugby and football pitches, two cricket squares and much more besides.

Sporting opportunities include: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Cross-Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Rugby, Skiing, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis and Tennis.

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THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE AMAZING AND ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO PARTICIPATE AND WORK TOGETHER.

Alfie, Year 7

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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A distinctive feature of life at WHSB is our extra-curricular provision. We believe this is vital in building happy, successful and rounded young people with the instinct and desire to continue learning throughout their lives. Our provision is diverse, extensive and continually evolving. In Music, we support choirs, string ensembles, jazz bands, a Big Band and a full Symphony Orchestra. Drama is also a strength at WHSB and each year we stage a number of productions, led by both pupils and teachers. Pupils have the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, as well as our thriving Combined Cadet Force.

Our variety of clubs and societies is extensive and ranges from Poetry to Robotics, from Debating to Medicine, and from Chess to Wargaming. We also encourage pupils to establish societies and extend their own interests in doing so. At the same time, teachers lead regular day and residential trips, including theatre and musical visits, trips to Iceland, Barcelona, and Russia, tours of the battlefields in Belgium and France, annual ski trips, and foreign exchanges.

There is something for everyone at WHSB and we encourage all our pupils to participate and extend their horizons. At WHSB, pupils often take their first steps in developing the interests and enthusiasms that become their hinterland in adult life. These experiences give them the self-confidence to manage change and lead successful and fulfilling lives.



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