

Dear Old Westcliffian,



The Old Westcliffian Association Annual Dinner The Main Hall, Friday 30 June 2023, 6.45pm

Arrangements for this year's Old Westcliffian Annual Dinner this summer are well underway. Due to major works planned for the refurbishment of the School Hall during the summer break, this year's dinner will be held on **Friday 30 June**, however we anticipate this timing will also be more attractive for those Old Westcliffians currently attending University.

Those Old Westcliffians, including our current Upper Sixth students, who wish to attend the dinner are most welcome to also bring along their spouse, partner or guest.

Dinner will commence at 6.45pm (a bar service will be available from 6.00pm) although those attending the dinner are welcome to tour the School to view our Centenary Room (which displays many school artefacts from the last 100 years) and our School history boards and many historical photographs. The School will be open to guests from 5.30pm and School Prefects will be on hand to give guided tours (guest are welcome to tour unaccompanied if they prefer).

As always, this is a splendid opportunity for Old Westcliffians to return to WHSB to meet up with old friends and members of staff, as well as meeting with new friends from across generations of former pupils from our wonderful School.

Last year, we altered the format of our Annual Dinner to include some high quality musical accompaniment from our current pupils; this format was well-received and enjoyed during the dinner while Old Westcliffians chatted with old friends. Equally, taking into consideration feedback concerning a wish to maximise opportunities for catching up on news and socialising, we also trialled the removal of speeches and always welcome feedback on these adjustments. We are delighted to share with you that, once again, we shall be offering a similar format for the evening on 30 June. This will include a brief report on the School from myself and some reflections from our School Captain.

The Old Westcliffian Annual Dinner is an important event in the School's calendar; aside from the direct benefit of keeping in touch and maintaining friendships, the richness of the experiences of our current pupils is greatly enhanced by a strong Alumni and we would be delighted if you would join us for the dinner this year.

This event will be held at the School and tickets are available from **Ticketsource** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/westcliff-on-sea/westcliff-high-school-for-boys/> or, if more convenient, you are welcome to contact Mr Jon Gershinson (OWA Secretary) directly at secretary@oldwestcliffianassociation.org

We look forward to seeing you there.

With best wishes,

M A Skelly
Headmaster

