

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



## THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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for ease of reference during the year*

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## ACADEMIC STAFF – SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Headmaster</b>	Mr M A Skelly, B.A. (Maynooth), M.A. (Open)		
<b>Deputy Headmaster</b>	Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab)		
<b>Second Deputy Head</b>	Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab)		
<b>Third Deputy Head</b>	Miss G Fairfax, LL.B. (Kings), Maîtrise (Sorbonne)		
<b>Assistant Heads:</b>	Mr A R Dean, B.Sc. (UEA), M.Ed. (Canterbury)		
<b>Directors of School:</b>	Lower School: Mr A Baggs, B.Sc., M.A.(London) Middle School: Mr A Barnett, B.Sc. (York) Sixth Form: Mrs K Revell, B.Sc. (Middlesex).		
<b>Associate Assistant Heads:</b>	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield); Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's); Mr T Derrick*, B.Mus. (Birmingham)		
<b>ART</b>	Mrs K Allard*, B.A. (Havering) Mrs C Glassock, B.A. (Surrey Institute)	<b>MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES</b>	Ms J McKeown* B.A., M.A. (Cantab) Ms M Niedziela, M.A. (East Anglia) -* <i>German</i> Mr G Rayment, M.A. (Nottingham) -* <i>French</i> Ms A Bernárdez Touceda B.A (Vigo, Spain) Mr L Chanut-Garde, B.A. (Jean Monnet, France) Miss G Fairfax, LL.B. (Kings), Maîtrise (Sorbonne) Mrs T Genthe*, M.A. (Berlin) Mr G Madrid, B.A. (Alicante, Spain) Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T. Ms J James*, B.A. (Open)
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>	Mr R Steel*, B.Sc. (Bath) Dr S Johnson, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.) (London), Ph.D. (Greenwich)	<b>MUSIC</b>	Mr T Derrick*, B.Mus. (Birmingham) Mr A Wood, B.Mus. (London)
<b>DESIGN &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	Mr C Wright*, B.Sc. (Anglia) Mr A M Moore, B.Ed. (Liverpool) Miss D Onimisi, B.A. (Hertfordshire)	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	Mr M Fitcher *, B.Sc. (Surrey) Mr J Sexton, B.A. (London) Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab) Mr H Marrant / Mr M Bowles (Sport Coaches)
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	Mr P J J Cunneen*, B.A. (Nottingham) Mr A Baggs, B.Sc., M.A. (London) Mr A R Dean, B.Sc. (UEA), M.Ed. (Canterbury) Mr M R North, B.Sc. (Kent) Mrs E Carpenter*, B.A. (Leeds)	<b>PSYCHOLOGY</b>	Mrs D Jenkins*, B.A. (W. Ontario), B.Ed. (Toronto)
<b>ENGLISH</b>	Miss C Bailey, B.A. (Exeter) * Miss C Ives, B.A. (Open) Mr S Lilley, B.Sc. (Aston) Miss Y Arunkumar, B.A. (Ashoka, India), M.Phil. (Cambridge) Mr M Wheeler, B.A. (Birmingham) Miss S Wood, B.A. (Nottingham)	<b>RELIGIOUS STUDIES</b>	Miss L Bidwall*, B.A. (Wolverhampton) Mrs K Cook, B.A. (Swansea) Mr T Hiller, B.A. (Cardiff)
<b>GEOGRAPHY and GEOLOGY</b>	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield) Mr R D Barber, B.Sc. (London) -* <i>PSHEE</i> Mr P Marlow, M.Sc. (London) - * <i>Geology</i> Mr L Norman, B.Sc. (Exeter) Mr N H Cooper*, B.Sc. (East Anglia) Mrs K Revell, B.Sc. (Middlesex) - * <i>SENDCO</i>	<b>SCIENCE</b>	Dr D Prendergast, B.Sc. (Galway), Ph.D. (Belfast) -* <i>Science &amp; Biology</i> Mr K Dalby, M.Phys. (Salford) -* <i>Physics</i> Mr D Wightman, M.Sc. (East Anglia) -* <i>Chemistry</i> Dr M Archer, B.Sc (Manchester) Mr D Buckley, B.Sc. (Middlesex) Mr S W Hudson, B.Eng. (C.N.A.A.), M.Sc. (Bristol), C.Eng., MI.Mech.E. Mr R Jones, M.Sc. (Greenwich) Mrs E Lo-Whitford, B.Sc. (London) Mr T Mansfield, B.Sc. (Warwick) Mr S Marriott, B.Sc. (London), M.Sc. (London) Miss B Negus, M.Sc. (Greenwich) Mr H J Tresidder, B.Sc. (Swansea) Mr O Turner, B.Sc. (Exeter) Mr C Selukwe, B.Sc, M.Sc./Mr A Williams, B.Sc. (Portsmouth) Miss D Clayton, B.Sc. (Bristol)
<b>HISTORY and POLITICS</b>	Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's) Mr R C Stevens, M.A. (Oxon & London) -* <i>Politics</i> Mrs R Shankster, B.A. (Southampton) Dr C Platts, B.A. (Trinity), D.Phil. (Cambridge) Mr R Martin, B.A. (Preston) Miss G Jackson, M.A. (Exeter)	<b>STAFF TUTOR</b>	Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T.
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Miss A James*, B.Sc. (Reading) Mr J Alexander, B.A. (Cambridge) Mr A Barnett, B.Sc. (York) Mrs L Hammond, B.Sc. (Manchester) Mr N Huntington, M.A. (Southampton) Mr A Kallon, M.Sc (London South Bank) Mr A Lo, B.Sc. (Nottingham) Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab) Dr R F McCarthy, B.Sc. (Southampton), Ph.D. (Cantab) Mr S Rahman, B.Sc. (Birmingham) Mr W Soares-Davidson, B.A. (Sheffield) <i>*Head of Department    *Part-time member of staff</i>	<b>PASTORAL TUTORS</b>	Mrs J Radford*/Ms E Lambert* (Lower School), Mr N Wilson (Middle School) & Mrs C Burden/ Ms A May/Mr L Courtney/Ms J James* (Sixth Form Pastoral Assistants) Mrs K Revell / Mr D Wightman (Assistant) Mrs C Burden (TA Supervisor), Mrs V Diana, Miss T Goldsmith*, Mr H Marrant, Ms E Lambert*, Mr J Shulton
		<b>SENDCO TEACHING ASSISTANTS/COVER</b>	

### FORM TUTORS AND PROGRESS LEADERS 2024-25

7N	Mr Wood	8N	Mr Wheeler	9N	Miss Wood	10N	Ms McKeown	11N	Mr Lilley
7S	Mr Sexton	8S	Mr Mansfield	9S	Ms Niedziela	10S	Ms Bidwall	11S	Miss Bailey
7E	Miss Onimisi	8E	Mr Moore	9E	Miss James	10E	Mr Marriott	11E	Mr Rahman
7W	Mr Dalby	8W	Mr North	9W	Mrs Allard	10W	Dr McCarthy/Miss Arunkumar	11W	Mr Wright
7C	Ms Bernárdez Touceda	8C	Mr Turner	9C	Mr Kallon	10C	Mr Lo	11C	Dr Shepherd
7L	Miss Jackson	8L	Dr Platts	9L	Mr Buckley	10L	Mr Fitcher	11L	Mr Rayment

L6A	Dr Archer	U6A	Mrs Jenkins	<b>PASTORAL GUIDANCE</b>	Mr A M Farrell, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.)
L6B	Mrs Hammond	U6B	Mrs Carpenter/Mr Cunneen	<b>PROGRESS LEADERS</b>	
L6C	Mrs Cook/Mr Alexander	U6C	Mr Marlow/Mrs Genthe	Year 7	Miss Ives
L6D	Mr Huntington	U6D	Dr Prendergast	Year 8	Mr Norman
L6E	Mr Stevens	U6E	Mr Wightman	Year 9	Mr Tresidder
L6F	Mrs Lo-Whitford	U6F	Mr Steel	Year 10	Mrs Shankster
L6G	Mr Hudson	U6G	Mr Barber	Year 11	Miss B Negus
L6H	Mr Martin	U6H	Mr Derrick	Lower Sixth	Mr Chanut/Mr Jones
L6I	Mr Jeffreys	U6I	Dr Johnson	Upper Sixth	Mr Madrid
L6J	Mrs Glassock/Mr Marrant	U6J	Mr Hiller		
				<b>HEADS OF HOUSE</b>	
				<i>Osprey</i>	Mr Rayment
				<i>Merlin</i>	Mr Sexton
				<i>Kestrel</i>	Mr Madrid
				<i>Harrier</i>	Mr Marrant
				House Co-ordinator	Mr Barber

### ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PREMISES STAFF

Director of Finance & Accounting	Mr S Rothon ACMA	Community Development Office	Mrs J Clarke*
School Bursar	Mrs N Darby	Director of Technology/Deputy Director/Technician	Mr J Kennedy/Mr K Rand/ Mr J Quinn
Headmaster's PA	Mrs D Holley	Reprographics Manager	Mr C Hadley
Examinations Officer/Cover Manager	Mrs A Economou	Librarian/Assistant	Mrs M Schofield*/Mrs J Oats*
Facilities and Premises Manager	Miss E Lewis	Science Technicians	Mr R Gutierrez/Mrs C Dawar/Mr R Jones
Finance Assistant	Mrs G Marrant	Technology and Art Technician	Ms H Seomore
HR Assistant	Mrs C Warren	Caretakers	Mr M Last/Mr M Missen
Data Administrator	Ms M Flynn	6th Form Cafe Manager/Assistant	Mrs C Brown*/Mrs M Marr*
Receptionists (Morning)/(Afternoon)	Mrs K Kent/Miss J Baimbridge	Premises Maintenance	Mr G Marlow
Uniform Shop Manager	Mrs I Gimbutiene*	Groundskeeper	Mr R Lee
Careers & WRL Co-ordinator	Mr M Atkinson	Senior Staff Instructor (CCF)	Mr P Sell

## BASIC RULES FOR PUPILS

### As a pupil at Westcliff, you should:

1. Dress in School uniform and ensure high standards of personal cleanliness, neatness and presentation. Pupils must meet the requirement of the Conduct Card at all times.
2. Conduct yourself sensibly in School, coming to School and going from School.
3. Respect the authority of staff who may reasonably give direction to pupils on matters of work, language, safety and conduct.
4. Respect the property of the School and of others in the School and in particular the equipment, books, materials and facilities the School provides.
5. Act as a responsible member of the School community showing good manners, kindness, common sense and consideration towards others.
6. Never run in the corridors; show courtesy and respect by walking on the left in single file at busy times, not pushing others and keeping your voice down.
7. Care for your Form Room, sitting on chairs rather than tables and never eating, drinking, chewing gum or shouting in Form Rooms.
8. Ensure that paper and wrappers are properly disposed of, that other litter is picked up if seen around the building and that bags are deposited tidily.
9. Enter and exit classrooms in an orderly manner, be seated and be ready for the lesson to begin.

### Pupils at Westcliff must never:

1. Disobey a reasonable request of a member of staff or speak to staff in an insolent, offensive or abusive manner.
2. Bring into School or take on a School visit or purchase on a School visit a knife, a gun or any other implement which has the potential to cause harm to others.
3. Introduce drugs, tobacco, vaping materials, alcohol or other illegal or age-restricted substances to the School community or promote or sell these things within the community.
4. Behave aggressively, provocatively or offensively towards others either in School, travelling to and from School or online, whether physically, verbally, in writing or by electronic means.
5. Abuse Information Technology either within the School or through communication with members of the School from outside the School.
6. Have mobile phones or similar equipment 'live' on School days between 8.00am and 4.15pm.
7. Use mobile phones for calls, information retrieval, texting or photography in School between 8.00am and 4.15pm.
8. Visit the area behind the Theatre and to the south or west of the Sports Hall as these areas are out of bounds to pupils, except when supervised by a member of staff.

## NOTES ON SCHOOL UNIFORM, PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND EQUIPMENT

### The main items of School Uniform are:

Navy blue blazer with School badge  
Black trousers of conventional material and cut  
White shirt with conventional collar  
School House tie

School V-necked pullover is optional. No other garments are acceptable  
Black shoes of conventional shape and style. Boots are not acceptable  
Dark grey or black socks

### PE and Games Kit: The following items are required:

#### From the School Shop:

Navy shorts  
PE singlets (with House colour)  
Reversible rugby jersey (with House colour)  
Navy rugby shorts  
Rugby socks (maroon/gold top)  
Plain white PE socks (i.e. no logo)  
Towel / Shin pads / Gum shield  
Rugby/football boots with either moulded studs or BS6366 screw-in rugby studs

Kit bag and boot bag  
Security bag for personal valuables

#### Items needed but not available from the School Shop:

Predominantly white training shoes  
Whites will be required for those selected for cricket teams.

### Personal Appearance:

School uniform should always be clean and tidy. Shoes should be polished regularly. Hair should be clean, tidy and a natural colour. **Extremes of style and length are not acceptable.** The Headmaster is the final arbiter of what is acceptable.

### Practical Lessons:

Safety glasses and a laboratory coat (not nylon) must be worn in Science / Design & Technology lessons. Pupils are also asked to provide protective clothing for Art lessons.

### Other Equipment:

Pupils entering the School are also asked to have available:

- Bible
- English Dictionary
- French/Spanish/German Dictionary
- Calculator capable of manipulating fractions, performing statistical calculations and having scientific functions
- Pencil case with coloured pencils
- Bag suitable for carrying books
- Geometrical drawing instruments, including a protractor, a pair of compasses and 30cm transparent ruler

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**, and other essential School items, can be purchased online via the School website or by using the direct link: <https://whsforboys.shoptill-e.com>. The opening times of the school shop are on the website.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The School offers a range of extra-curricular activities for pupils in all Years. Practice schedules for extra-curricular activities are either arranged before School, at lunchtime or after School. The Orchestra (The Sinfonia), other Groups and Ensembles rehearse once a week at times arranged by the Music Department. Concerts and Recitals are a prominent feature of our extra-curricular life. Societies meet either at lunchtime or after School and suggestions for new Societies and activities are always welcome. Field Visits are a regular feature of public examinations work in a number of subjects. The list below provides details of some of the extra-curricular activities available.

### Sport:

Rugby  
Football  
Athletics  
Cricket  
Badminton  
Basketball  
Table Tennis  
Tennis  
Cross-Country  
Swimming  
Squash

### Music:

Sinfonia  
String Orchestra  
Big Band  
Junior Jazz Band  
Concert Band  
Theory Club  
Choir

### Societies:

Chess Club  
Technology Club  
Wargames Club  
Science Society  
Debating Society  
Film Club  
**Field Visits**  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Geography  
Geology  
History

### Other Activities:

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)  
Duke of Edinburgh Award  
Annual Ski Trip  
Foreign Exchanges  
House Competitions  
Drama Programme  
Public Speaking

### Cultural Visits:

To the Royal Festival Hall/Royal Albert Hall  
To the National Theatre and other Theatres

### Education Events:

Two are held each year to enable worthwhile current issues in Education to be considered

**THE SCHOOL FRONT RECEPTION** is open from 8.00am until 5.00pm when the School is in session. Pastoral Offices are open to pupils between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

### THE GOVERNING BOARD - SEPTEMBER 2024

**Headmaster:** Mr M A Skelly M.A.

**Chair:** Ms F Colwell/Mr A Cole

**Vice-Chairman:** Dr P Guyler

**Academy Trust Governors**

Mr C Casey (2026)

Mr A Cole (2028)

Ms F Colwell (2025)

Mr R Galvin (2028)

Mr M Solomons (2025)

Dr T Nageh (2025)

**Parent Governors**

Mr J Currell (2024)

Dr P Guyler (2024)

**Co-opted Governor**

Mr K Luxon (2028)

**Staff Governors**

Vacancy

Mr R Steel (2025)

**Clerk to the Governing Board**

Mr S Rothern

The year in brackets after the name indicates the year up to which present service will run. Meetings of the Governing Board in the academic year 2024-25 will take place on 24 September 2024, 17 December 2024, 25 March 2025 and 15 July 2025. The Governing Board also has four sub-committees.

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs J Clarke is the current Chair of the Association, Mrs C Goodwin-Self, Secretary, and Mrs S Ghauri, Treasurer. Enquiries about the Parents' Association should be directed to the Committee via email [pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk).

### SCHOOL YEARS 2024-25

	2024-25	2025-26
<b>AUTUMN TERM:</b>		
Staff Development Day:	Tuesday 3 September 2024	Monday 1 September 2025
Term Begins:	Wednesday 4 September 2024	Tuesday 2 September 2025
Half Term:	28 October – 1 November 2024 inclusive	27 – 31 October 2025
Staff Development Day:	Monday 4 November 2024	Monday 3 November 2025
Term Ends:	Friday 20 December 2024	Friday 19 December 2025
<b>SPRING TERM:</b>		
Staff Development Day:	Monday 6 January 2025	N/A
Term Begins:	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Half Term:	17 – 21 February 2025	16 – 20 February 2026
Staff Development Day:	Monday 24 February 2025	Monday 23 February 2026
Term Ends:	Friday 4 April 2025	Friday 27 March 2026
<b>SUMMER TERM:</b>		
Staff Development Day:	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 13 April 2026
Term Begins:	Wednesday 23 April 2025	Tuesday 14 April
Public Holiday(s):	Monday 5 May 2025	Monday 4 and Monday 25 May 2026
Staff Development Day:	N/A	N/A
Half Term:	26 – 30 May 2025 inclusive	26 – 29 May 2026
Term Ends:	Wednesday 23 July 2025	Friday 17 July 2026

*N.B. The School is closed to pupils on Staff Development Days*

### REPORTS AND PARENTS' MEETINGS 2024-25

Year	First Report	Second Report	Third Report	Parents' Evening / Beginning of Consultations
<b>7</b>	18 October 2024	21 March 2025	18 July 2025	18 November 2024
<b>8</b>	12 November 2024	28 March 2025	18 July 2025	9 December 2024
<b>9</b>	24 October 2024	3 March 2025	11 July 2025	17 March 2025
<b>10</b>	15 November 2024	11 March 2025	11 July 2025	28 April 2025
<b>11</b>	18 October 2024	21 January 2025	14 March 2025 (Targeted)	3 February 2025
<b>Lower Sixth</b>	4 October 2024	24 January 2025	6 June 2025 (Data only) 27 June 2025	3 March 2025
<b>Upper Sixth</b>	11 October 2024	7 February 2025	28 March 2025 (Targeted)	25 November 2024

N.B. Year 11 Trial Examination Results issued 13 December 2024  
Year 9 Options Evening – 13 March 2025