

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



THE SCHOOL YEAR 2026 – 2027

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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ACADEMIC STAFF – SEPTEMBER 2026

Headmaster	Mr M A Skelly, B.A. (Maynooth), M.A. (Open)
Deputy Headmaster	Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab)
Second Deputy Head	Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab)
Third Deputy Head	Miss G Fairfax, LL.B. (Kings), Maitrise (Sorbonne)
Assistant Heads:	Mr A R Dean, B.Sc. (UEA), M.Ed. (Canterbury)

Directors of School:	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).
Associate Assistant Heads:	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield); Mr B Jeffreys*, M.A. (St Andrew's)

ART	Mrs G Shaw*, B.A. (Lincs & Hums) Mrs C Glasscock, B.A. (Surrey Institute)
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MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES	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 J De Bettencourt, B.A. (Bristol) Miss G Fairfax, LL.B. (Kings), Maitrise (Sorbonne) 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)
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COMPUTER SCIENCE	Mr R Steel*, B.Sc. (Bath) Dr S Johnson, B.Sc. (C.N.A.A.) (London), Ph.D. (Greenwich) Mr A North, B.Sc (Birmingham) +
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DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Mr A M Moore, B.Ed. (Liverpool) Miss D Onimisi, B.A. (Hertfordshire) Mr M Reeves, B.A. (Anglia Polytechnic)
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ECONOMICS	Mr M R North*, B.Sc. (Kent) + Mr A Baggs, B.Sc., M.A. (London) Mr A R Dean, B.Sc. (UEA), M.Ed. (Canterbury) Mr T Stuttle, B.Sc. (Nottingham)
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MUSIC	Mr A Wood*, B.Mus. (London) Mrs H Machacek, B.A. (Oxford), M.Sc (Open)
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ENGLISH	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) Ms E Peterson, B.A., (Cambridge) Miss S Wood, B.A. (Nottingham)
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Mr M Fitcher *, B.Sc. (Surrey) Mr F Gilmour, B.Sc (Brunel) Mr J Tottman, (Buckingham) Mr J Sexton, B.A. (London) Mr W S Williams, B.Ed. (Exeter), M.Ed. (Cantab) Mr H Marrant and Mr J Tottman (Sports Coaches)
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PSYCHOLOGY	Mrs D Jenkins*, B.A. (W. Ontario), B.Ed. (Toronto)
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GEOGRAPHY and GEOLOGY	Dr M Shepherd*, B.A. (Manchester), Ph.D. (Sheffield) Mr R D Barber, B.Sc. (London) –* <i>PSHEE</i> Miss S Blackman, B.A. (Royal Holloway) Mr P Marlow, M.Sc. (London) – * <i>Geology</i> Mrs K Revell, B.Sc. (Middlesex) – * <i>SENDCCO</i> Miss N Young, G.A (Durham) +
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RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Miss L Bidwall*, B.A. (Wolverhampton) Mrs K Cook, B.A. (Swansea) Mr T Hiller, B.A. (Cardiff)
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HISTORY and POLITICS	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) Miss G Jackson, M.A. (Exeter)
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SCIENCE	Dr D Prendergast, B.Sc. (Galway), Ph.D. (Belfast) –* <i>Science & 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 N Hawthorne, B.A. (Cambridge), M.A. (Imperial) Mr S W Hudson, B.Eng. (C.N.A.A.), M.Sc. (Bristol), C.Eng., Ml.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 A Williams, B.Sc. (Portsmouth)
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MATHEMATICS	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 Hawthorne, B.A. (Cambridge), M.A. (Imperial) Mr N Huntington, M.A. (Southampton) Mr A Lo, B.Sc. (Nottingham) Mr M W Manning, M.A. (Cantab) Dr R F McCarthy, B.Sc. (Southampton), Ph.D. (Cantab) Mr A North, B.Sc (Birmingham) + Mr S Rahman, B.Sc. (Birmingham) Mr A Risk, B.Sc. (Portsmouth) Mr T Stuttle, B.Sc. (Nottingham)
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STAFF TUTOR PASTORAL TUTORS	Mrs J H Williams, M.A. (Cantab), M.Ed (Cantab), M.C.C.T. Mrs J Radford*/Mrs V Diana* (Lower School), Mr N Wilson (Middle School) & Mrs C Burden (Sixth Form), Ms A May/Mr D Griffiths (Sixth Form Pastoral Assistants) Mrs K Revell / Mr D Wightman (Assistant SENDCo) Mrs C Burden (TA Supervisor), Mrs C Ray-Smith, Miss T Goldsmith*, Mr H Marrant, Mr O Northfield Mrs E Lo-Whitford (Team Leader), Dr C Platts, Mr R Stevens, Ms E Peterson, Mr S Marriott
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FORM TUTORS AND PROGRESS LEADERS 2026-27

7N	Miss Blackman	8N	Miss Wood	9N	Mr Moore	10N	Ms McKeown	11N	Mr Lilley
7S	Mr Mansfield	8S	Ms Niedziela	9S	Mr M North	10S	Ms Bidwall	11S	Miss Bailey
7E	Miss Arunkumar	8E	Miss A James	9E	Miss Onimisi	10E	Mr Barnes	11E	Mr Rahman
7W	Mr Wood	8W	Mr Gilmour	9W	Mr Dalby	10W	Dr McCarthy/Mr Hawthorne	11W	Mr Fitcher
7C	Mr Sexton	8C	Miss J James	9C	Ms A Bernárdez Touceda	10C	Mr Lo	11C	Dr Shepherd
7L	Mr Risk	8L	Miss Young	9L	Mr A North	10L	Mrs Shaw	11L	Mr Rayment

L6A	Dr Archer	U6A	Mrs Jenkins/Miss Peterson
L6B	Mrs Hammond	U6B	Dr Platts
L6C	Mrs Cook/Mr Stuttle	U6C	Mr Alexander
6D	Mr Huntington	U6D	Dr Prendergast
L6E	Mr Stevens	U6E	Mr Wightman
L6F	Mr A Williams	U6F	Mr Steel
L6G	Mr Hudson	U6G	Mr Barber
L6H	Mrs Machacek	U6H	Mr Marriott
L6I	Mr Jeffreys	U6I	Dr Johnson
L6J	Mrs Glasscock/Mr De Bettencourt	U6J	Mr Hiller

PROGRESS LEADERS		HEADS OF HOUSE	
Year 7	Miss Negus		
Year 8	Mr Tresidder	<i>Osprey</i>	Mr Rayment
Year 9	Miss Ives/Mr Turner	<i>Merlin</i>	Mr Sexton
Year 10	Mrs Shankster/Miss Jackson	<i>Kestrel</i>	Mr Madrid
Year 11	Mr Atkinson	<i>Harrier</i>	Mr Marrant
Lower Sixth	Mr Jones	House Co-ordinator	Mr Barber
Upper Sixth	Mr Madrid		

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PREMISES STAFF

Director of Finance & Accounting	Mr S Rothon ACMA	Director of Technology/Deputy Director/Technician/	Mr J Kennedy/Mr K Rand/Mr A Pincombe
School Bursar	Mrs N Darby	ICT Apprentice	Mr J Jackson
Headmaster's PA	Mrs D Holley	Reprographics Manager	Mr C Hadley
Examinations Officer/Cover Manager	Mrs A Economou	Librarian/Assistant	Mrs J Oats*/Mr O Northfield*
Facilities and Premises Manager	Ms E Lambert	Science Technicians	Ms C Korboe/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 S Hacker
Careers & WRL Co-ordinator	Mr M Atkinson	School Staff Instructor (CCF)	Mr H Hague
Community Development Office	Mrs J Clarke*	<i>*Head of Department *Part-time member of staff</i>	

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:

<i>From the School Shop:</i>	• Navy shorts • PE singlets (with House colour) • Reversible rugby jersey (with House colour) • Navy rugby shorts • Rugby socks (maroon/gold top)	• Kit bag and boot bag • Security bag for personal valuables
<i>Items needed but not available from the School Shop:</i>	• 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	• 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:

- 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:	Music:	Societies:	Other Activities:	Cultural Visits:
Rugby	Sinfonia	Chess Club	Combined Cadet Force (CCF)	To the Royal Festival Hall/Royal Albert Hall
Football	String Orchestra	Technology Club	Duke of Edinburgh Award	To the National Theatre and other Theatres
Athletics	Big Band	Wargames Club	Annual Ski Trip	
Cricket	Junior Jazz Band	Science Society	Foreign Exchanges	
Badminton	Concert Band	Debating Society	House Competitions	
Basketball	Theory Club	Film Club	Drama Programme	
Table Tennis	Choir	Field Visits	Public Speaking	
Tennis		Biology		Education Events:
Cross-Country		Chemistry		Two are held each year to enable worthwhile current
Swimming		Geography		issues in Education to be considered
Squash		Geology		
		History		

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 2026

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 –
Mr R Galvin (2028)
Mr M Solomons –
Dr T Nageh –

Parent Governors

Mr D Bambrick (2028)
Dr H Moore (2028)

Co-opted Governor

Mr K Luxon (2028)

Staff Governors

Miss A James (2028)
Mr D Wightman (2029)

Clerk to the Governing Board

Mr S Rothon

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 2026–27 will take place on 22 September 2026, 15 December 2026, 23 March 2027 and 13 July 2026. The Governing Board also has four sub-committees.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Enquiries about the Parents' Association should be directed to the Parents' Association via email pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk.

SCHOOL YEARS 2026–27

	2026–27	2027–28
AUTUMN TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Wednesday 1 September 2027
Term Begins:	Wednesday 2 September 2026	Thursday 2 September 2027
Half Term:	Monday 26 – Friday 30 October 2026	Monday 25 – Friday 29 October 2027
Staff Development Day:	Monday 2 November 2026	Monday 1 November 2027
Term Ends:	Friday 18 December 2026	Friday 17 December 2027
SPRING TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Monday 4 January 2027	Tuesday 4 January 2028
Term Begins:	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Wednesday 5 January 2028
Half Term:	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2027	Monday 14 – Friday 18 February 2028
Staff Development Day:	Monday 22 February 2027	Monday 21 February 2028
Term Ends:	Thursday 25 March 2027	Friday 31 March 2028
SUMMER TERM:		
Staff Development Day:	Monday 12 April 2027	Tuesday 18 April 2028
Term Begins:	Tuesday 13 April 2027	Wednesday 19 April 2028
Public Holiday(s):	Monday 3 and Monday 31 May 2027	Monday 1 May and Monday 29 May 2028
Half Term:	1 – 4 June 2027	Tuesday 30 May – Friday 2 June
Staff Development Day:	N/A	N/A
Term Ends:	Wednesday 21 July 2027	Friday 21 July 2028

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

REPORTS AND PARENTS' MEETINGS 2026–27

Year	First Report	Second Report	Third Report	Parents' Evening / Beginning of Consultations
7	16 October 2026	19 March 2027	16 July 2027	16 November 2026
8	9 November 2026	25 March 2027	13 July 2027	7 December 2026
9	22 October 2026	26 February 2027	6 July 2027	15 March 2027
10	13 November 2026	9 March 2027	6 July 2027	26 April 2027
11	16 October 2026	19 January 2027	12 March 2027 (Targeted)	1 February 2027
Lower Sixth	2 October 2026	22 January 2027	11 June 2027 (Data only) 28 June 2027	1 March 2027
Upper Sixth	9 October 2026	5 February 2027	25 March 2027 (Targeted)	23 November 2026

N.B. Year 11 Trial Examination Results issued 11 December 2026

Year 9 Options Evening – 11 March 2027