



WESTHOLME SCHOOL

Name with qualifications	Vivienne Davenport MA (Oxon) - English
Year Joined Westholme	As a pupil, 1982! As an employee, 2006.
Education	Westholme, QEGS, Balliol College, Oxford.
Brief career history	I began employment doing sales at a local furniture company, Allermuir. I worked up through the ranks, heading up export and then moved to another food business. I did lots of varied commercial roles there and travelled extensively to the USA. Before I left to come here I completed a fast track Senior Executive Development Programme – brilliant grounding for coming to Westholme!
What attracted you to Westholme?	I was so happy here as a girl and Westholme has always had a special place in my heart. I was on maternity leave with my son, Adam, when I saw the advertisement for a new post, Westholme’s Development Director. I felt drawn to the organisation that had given me so much and I wanted to do something more worthwhile with my life than just make cash for shareholders! I have loved every minute of the last decade and enjoy seeing the pupils grow and thrive. Although I am responsible for the support functions here, it is important to all the staff in my team to know that we all do our bit for the children. They are the priority and that is so immensely rewarding.
Brief description of role in School	Anything that’s not teaching tends to wing its way to my desk! With my superb team, we look after everything from food, fees, fundraising, admissions, marketing, estates, buildings, buying everything the teachers need, unblocking toilets, weeding the grounds – to pretty much everything in between. It’s never dull!