

THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School

Name: Trevor Smith **Dates you were at school:** 1975-1979

1) What path have you taken since leaving school.

A levels at Peter Symonds'; Geography degree at Middlesex; then after a year of being a labourer, began a career in sports development – basically encouraging people to play sport, stay in sport and achieve in sport. 32 years later, after having worked in public and voluntary sectors, I run my own sports development consultancy business, based in Oxfordshire, but having worked across the globe, currently in Qatar, which will host the FIFA World Cup in 2022.

2) What advice would you give to your 14 year old self?

To stick up for yourself and your views, but listen to other people too-they may actually be right.

To always ask questions-be curious-learn from other people.

Be humble-nobody actually likes egos, even though they may seem powerful and influential at the time.

If you don't have a clear view of what you want to do, do what you enjoy.

Look after your body and mind, because no one else will do it for you.

3) What advice would you give to current Westgate School pupils?

Don't be afraid to be remarkable-when something goes well, there is no better feeling.

Control what YOU can control-the rest will happen anyway and there's nothing you can do about it.