



The end of the year approaches again with last week being the last of formal teaching in classrooms. This week Year 10 are out on work experience and the other years are enjoying activities week.

The staff and students returned from Kenya yesterday, emotionally and physically exhausted but stating how the trip was "life changing Miss". We look forward to them sharing these experiences with the wider school community over the coming months.

It is also time to say goodbye to those colleagues who are leaving this summer. From the non-teaching team **Nathan Burke** leaves the ICT technicians and heads off to university to broaden his education.

From the teaching staff we send our best wishes to:

Steph Brown who leaves science for a promotion to second in department at St Luke's in Exeter

Jules Castleden from English, (who left last summer but returned again!) becomes a children's advocate

Jason Eggleton who leaves Maths to see the world

Gina Elsworthy who, although retired from the Maths department in 2015, comes back like a boomerang to support our students

Mike Evans who leaves Design Technology to teach at St James' and he can cycle to work

Michael Holding who leaves us to focus on being a parent having become a father since he joined us

Ian McClaughlin (Mr Mac) who might now actually retire!

Hayley Payne who leaves us for hotter climes

Jack Spicer from English to explore different opportunities

Adam Wray from science who stepped in at short notice in January

and finally.....**Jan Sampson** who formally leaves THS after 31 years continuous and relentless service to the children of Tiverton and their families. Jan joined THS as a newly qualified teacher in 1976 when the price of a loaf of bread was 19p, we had experienced the hottest summer on record and Leonard (James) Callaghan was Prime Minister. Jan has seen many changes to state education and more directly to THS during that time but one thing that hasn't changed is her devotion to the young people she has supported and the generations of Tivertonians whose lives she has touched. On behalf of the Tiverton community thank you Jan, enjoy your well-earned retirement.

As a school community we have achieved lots this year and that is as a direct result of the commitment the staff, students, parents and governors have put in to making it an even better place than it was, so thank you. I hope you all have a fantastic summer break and we welcome students back to THS on Tuesday 5th September.

Sammy Crook

Arrangements for first day of Autumn Term

On the first day of term, Tuesday 5th September, Year 7 students are required to attend from 9am.

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 should be in school from 11.00am onwards. At the start of period 3, all students should attend their tutor bases.

Activities Week

This week, students from year 7, 8 and 9 have been taking part in Activities Week. Some students have been on residential trips including Kenya, Germany, London, North Wales and North Devon and others have taken part in day trips and activities in school. Here are just a few photos from the week – a full report will follow in September.

