

Vinehall School 2007



Staff News

The Vinehall staff work very hard indeed and we are enormously grateful to them for their dedication to high standards, their care, high expectations and the extra energy that is required for a Vinehall week.

Vinehall is fortunate indeed to have such a positive and supportive team of teachers and support and administrative staff who ensure that the children are our central concern. Life at Vinehall is never dull and there are many pressures on the adults who aim to combine individual attention with flexibility and provision of opportunity. Many extra hours are spent on extra trips and support, events and communication - even beyond the long week and the staff are generous and professional. Whilst we appreciate the wonderful facilities at Vinehall, the working environment and the success of the school are very much due to the efforts and commitment of the staff.



Mr Alan Hooper

Mr Alan Hooper retired in the summer of 2007 after ten years as Head of Classics at Vinehall. He has been a great character here and has promised to stay in touch through the Vinehall Singers.



Mr James Odell

Mrs Karen Cooper takes on the running of our Classics department, a role which she used to command at St Ronan's School. She will maintain the close links with local prep school Classics departments which Mr Hooper promoted and through her website, trips and Classics quizzes, she will continue to keep Latin alive and well! Mme Florence Powell will also teach Latin (whilst continuing to teach French) from September.



Mr James Odell

Mr James Odell has taken a position teaching English and drama in Maidenhead and passes leadership of the French department to Mrs Lesley Raymond who taught for us last year and has a strong professional reputation locally.



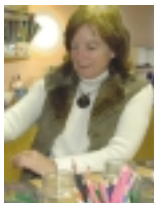
Mrs Pat Webster

Mrs Pat Webster retired after sixteen dedicated years at Vinehall. She has been a tower of strength in the boarding house and has taught mathematics and games here. Mrs Webster's experience and wisdom will be missed and we shall ensure that the annual Vinehall tennis tournament, 'Vimbleton' and the annual sponsored walk in aid of Rwanda will continue. We hope that she will remain a frequent visitor to Vinehall.

Mrs Alison Marris hands over the running of our boarding house at the end of this year so that she can take on the role of Head of RS. Mrs Marris has worked with verve and absolute commitment in the boarding house, maintaining boarding numbers through a lively programme of trips and activities organised by the boarding team and with the support of teaching staff.

Mr Magnus Caithness and Mrs Helen Caithness move to a newly created houseparents' flat in the centre of the boarding house. They will run boarding from September and Mrs Caithness will teach some maths whilst Mr Caithness teaches science and games.

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Mrs Judith McGloin



Mr Michael Lawless



Miss Annie Dron

Mrs Judy McGloin moved to France at Christmas, leaving her Year 2 class for a different way of life. She helped establish the Pre-Prep library and has always encouraged a lively interest in books and literacy which will be remembered by current pupils and Vines.

Mr Terry Cameron retired after sixteen years on our support staff, looking after the sports hall and pool. The children will miss his Christmas decorations and musical welcome in the mornings. Mr Danny Willard and Mrs Phyllis Willard, already key members of the support staff team, move into school accommodation and Mrs Kashia Rosa and Mr Pawell Rosa also move in to replace Monica Cervickova and Vladimir Strom, who have been wonderfully involved and caring members of the kitchen staff, to work as the support staff and help in the kitchen.

Mr Michael Lawless went on from his year in Vinehall's science department to Law School and Miss Annie Dron ended her time as Classroom Assistant and boarding house assistant, through which roles she has made herself seem indispensable, to move to Cambridge in order to undertake teacher training.

Mrs Jenny Shepherd, our energetic and highly committed teacher in charge of English as an Additional Language, left in order to spend more time with her family and Mrs Linda Callard is to step into this role in September.

Mrs Debbie Gearey produced and directed her last play, ending a run of top-class, outstanding productions, in order to concentrate on running the English department. She hands a terrifically successful drama department on to Mr Phil Young, an accomplished director and producer himself. Mr Edward Yeats-Brown and Mrs Joanna Yeats-Brown will teach examination preparation, extra support and games next term.

Sister Sarah Peters provided medical support for us during Sister Kate's maternity leave and we are grateful to her for her care. We congratulate Sister Kate Mannion on the birth of her fifth child, William, and welcome her back on a part-time basis.

GAPPERS

This year's Gap Students are Mr Jason Gunning, Mr Jeremy Reid, Miss Caroline Stapleton, Miss Amy Xu and Miss Mia Welsh. They support the pupils' learning in class as well as on the sports field and provide great value in extra-curricular activities.



Mr Terry Cameron



Monica Cervickova and Vladimir Strom



Sister Sarah Peters

