



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

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Dear pupils, parents and carers,

I've said all of this earlier in the year and repeated it many times, but I can't thank the St Martins School community enough for their heroic work over the last year. The staff have been incredible, adaptable, resilient and determined. The students have coped with their lack of freedom, weekly changes to routines and the remoteness of relationships. Parents you have supported school by becoming teachers in your own home and understanding and adapting to new techniques and ways of working.

We are all tired beyond tired and in assemblies today I have told students and staff to recharge their batteries and then spend the summer holidays doing all the things they love to do and things they haven't been able to do over the last year.

Today we say fare well to Hannah Pritchard, English teacher, who moves to a large Wrexham school, Autumn Cass, science teacher, who moves to join Thomas Adams school in Wem. We also say goodbye to Liz Devismes who has taught in a range of primary years and moves on to Shropshire Council to work in the SEN team. Sally Dawson our receptionist also leaves for retirement today after working at school for almost 21 years. Her professionalism and 'unflappable' approach to everything has been amazing.

We finally say goodbye to my deputy head Mr Wilkinson. He is going to follow his heart and work as a carpenter and bespoke builder. I have worked with Steve for 19 years and it has been a privilege to work with one of the most caring, knowledgeable leaders. Many children who find school difficult have benefitted from his care and wisdom and he has changed the lives of many students over his time here.



Leaving our governing body and shown in the photo (on the bench given to the school by Sally Dawson) are Judi Manford and Chris Hughes, with Mr Wilkinson. Judi has been on the governing body for many years and has worked specifically supporting the health and safety and finance areas of school.

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Chris Hughes has worked alongside Steve Wilkinson and has a huge knowledge of safeguarding, SEN and disadvantaged students.

Both of these fantastic ladies have given their valuable time freely and have been at the heart of the school improvements that have led St Martins school to be the school of choice for the local area. Governors work is unpaid but the rewards are enormous in seeing the success of the school and how that impacts on the local community.

I thank them both for supporting me through some challenging and difficult times and wish them all the best in the future.

I'm going now to lie in a dark room before planning the amazing things we will be doing at St Martins School in September.

Thank you all again and have a fabulous summer.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Lovecy
Head of School