



4th July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Farewell for the Summer

Thank you for your continued support over this busy, productive year – our young people have worked hard and achieved so much over the last 11 months. We have had 6 very successful residential trips across school and college where our students have taken themselves out of their comfort zone and pushed the boundaries of what they felt they could achieve, developing resilience and personal independence skills.

Many of our students at college have sat exams this year, and we are extremely proud of their determination to overcome their anxieties and show us what they can do.

We do have a few staff across school and college that are moving on to further their career and we would like to wish them all the best in the future.

Emily Wood is moving closer to home but continuing her excellent work with SEND pupils in a different provision. Gemma Green is leaving for another SEAX Trust school, and I know we will continue to see and work closely with her.

Karen MacLennan is moving to Scotland to continue her career there and Louise Anderson is also leaving us after 17 years – we wish them all the best for the future.

Pauline Nugus has recently become a nanna and is looking forward to spending her days with her new grandchild and Rachel Hayes is moving to work with younger children in a nursery provision.

Finally, our lovely cleaner Liz is retiring after many years at Thriftwood school.

We have been busy recruiting over the last term and have four new teachers joining us in September:-

Jody Kempster Swanson and Hannah Randell will be joining School and Peter Roberts and Jodie Brace will be joining College. We are all looking forward to welcoming them to our Thriftwood team.

I would like to wish you and your family a restful, fun and – hopefully – sun-filled summer break.

We look forward to welcoming all the pupils back on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

Kind regards

Your faithfully

Georgina Pryke
Headteacher