



Queen's Croft High School 'NEWSLETTER' - July 2016

After over 60 years of combined loyal service to the school, we are saying au revoir to Mr Forster, Mrs James and Mrs Young. During their tenure they have seen many changes and have played a pivotal role in the growth of the school. They will be leaving a huge hole in terms of their input into the daily life of the school. The trio have rolled up their sleeves and taken up challenges in all areas in terms of curriculum, leadership and management and enrichment activities. We wish them all the best in the future and hope they continue to keep us in their hearts. The difference they have made in the lives of many, many children will be remembered forever. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mrs Worthington who retired earlier in the year. She had similarly worked at the school for many years and had a powerful impact on a generation of Queen's Croft students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, governors, and families for your kind support in my first year at Queen's Croft High School and I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer break.

Peter Hawksworth
Headteacher

I knew after that first day at Queen's Croft that I would never want to leave such wonderful pupils who since that first day have constantly enriched my life. I am so grateful for that one opportunity which let me into the life of Queen's Croft and also the greatly appreciated opportunity for my career development within the school. Amazing Queen's Croft has shared its cathedral city setting with me to enjoy five days a week. This exceptional setting, which I have loved and appreciated every time I came to work, will be a special memory: nothing in all my previous schools could compare with it.

I have been lucky enough to work with many very valued staff who have been super colleagues and friends and who have also enriched my time here. So thank you! I will miss you all.
Janet James

I started teaching in September 1971 and after teaching PE in Leicester for one year decided to work in special schools which I have continued to do for the past 44 years.

When I walked into our school for the first time I was struck by an atmosphere that was warm, special and generated by the pupils who came across as friendly and caring. The staff were pretty friendly too, although I was only one of two men on the staff which was a bit strange having worked with predominantly men during my career up to that point. After 25 years I'm just getting to grips with working alongside women!

I enjoyed teaching PE when I was younger but after our first Ofsted inspection I was given the opportunity to be Head of Mathematics which I have loved doing over the years, but Queen's Croft is so much more than teaching in the classroom.

The stars of Queen's Croft are of course your children, our pupils, and I am convinced that they have taught me as much as I have taught them; kindness politeness, humility, patience and many other wonderful human qualities. It has been a privilege to teach them and I shall miss them all!

Bob Forster



Having worked at Queen's Croft for so many years, I find it very hard to summarise my time there. I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to work with some amazing children and help make a difference in their lives. I could write a book with memorable moments, far too many to count. I have laughed a lot and on the odd occasion cried.

Communication and interaction was a passion of mine and I was given the opportunity in my last few years to concentrate on helping meet the needs of those who struggled with their communication. Mathematics, English and other subjects are all important, but communication and understanding is the foundation for all learning. Being able to take part in helping students build the confidence to enable them to go off into the world has been the most rewarding job ever!

Mrs Worthington