



Tomlinscote School

Dear Tomlinscote students, parents and carers,

I am writing to say a huge thank you to the students and Tomlinscote parental community.

As you are aware I am retiring at the end of this academic term after being at Tomlinscote School for nearly 30 years. I joined the school in 1994 as a geography teacher and left for a promotion in 2007. I was fortunate to return as Vice Principal in 2010 and led as Principal from 2018.

Working at one location for such a long period of time is quite an achievement but I have loved being at Tomlinscote and playing my part in the educational journey of so many students. It has been a privilege to teach our students who are so polite and engage so enthusiastically in their own learning. I have also thoroughly enjoyed leading a fantastic group of staff who work so hard to create such a positive, forward-thinking school. This was summed up by Ofsted who stated, "that students flourish at this exceptional school". I was particularly proud of that line!

I will take away so many memories of the activities and events that have occurred during my time. My geography field trips to many different places around the country, my expedition to Bolivia with Sixth Form students and the trips to places such as Krakow, the Battlefields and ski trips, all stand out for me. I have enjoyed watching talented students perform on the stage and I have loved seeing students represent the school in many different sporting events. When I first started teaching, I was taught "catch the students being good!" and it is apt that my last school event was an awards ceremony on Tuesday. It was incredibly positive and enjoyable to see so many students being praised by different subject areas.

Thank you so much for the lovely comments made recently by so many people. It has been an honour to be Principal of such a fantastic school and community. I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Your Sincerely,

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Principal



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