

During the year we were delighted to welcome:

Julian and Naomi Williams,
Hiro (Masahiro Kanja).

We were sorry to lose Common Room staff:

Richard Curtis left us after nearly 8 years, during which time he has added immeasurably to the sports programme and leaves his indelible mark on the 1st XV rugby squads past, present and future. Richard has given of his time unselfishly over the years, taking development squads to training sessions, leading overseas tours and insisting on as many training sessions per week for the 1st XV as he could possibly get away with. His relentless drive for perfection on the sports field has been echoed in his efforts in the Maths department where he has been Assistant Head of Department for the past year. We will miss his unique sense of humour and cheerful demeanour. We wished Richard every success in his new position of Director of Rugby at Shiplake.

Sarah Lindridge arrived nearly 3 years ago as Special Education Needs Co-ordinator and non-resident tutor in Moreau. During that time she worked tirelessly to develop and expand the work of the special needs department. Her awareness of the challenges which some students face has always been met with a realism of how much could and should be done to help. Sarah's cheerful presence in the Common Room will be sadly missed as will her sage words of wisdom about those in her care. To allow her to live closer to work, Sarah moved to St. Joseph's College who have gained a professional and caring teacher.

Nick Dillon joined the Maths department and completed his teacher training 'on the job'. He has brought his dry sense of humour, energy and enthusiasm to every area of College life. Nick has been a very popular member of Common Room and has contributed to the Royal Navy Cadets, tennis, skiing and sailing activities. He leaves us to pursue interests and activities outside of teaching, which I suspect will include sailing, golf, tennis and bridge! His quiet, authoritative presence will be genuinely missed by all of us here at the College and we wish him well for the future.

Julian and Naomi Williams rejoined the College community having had some time away and we were very pleased to welcome them back. Even more pleasing was the addition to the Williams'

household of Freya, born during the year. Julian has put many hours of work into his efforts in the Sports Department, running a very tight ship and coaching all three major sports, he was non-resident tutor in Kerrison, not to mention his enthusiasm in the classroom. Naomi took over as head of biology and introduced new ideas and her own brand of enthusiasm. They leave to take over a boarding house at Wörth School and we wish them every success in the future.

Aude Lebarbé has fulfilled the role of French Assistante over the past year and has contributed enormously to the development of spoken French within the College. She has also been resident in Victoria where her sense of humour and energy has served her well. She will be very much missed by the girls in the house and by the Common Room. Aude left us to finish her studies in Paris and we wish her well for the future.

Mr Julian Holland
Vice-President, Common Room



ABOVE: MR RICHARD CURTIS