

With the start of the academic year this month, many schools will be welcoming new pupils – but one independent school in Truro also welcomes two new faces within their team.

Polwhele House, in Truro, sees two new staff members joining the team this term - Helen McCullough and Angela Heyes; whilst the school says a fond farewell to others.

Helen McCullough joins Polwhele House as a Year 2 teacher in the pre-prep department. She has over 10 years of experience in the classroom and, amongst other things, was deputy head of a 120-strong pre-prep department at Foremarke Hall Preparatory School in the midlands, as well as acting deputy head at Polwhele House.

Helen is keen to make an impact straight away with a sculpture project within the walled garden; one inspired by nature which will involve the pre-prep children.

Helen said:

“I am looking to set up a project that brings the whole pre-prep together, but particularly one that encompasses the gardens. Polwhele House is extremely lucky to possess such fantastic grounds and ones that provide invaluable space for the children to connect with nature.”

The sculpture will be completed during the Michaelmas term adding to a range of attractions within Polwhele House’s school grounds, including a walled garden, a secret garden, a fifteen acre wood and other wonderful play and investigation spaces, as well as a farm on their doorstep.

The second new staff member to join the Polwhele House team is Angela Heyes who has been appointed to the position of Bursar.

Angela said:

“I am thrilled to be joining a school which has such a fantastic reputation. The facilities, combined with the high quality of teaching, make Polwhele House second to none in the county. I have been working as a Management Consultant in London for the last 7 years, with 8 years in finance prior to that, so I am excited at the prospect of returning to Cornwall, having grown up here. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at the school, and begin to carve out a career for myself here.”

Polwhele House has also said a fond farewell to longstanding team members Debs Mackay, who has been at the school for 16 years as Bursar and Dorinda Charnaud, who spent 28 years at Polwhele as a teacher in pre-prep – both retired this summer

Alex McCullough, Headmaster at Polwhele House commented:

“We are extremely thankful to Debs and Dorinda for all the time they have given to the school over the years. I know they will both be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.”

He continued: “Whilst saying goodbye to old friends, we are pleased to welcome two new staff members this term. Helen and Angela both strongly believe in the ethos of Polwhele House, which is extremely important to me, and I am excited about the new skills they bring to the team.”