Farewells and welcomes

As the Michaelmas teaching term begins we bid farewell to two staff members of the School of Education who have just retired. Dr. Philip Matthews taught and researched in the field of science education for over 30 years in the School and his wise counsel and consummate gentlemanliness and collegiality will be greatly missed.

Dr. Helen O’Sullivan was on staff for just four years having taken a post as lecturer in educational leadership and management. She negotiated her move from the world of practice to that of academia with wonderful class and élan and became an enthusiastic and successful researcher. Helen too stands out for her collegiality and support of colleagues and students.

We welcome at the same time a new Associate Professor in science education in the person of Dr. Colette Murphy. Dr. Murphy comes to us with a strong research profile from the School of Education at Queen’s University, Belfast and we look forward to her dynamic leadership in the Curriculum and Pedagogy research group.

Also joining us in the field of Special Education is Ms. Paula Flynn. Ms. Flynn will strengthen the teaching and research capacity in this area. We extend best wishes to them both in their new positions.