

**Tom Smith** retired in 2001 after 23 years teaching Maths, 15 as Head of Department. After HM Customs and Excise, he turned his hand to teaching and was a natural, encouraging young Bancroftians to enjoy Maths. He wanted



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to make a difference to the lives of others and in the classroom encouraged and cajoled his pupils into achieving their best. He ran an effective Department, with sound administration and clear leadership. He was a great supporter of School events, especially Badminton, and was a regular promoter of the School at open days, concerts and plays. A plain speaking Scot, not surprisingly the pupils knew him fondly as 'Jock'. He disliked pomposity and was a genuinely fair and patient man with a good sense of humour. He had a reputation as a disciplinarian, but the pupils respected him for his fairness.