

**Letter from the Reverend Stephen Cornish, former Headmaster of Walton Lodge Preparatory School, Clevedon (1895)**

This letter to John Northmore<sup>1</sup> followed Stephen Cornish's departure from the school in 1894. (Transcription included.)

Coniston  
Hunsdon Road  
Jan. 23. 1895 Torquay.  
My dear John.  
Many thanks for your  
letter. I am sorry to hear  
you are leaving Clevedon  
as I have given up the  
school altogether to my  
cousin Mr. Thornton. I am  
not in good health so we  
have come here to recruit  
my strength for a few  
months. I am so busy as

it wd have been very pleasant  
to have welcomed you at  
Walton Lodge.  
Perhaps you cd run  
over to see us here one  
day  
Yours very sincerely  
Stephen Cornish.  
I am back to see in 1895

Letter from Revd. Stephen  
Cornish, M.A., to John Northmore  
informing him that the former  
had given up the school.  
This letter was written on Jan.  
23rd 1895, apparently about a  
year after that event.  
Copy of this letter is as  
follows :  
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Yours very sincerely  
(signed) STEPHEN CORNISH.  
"Good luck to you in yr exam. "  
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With grateful thanks to Jane Lilly for providing the scans of the original document.

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<sup>1</sup> John Northmore was a former pupil of Walton Lodge and appears in the Summer Term 1885 Official School Photograph (available from <https://laurencevlatham.wordpress.com>).