



Anne Stevenson 1952 - 2019

During the Easter holiday we were devastated to hear of the death of a long serving member of staff. Anne was more than a teaching assistant, albeit an excellent one. Anne was a friend to everyone at Halewood Academy. One colleague contacted me and described Anne as his 'work mum'. Anne worked with hundreds of Halewood students over the years and I know many of them were in close contact with her in recent times. Sadly, younger students and newer staff did not get to know Anne as well as she had been seriously ill for a long time. Throughout her illness, Anne was determined to get on with life to the best of her ability and was particularly dedicated to her family—she adored them all. I would like to send all of our best wishes to Rob, Anne's husband, and her sons Michael and Neil as well as the rest of the family and Anne's friends. Neil also works at Halewood Academy. There is such a strong link between the family and the school.

I last saw Anne a few months ago when she popped in to visit colleagues while recuperating. She looked absolutely fabulous and I made sure she knew it! She was smiling and chatting about returning to work as soon as she could. She told me she was really missing "the kids". She loved Halewood kids. She worked hard for all the students she worked with in classes, small groups or on one to one. I emailed staff to let them know the sad news during the holiday and I ended with the following; "I loved working with Anne and will miss our chats about our beloved team, her funny tales about her husband's travels to watch the blues but mostly I will miss her lovely smile." Rest in peace, Anne.



Anne's funeral has been arranged for 12.30pm at Springwood Crematorium next Friday, 3rd May. As you can imagine there are many colleagues who wish to pay their respects and that will impact on school. As a result, I have taken the following decision regarding the provision for students in school, along with colleagues at the Wade Deacon Trust about school that day. School will be open for students in YEAR 11 ONLY on Friday 3rd May. Students in all other year groups will not be able to attend school. This day will not count for their attendance. Year 11 students can attend school in their own clothes. During the day, Year 11 students will be given additional revision sessions in English, Mathematics and Science. Year 11 students are expected to attend as usual. It is important to us that we allow staff who knew and loved Anne to attend her funeral whilst we also ensure that we provide all we can for Year 11 as they approach their examinations. I hope you understand the thinking behind this decision.

Best wishes, Mr G Evans—Executive Principal