



Looe Community Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very sorry to inform you of the sad news that Miss Joelle Goodwin, Leader of Learning for Performing Arts died yesterday following a very short battle with cancer.

Miss Goodwin was an extremely passionate teacher of dance and promoter of the Arts and we will all have wonderful memories of her. She was exceptional in her passion for learning and ambitious for students, with a tremendous energy and resilient attitude to life. Miss Goodwin, was the first teacher I appointed to the school in 2005. She transformed the rich Arts culture embedded in the fabric of this community and the famous Christmas Show, loved by present and former students, to another level. She gave students opportunities for leadership, spotted talent and supported students to perform and achieve. She coaxed many initially reluctant students or staff members up on to the stage and challenged them to exceed their own expectations of themselves.

I conveyed the sad news to students in an assembly this morning and we are maintaining a business as usual approach, in the spirit of "The show must go on" and to keep the learning community as normal as possible, whilst we approach the exam season which starts on Monday. There is support in school for students or staff who need it and Penhaligon's Friends are working with us.

Our heartfelt sympathy and support has been expressed to Miss Goodwin's husband and family. Students will be given an opportunity to celebrate her life in due course.

If you have a concern that your child needs additional support at this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Heather Jenkins
Headteacher