

DINNINGTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



Mark Lovett
19th December 1956— 15th December 2011

Mark's last day in school was typical of the way that he approached every day of his 32 years as a member of staff at Dinnington Comprehensive School. He started the day by leading from the front presenting the Autumn Term reward assembly for Osborne House. The assembly was slick, professionally executed and conducted in a manner that portrayed his belief that such events should be a celebration of the achievement of all students, that students should be rewarded for achieving their goals no matter what their starting point might be and above all they should be enjoyable.

Mark started as a teacher of PE in January 1979 and at the end of his first year and having successfully completed his probationary year his report stated that he possessed "A quiet and thoughtful personality" and that "he has made good relationships with his classes and was generous with giving his time". Attributes that remained with him throughout his career.

Mark believed in the young people of Dinnington Comprehensive School and saw no reason why they shouldn't fulfil their potential and go on to be extremely successful. It was to this end that he devoted his working life. When I joined the school in 2007 I was immediately impressed by his enthusiasm, dedication, and overwhelming sense of duty.

No task was too great, no request too big. If it meant that the students would be helped then Mark was up for the challenge and prepared to do whatever it would take. He constantly but sensitively challenged underperformance and always encouraged young people to learn from their mistakes and go on to be successful, whether that be in the classroom or out on the playing fields.

After the rewards assembly we discussed how successful the autumn term had been for the school and he repeated to me something he had often said to me before "I feel really positive Paul about the future and I can see us going from strength to strength".

Mark was proud of Dinnington and Dinnington is proud of Mark.

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