



Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## A very sad announcement from Aspire

Over the summer Trish Reed, our highly esteemed Technology Technician, tragically passed away following a long battle with ill health. Trish had worked at Aspire since 2014, when the school first opened, and before that was employed at Collegiate High School.

Trish was a fantastic person who worked tirelessly to support students in their technology lessons across both schools. Many students would not have achieved their potential in technology had it not been for Trish's patience, kindness and expertise.

She was a real stalwart in every sense of the word and incredibly popular with both staff and students alike. Trish loved her role at Aspire and supported children in every way she could, always going the extra mile for them.

Trish will be sorely missed by everyone at Aspire and our heartfelt condolences have been expressed to her family. The students will be informed on the first day during the welcome back assemblies, however, to mark her passing and to pay tribute to her as a colleague and person, we will be holding a 2 minute's silence on Thursday during the morning line up. This will enable the whole school community to come together to pay our respects before her funeral at the end of the week.

Clearly, this is a distressing time at Aspire and if any of the children require extra support in school, staff will be on hand to ensure students have someone to talk to if required.

Kind regards,

John Woods

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