

## **Weekly News Update Friday 2 July 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

We are still processing the tragic loss of our friend and colleague Andy Latham and we would like to share this short tribute to Andy.

Andy was our Head of Science for nine years; he was an inspirational leader and teacher and a valued friend to everyone with whom he worked. The students he taught could not fail to be inspired by him – on a daily basis he shared the awe and wonder of the scientific world.

Before joining our school community he had previously taught at Hove Park School, Marina High and in a college in Cornwall. His amazing work was acknowledged across the city and the county as he led professional networks and ran STEM training sessions, supporting students and teachers to be the very best scientists they could be. In 2005 he was awarded “Teacher of the Year” and anyone who has ever been in his science laboratory and classroom will appreciate why; his joy in teaching, his empathy for students, and his passion for science was infectious and he was a gifted and charismatic communicator. Andy made teaching look easy and knew how to get the best from every student. He was filmed showcasing his skills <https://proteachervideo.com/programme/855/the-entertainer> and was instrumental in supporting new teachers join the profession.

We will miss him greatly but our thoughts are now with his partner and his daughters.

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