

Tribute: In Loving Memory of Miss O'Keefe

It is with profound sadness that we shared the heart-breaking news of the sudden passing of Miss O'Keefe, a much loved member of the St Thomas More school community, this week. For 20 years, she dedicated herself wholeheartedly to teaching Religious Education at St Thomas More, inspiring students with her wisdom, kindness, and unwavering faith.

Miss O'Keefe was more than just a teacher—she was a role model, and a guiding light to so many. Her strong faith was evident in everything she did, from the way she taught her lessons to the compassion she showed in her interactions with students and staff. She had a gift for making everyone feel special, always taking the time to listen, support, and encourage those around her.

Among her colleagues, she was a much-loved friend, humble, warm and kind-hearted. She carried herself with quiet grace and generosity, embodying the values she so passionately shared with her students. Her presence brought comfort and calm, and her loss will be deeply felt by staff, students, and the wider school community.

To mourn her passing and honour her memory, we held a special prayer service on Thursday, bringing together all students and staff. It was a moment of reflection, solidarity and remembrance, where we found comfort in our shared grief. The students showed great respect throughout, a true testament to the love and admiration they had for their teacher. Her form group 11OE did her proud, honouring her memory with the respect, love and unity that she always encouraged in them.

As we continue to mourn the loss of Miss O'Keefe, we also celebrate the incredible legacy she leaves behind at St Thomas More, the lives she touched, the joy she spread with her great sense of humour, the lessons she taught, and the kindness she shared so freely. We take comfort in knowing that her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her and we will always remember her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time. Heaven gained an angel this week, may she rest in eternal peace.

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