



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Community Assembly

### *Remembrance*



### **Nick Minnican**

1981-2019

Today marks one year since the passing of our wonderful friend and colleague, Mr Nick Minnican. I provide here the tribute that we published last year. I hope you will take a moment today to remember Mr Minnican.

Our first impression of Nick in the classroom was when he delivered a lesson to a Year 10 class on the day he came to be interviewed for the post of Assistant Headteacher, in March 2017. We were struck by his lively delivery, his enthusiasm for his subject and his passion to inspire his students. He was able to bring high levels of stretch and challenge whilst inspiring the students with his impeccable knowledge of his subject. He was full of enthusiasm and the attention he gave each and every student in his class was most impressive.

Nick settled very quickly at CCHS, totally embracing our ethos. He treated any leadership challenge that came his way as an opportunity to learn; he was always ready to listen to advice and to engage in discussion about our responsibilities in providing the best experience possible for our students. His outgoing nature meant that he built relationships really quickly. He was a great team player, always supportive of his colleagues. He was hard-working, personable and made time for people. Within our school community he instantly gained the respect of students, parents and colleagues alike.

Nick loved learning – learning new things and sharing his knowledge with students and staff. This love of learning infused not just his teaching, but conversations and work with colleagues. He possessed, and indeed lived by, a wonderful philosophy,

listening to and learning from others, whilst having the courage and conviction to share ideas and help shape other people's thinking.

Nick was incredibly modest. He followed his strong values, leading by example, constantly re-evaluating his teaching and his actions as a leader. Nick welcomed feedback, always wanting to do the very best he could. His positivity was infectious.

Nick was a true gentleman. He cared for people – for his students and his colleagues. In turn, they listened to and respected him. Nick was a natural and gifted teacher. How lucky we were to have had the privilege to work with him at Chelmsford County High School for Girls.

*Mr Lawlor*