

14th October 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Mr Horsley has passed away after a long illness.

Mr Horsley joined Crofton High School in 1998 as Deputy Headteacher and became Headteacher in 2005. His infectious enthusiasm, passion for education and relentless drive in the pursuit of excellence for pupils in our care made him an outstanding leader. His philosophy was simple: treat everyone with respect, never give up and learn from other people.

Mr Horsley's philosophy of learning was apparent in all aspects of his work: he established strong partnerships with local feeder schools; he encouraged staff from different secondary schools to share resources and best practice; he ensured that every child felt valued as part of the school community and had the opportunity to achieve to the highest standard. In 2014, after setting up a working partnership with Wakefield College, Crofton Sixth Form was launched. Indeed Mr Horsley created structures that have impacted on the education of the local community for children of all ages.

We will miss him greatly and our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



**Peter Walker
Acting Headteacher**