



Knowsley Council

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Overwhelming thanks and gratitude

Dear Charlie,

I am writing this letter, ahead of your retirement at the end of the academic year to formally acknowledge the outstanding contribution you have made to education in Knowsley and to thank you for your work.

I would like to acknowledge the huge difference your leadership has made to the children and families of Huyton, and hope you know just how much your local leadership has been appreciated by your community.

I am sure staff, children and families have, in recent weeks, reminisced about shared experiences, happy times and moments when your commitment to them has meant you have reached into their lives and made a very positive difference. I know that whilst they will miss you greatly; your legacy is that their lives have been better because of your work, and this, I think, is the only measure of success that truly matters.

It would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge the extensive contribution you have made to system leadership; and in doing so, how you have helped shaped policy and provision across the borough. I have no doubt colleagues in Knowsley will miss your level headed, common sense approach to educational issues and your willingness to always share good practice and give support at a time of need. Your loyalty to the borough and your courageous pursuit of excellence has certainly benefited us all.

You have been consistently generous with your time, making sure that children, families, staff, and colleagues have the support and encouragement they need to succeed. You have represented Head Teacher colleagues on a wide range of



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boards and have always been wise and measured in your approach. Your generosity of spirit and huge moral purpose has driven you to champion excellence in the borough and to secure the very best opportunities for children and young people.

I must admit, on a personal level, it feels slightly strange to be writing a 'congratulations on your retirement' in my current capacity, to a colleague who I have regarded as a peer, a colleague, and a friend. When I think of 'Charlie Newstead', I think of a man with great compassion, integrity, and absolute kindness. I think of the many happy memories made at Central Area Conferences and the very many laughs we have had along the way. I think of the many times I, and other Head Teachers have benefited from your advice and support and it leaves me in no doubt that we will all miss you very much as you move into this next chapter in your life.

I wish you the very best of luck in your new ventures, and sincerely thank you for your contribution to Knowsley; I hope that you know your work here was much appreciated and that you remain a dear friend of the borough.

Best wishes for the future,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Alberta".

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