



Mrs. Angela Ryan

In memoriam

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of Mrs. Angela Ryan, our esteemed former teacher and Principal of HFSS.

As we mourn her loss, let us also celebrate the immense impact that she had and the legacy in HFSS that she leaves behind. Mrs. Ryan was instrumental in building on the school's strong traditions of the Holy Family Sisters. She was a proud custodian of the school's ethos and modelled a noble commitment to her beliefs and principles as an educationalist. Guided by her faith, she embodied the philosophy of the founder, Fr. Pierre Bienvenue Noailles, to see the development of the whole person in the setting of a nurturing family. She emulated the school's central tenet of 'To Be Family and to Build Family'. She believed in the power of education to transform lives and she instilled a sense of pride and purpose that permeated throughout the school.

Mrs. Ryan taught English and History amongst many other programmes and courses, yet it was her Geography lessons that were deemed legendary. She understood the value of connecting students to their surroundings and the world beyond. Through various initiatives, she brought geography to life, fostering a deep appreciation for the natural and cultural landscapes that surround us. Her tireless efforts to provide meaningful experiences enriched the educational journey of so many young women.

She also had a deep appreciation for the arts, in particular, she had an unwavering passion for the school's Choirs and Music. She recognised the transformative power of music and its ability to nurture creativity, foster collaboration, and inspire a sense of unity among students and staff. This was notable to all who studied, worked, or visited HFSS. Indeed, the welcoming sounds of classical symphonies and lyrical masterpieces filled the front hall and corridors from Principal Ryan's Office.

Mrs. Ryan was a beacon of inspiration and guidance. Her unwavering dedication, kindness, and genuine care touched the lives of countless students, staff members, and parents. She had a remarkable ability to lead by example, instilling in us a sense of responsibility, resilience, and a commitment to excellence.

Above all, she was a kind and wise school leader and she had a total commitment to the school. Having been an HFSS student, teacher, and Principal, her legacy holds a unique position in the school's history, and her contribution is embedded in its story. For all of us who had the privilege to work alongside her, we know that the school community benefited from her extraordinary work ethic, vision, drive, and passion for HFSS.

Mrs. Ryan's contribution to education in Newbridge is immeasurable. The school community is immensely saddened by the loss of our former colleague, school leader, and friend.

Our deepest sympathies to her beloved Raphael, Hannah, and Daniel, and to the extended Ryan and Dunning families.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

With deepest condolences,
Sarah Allen
HFSS Principal
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