

Lesley Ross Retiral

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The school said a very sad farewell to one of its most loved member of staff recently. Canteen Supervisor, Lesley Ross, retired after 20 years in the school kitchen. During her time she has seen huge changes such as; 'Hungry For Success', the revamped kitchen and canteen and many changes of staff.

Over the years the staff and pupils have become an extended family and she will greatly miss the camaraderie of her brilliant, hardworking team. She said: "I have enjoyed every single minute at Forres Academy and I will miss all the brilliant people I have worked with".

Lesley's services didn't just stop at serving up lunches. She served up delicious buffets at the annual school dances, the staff were always guaranteed her delicious scones and

shortbread during In-Service days and no job was ever too big or small for her.

Social Subjects teacher, Craig Edwards, a regular visitor to the canteen said: "The food was always very good and she thought of different ways of putting across healthy food to the young people to make it appealing for all. Creativeness was her forte. She will be sorely missed". Guidance teacher, Andrea Stevenson added: "I think she did a fantastic job and she was very creative with getting healthy food inside us. Also she was very good at working with guidance helping to look out for the pupils at lunchtime".

The pupils will also miss her. Hattie Smith (S4) said: 'There is a wide range of delicious healthy food offered at lunchtimes. She was very kind and thoughtful woman who will be missed by all".

She has plenty of things planned for her retirement and hopes to get out and about in her caravan. She will also be busy planning for her son's wedding later this year. We would like to wish her a very long, happy and well deserved retirement.