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Fond farewell to long-serving duo



Goodbye girls – head teacher Katherine Hartigan (centre), with Philippa Toomey (left) and Marilyn Andrews

A SECONDARY school in Homerton has said goodbye to two long-standing members of their community.

Philippa Toomey, a former chairwoman of governors, and cleaner Marilyn Andrews both served at Cardinal Pole school in Kenworthy Road for more than 30 years.

Mrs Andrews has seen a staggering 28,000 pupils pass through the

school in her 36 years there.

The two women were given a special mention at the school's annual Achievement Evening.

Ms Toomey was the guest of honour and watched as the youngsters played music, recited poetry and performed short scenes from Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *The Tempest*.

Head teacher Katherine Hartigan

said: "Philippa has been a tremendous supporter, offering good advice and wise counsel.

"Marilyn has also been a great supporter of the school and we will miss her cheery presence."

She thanked both women for their long-standing contributions, adding that it was individuals such as they who helped to make Cardinal Pole a successful school.