



Miss Nova Williamson (Mrs Watson)

Comments on Facebook and in emails.

My favourite English teacher, for whom I had the greatest respect, has passed away. When she first taught me she was Miss Nova Williamson, then she married my Physics teacher, Derek Watson. Nova Watson was a great teacher, and when I started to teach English, I tried to model myself on her. She was a former Tanfield pupil as well. RIP.

Elizabeth Hawkins

Miss Williamson was a breath of fresh air when she arrived at SGS. Audrey Sharp

Very sad to hear that Nova has died. I was never taught by her but we were friends and neighbours. RIP Maureen Peacock

I was taught by her and her husband Derek . They were both excellent teachers , I've loved English

ever since . Cath Hetherington

She was a brilliant teacher and I still can't describe anything as "nice". Margaret Murray

Taught by both Nova and Derek in my time there, starting in 1967.

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Graeme Swan

As my classmate Margaret Murray said, she was indeed a brilliant teacher who nurtured my love of English, not to mention helping both of us to get top grades in our O level English. RIP Nova. Liz Looe

She was sixth form when I was first year. Later taught with her and will always be grateful that she introduced me to Soller, Mallorca. Bless you Nova! Xx Claire Humpherson

Nova was my favourite teacher at Tanfield. Rosalind Le Quesne

Taught by both Nova and Acka. May they rest in peace. Jack Nelson

They were a great couple.... John William Carleton

She was a great teacher, as was Derek. Lynne Breen

What a shock, Nova lived just down the road to us! A lovely lady through and through!
May she rest in peace Diane Abbot

Nova was a super lady- so talented. And she was from a lovely family. RIP Nova. Amy
Bilton

Even as a "techie", I am passionate about English Grammar. Teachers, such as Nova, do
make a difference! Howard Bott

Sorry to hear this - she was great – RIP. Babs Sergeant

So sorry to hear about Nova. We were at school together, infant, junior and Tanfield. We
had children at the same ages who went to school together and were taught by Nova
and her sister.

My condolences to her family. RIP Nova Joan Callaway

She was a great teacher. RIP. Diane Hall

So sad to hear this news. She made lessons fun, was inspirational, energetic and very
caring. Likewise her husband was a great man. My form tutor. They made Tanfield the
great place it was to be 1968-1975 xx Linda Coy

Miss Williamson was a great teacher, firm but approachable with a good sense of humour.

Jenny Furnass



Staff photo 1962 Miss Williamson, 3rd from left, front row.