

## National success for Droitwich Catering Team

Two members of Droitwich Spa High School's support staff team have won a prestigious national award.



Angie Beaumont, who is the school's Resources Manager and Karen Wilkes, the school chef, travelled to London on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October to the NASBM National Awards for School Support Staff at the Victoria Park Plaza. Karen and Angie enjoyed a Champagne reception and a Gala Awards dinner, hosted by Tricia Stewart - the woman behind *that* famous WI calendar - during which they were delighted to learn that they were the winners of the 'Support Staff Team of the Year Award 2013'.

The Awards Evening, which has been running since 2005, is sponsored by the National Association of School Business Management, an organisation that exists to recognise and support the often invisible work done by support staff in schools. Executive Director of the NASBM, Mr Stephen Morales said: 'Your contribution to positively changing young people's life chances should never be underestimated.'

Angie and Karen were both delighted with their win, especially as their partnership at Droitwich Spa High School sees them teaming up together for the first time since they were students at Worcester Technical College in the late 1980's. Angie said: 'I started work at Droitwich at the end of January 2012 and Karen started after the February half term holiday, it was such a coincidence to meet Karen again given that we had not seen each other since we graduated from our Hotel and Catering course at the Tech almost twenty four years ago.' Karen added: 'It really is the 'icing on the cake' to have our hard work recognised with this award and it is fantastic to have achieved it with Angie after so many years of working elsewhere, we really are a great team.'

Karen and Angie won a trophy that is now proudly displayed in the 'Big Apple' Servery, a certificate each and a cheque for £250 for the school.