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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy children that feel safe at School and enjoy good teaching do well - a simple approach to education that Heston fully embraces.

It is with great pride that I can report that the 817 parents and 830 students who, on Academic Mentoring Day, completed our questionnaire, felt that the School was providing a safe and caring learning environment in which children can thrive.

Student Feedback	Agree or strongly agree
I enjoy School	95%
I feel safe at School	95%
My experience of teaching is good	92%

Parent/Carer Feedback	Agree or strongly agree
My child is happy at Heston	97%
My child feels safe at Heston	97%
My child is taught well at Heston	97%

The excellent learning environment that our children enjoy, has delivered another set of outstanding GCSE results. The Department of Education provisional Progress 8 Score for the school is 0.8, placing it in the **top 4% of schools nationally**. The School has now been in the top 10% for four consecutive years – a fantastic achievement that we can all be proud of.

Our recent review of the Sixth Form, conducted by Challenge Partners, confirms my belief that staff at Heston work tirelessly to ensure your children feel supported, cared for and believe that they can be successful.

*“Students and teachers enjoy very harmonious relationships in the classroom and there is a positive rapport established, adding to the high engagement. Students are treated as equals but there remains a high degree of mutual respect.” – November 2017*

This is recognition of the time and energy invested by all staff at Heston to generate a sense of community, cohesion and aspiration.

It was with great excitement that we unveiled our new Sixth Form Centre to our Post 16 students. The Centre has been designed to provide all our Sixth Formers with a bespoke Private Study Area, ICT and printed resources to support their learning as well as guidance from two Private Study Supervisors, one of whom is able to provide additional tuition to our Mathematics and Physics students.



**Silent Study Area**



**Quiet Study Area**

A wonderful sight to see our students hard at work!

Those of you with children in Year 11, 12 and 13, Mock Exams will commence on the 3 January and run until Friday 12 January. Please ensure that students work hard whilst enjoying the festive season.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers that this term ends on **Friday 15 December at 12:00**. School reopens at 08:30 on **Wednesday 3 January 2018** to all students.

On behalf of the Governors and staff, may I wish all students, parents and carers a safe and restful festive break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Berdesha'.

**Ranjit Berdesha**  
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