

WE spend a lot of time, don't we, complaining about the schoolkids of today?

No discipline. No respect for the teachers.

Worse still, no pride in their school.

But what about the boys and girls of Elthorne High School, Ealing?

Their school is threatened with closure and on the radio the other day an interviewer asked them what they felt about it.

Were there whoops of joy?

No.

Those kids were crying.

One child said through choking tears: "Here we learn about growing up together and understanding each other."

Words to move, surely, the hardest of hearts.

Let us hope that someone learns a lesson from them.