

ELTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL,  
Boston Road,  
Hanwell W.7.

21st October 1983

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I was informed of the decision by the Department of Education and Science to close the school. The following is the statement released to the press by the Education Office.

"PROPOSALS FOR LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING HIGH SCHOOLS

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has announced his decision on the London Borough of Ealing's proposals for the future of High Schools in the Borough.

He has agreed with the Authority that Elthorne High School, Faraday High School, and Reynolds High School should be closed while a new Acton High School is to be established.

He has rejected the Authority's proposals for the reduction of the number of places at 3 other High Schools in the Borough, Ellen Wilkinson, Greenford and Northolt because of the clear parental preference for these schools. However Sir Keith has agreed the reductions proposed at Dormers Wells, Featherstone, Walford and Brentside High Schools.

The Chairman of the Education Committee, Councillor Mrs. Anita Fookes, said today 'I am very pleased that Sir Keith has agreed that the Authority's proposals were well-founded and that he has announced his decision so soon after the Council's re-affirmation of its policy. I have asked the Chief Education Officer to take now all necessary steps in dealing with arrangements for September 1984 and all matters which follow the announcement of the decision. Parents who have a particular interest in the schools affected will be provided with necessary information and there will be early discussions with staff.'

The Chairman has indicated also the requirement of the Education Committee to achieve a smooth transition and that she expects the Committee to receive in the near future further reports on the detailed arrangements."

(End of statement)

Let me assure you that the school will continue to function normally and detailed discussion is underway to ensure the continuing education of the pupils with the minimum interruption.

May I thank all those who have supported the school so loyally over this difficult period.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. LEAVOLD

Headmaster.