



# Heathcote School & Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Incident at Highams Park Station



You may by now have heard about the tragic news concerning one of our pupils who was struck by a train and sustained life-threatening injuries at Highams Park station this morning. There is a statement on the school website:

<http://www.heathcoteschool.com/news-and-events/latest-news/monday-2nd-october-statement-from-heathcote-school/>



We are providing specialist support to pupils who are affected by the incident and urge you or your child to speak to school staff if they feel they are not coping or wish to talk further. Year 11 pupils have had a special assembly and all pupils will have been informed by staff by the end of the day. They have also been given advice about social media and, in particular, not discussing the incident or sharing the name of the child in a public arena. In addition, pupils have been asked not to talk to reporters about the incident. The British Transport Police and Metropolitan Police have been hugely supportive and the pupils have dealt with the news in a very mature and respectful manner making me very proud of the school community.



We will keep the school community updated as and when we hear further news. Our thoughts and love are with the family at this difficult time.



Your sincerely



Emma Hillman  
Headteacher

