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WE ARE GOOD. WE CAN BE BETTER

It is a message to all of us at Elliott that the big reputation that our school has enjoyed must be restored. Altogether we can make this happen.

WE ARE GOOD

If you were to ask the question what is good about Elliott?
There would be many answers.

Here is one answer written by Elias Borji-Chergui in Year 11. This is the speech he will make at KS4 Graduation. He tells us how Elliott has been good for him. Read it. You will be impressed.

ELLIOTT IS A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

When I first joined the society of Elliott, I entered as a member of the 7SR tutor group. I made new friends and with no one from my past 6 years of education in my tutor group, this truly was a new experience. The group I was put in almost instantly formed a natural friendship, an almost family like atmosphere and through out the year this friendship became stronger.

Year 8 saw the arrival of many new members to this new family of mine, and they were welcomed with open arms, they too felt the harmony that was our tutor group and they too felt as part of the family. Personally Year 8 was my toughest year as I had lost a parent but with the support of my brothers and sisters in my tutor, I was able to get over the loss as the family vibe in my tutor group was immensely strong.

Year 9 saw the arrival of our beloved current tutor, Mr Hayden. He took us and was almost like a new father figure to me outside of the home. He offered me so much help and gave us so many memories which I am sure we will all cherish for the rest of our lives.

The past two years of my life in Elliott have been an incredible time and with the choices we made in Year 9 we were put into mixed groups for our chosen GCSE subjects. This brought the whole year group together and formed an even stronger more unbreakable bond between this great year of ours, and nothing could have stopped us from achieving our goals and achieving them with our friends, no, our family members, which made it that much better and easier too. Everyone was chasing success.

I take this moment to thank every teacher in this school that has invested so much time into ensuring that I achieve the best that I can, and even when we as students are negative with a failing attitudes, they would stick by us and persuade us to get better, to achieve our goals and to get the best that we can out of Elliott.

Elliott is a school like no other, even through the tough times we came through strong and with our heads held high. This success has fed through into the tutor group that is 11JH and as I read this, I welcome all of you as extended family members of the JH tutor group.

And so as the end of this incredible journey comes upon us, we embark on a new one. A new road, a new path to success that will see the whole of this incredible year group, but especially 11JH enter the adult world of work and higher education, with the best experience that a person can have, 5 Years at Elliott School.

Thank you for your time.

Discuss these questions with your tutor

- What does Elias say is good about his tutor group?
- Why is Mr Hayden described as a great tutor?
- Why did Elias want to thank his teachers?

It easy to grumble about what is wrong

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOOD ABOUT ELLIOTT?

Discuss with your tutor and your friends. Write something together or for yourself. This is for teachers, students and all members of staff. Please get as many responses to us as soon as possible. Bring your stuff to Barbara Kessie in DDR or email [Thought for the Day@ elliott-school.org.uk](mailto:Thought for the Day@elliott-school.org.uk)

A group of Year 9 students gave these answers:

- Some teachers are understanding and patient.
- I've got lots of really good friends at Elliott.
- Mr Lyndon is great. He helps people when they're down. He's always helping somebody.
- People are encouraged to be themselves and express themselves for who they are.
- People don't get bullied. I feel safe at Elliott.
- Most teachers are fair in telling off. Others are not.
- Even if you're bad some teachers keep encouraging you.
- We are allowed to be individual & stylish, wearing different coloured nail varnish for example.
- We have happy and fun art lessons.
- Most teachers know how to support you with learning and do their best to encourage you, like Ms Goodden for example.
- I love PE and all the activities organised by the department.
- Everyone at Elliott is different, different backgrounds, cultures, countries, families. That makes it a really interesting place to be.
- Most students are understanding. Plenty of us know how to support each other. There are lots of people to trust.
- I am in a very good friendship group there are six of us. We help each other achieve.
- There are good language teachers like Mr Rickwood.
- I like Art and best of all I get the opportunities to do the things I am good at.
- I love athletics and I really did well at Sports Day. That encouraged me. I want to compete at 2012.
- We are encouraged to develop our talents and I especially look forward to the Festival on July 2nd. I am going to sing.

Everything has a negative and a positive. If you work out what's wrong you can easily put it right.

**I said that. What is good about Elliott is that I am listened to.
(Jallal Jamali)**