

Dear friend,

I emailed last week about the Counter-terrorism Bill. I'd like to thank all of you who responded, whether you agreed with me or not. In this job you can't please all of the people all of the time. What I can do though is ensure I always listen to the views of all local residents, and explain why I reached the conclusions I did. I intend to continue doing this.

After the high drama of last week's counter-terrorism vote and then David Davis' sudden resignation (which continues to baffle many people in parliament) it has been reassuring to get my feet back firmly on the ground and get on with the more day-to-day aspects of being an MP.

### **What matters most to our schoolchildren?**

As many of you know I've lived in Tooting all my life. Because of this I have really strong links with all our secondary schools. I used to attend Ernest Bevin, my sister used to teach at Chestnut Grove, my nieces attend Burntwood School and my wife used to attend Graveney School!

I want all of our schools to be a 'first choice' when it comes to residents having to choose a secondary school for their children, so I spend a great deal of time lobbying ministers to invest more in our schools in Tooting.

So you can imagine I was delighted when I found out that this hard work had paid off with an announcement by the government that Wandsworth had moved up the priority list for "Building Schools for the Future" funding and will receive £250 million worth of extra investments over the next few years!

Earlier this week, I brought Ed Balls MP, who is the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families to Graveney School, to meet some of the children who will benefit from this funding and see how the money will be spent.

I was really impressed by the grilling the sixth formers gave Ed (18 year olds can be harder to deal with than opposition MPs sometimes!), but also by the thought they had put into the ways their school could be improved.

The students had a lot to say about the new menus, with some complaining about the lack of variety (and chips!), but on the whole they were very positive about the new healthier meals they were getting.

The government's funding will now make some of Graveney's proposals - like their plans to build a dance studio and a theatre which will be open to the rest of the community - a reality. Something the students were very excited about.

Their biggest area for concern though? The toilets.

The Secretary of State said he'd see what he can do...

Until next week.

Best wishes,

**Sadiq**

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