



# Federation of Drama Schools

9 November 2017

Dear Alistair,

In light of reports and allegations across our industry on sexual harassment and unacceptable behaviour we welcome the contents of the Code of Behaviour published by the Royal Court Theatre on Friday 3 November. We are grateful to all those who contributed their stories and insights during the Day of Action on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

All of the member schools in the Federation of Drama Schools have robust measures, policies and mechanisms in place to prevent unacceptable or inappropriate conduct including sexual harassment in school and to support their students as they transition into the profession.

We believe in empowering students and colleagues to be confident and speak out. We therefore fully support the contents of the Code of Behaviour and will continue to work with our students, colleagues and the wider industry to make positive changes to our industry's norms and values, and build a sustainable culture of dignity and respect

Federation members will be discussing how best we can further address these issues together at an extraordinary meeting later this month and during our annual conference (13<sup>th</sup> January 2018), to which the Royal Court Theatre team have been invited.

Yours sincerely,

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**On behalf of the Federation of Drama Schools:**

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