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Put up posters of parents

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DO you think some teenagers have taken their heroes or idols too seriously? I mean, look at the European girl who committed suicide when Robbie left the band Take That.

I don't think Robbie would be flattered if he knew. Come on, people, do you think these celebrities even know you exist?

I don't hate stars or envy them. I've certainly had my share of crushes on stars. I'm 13 and I've gone berserk over Boyzone, Brad Pitt, Take That, David Duchovny and Tom Cruise.

But you won't catch me leaping off the Bukit Cagar flats in Johor Baru because something untoward happened to my favourite hunk. No way.

But recently, when I read the Young Times Page, I was really proud of our Malaysian teens and their choices - Marina Mahathir, Mahatma Gandhi, P. Ramlee, their own fathers.

It certainly is gratifying to see that we're not the conceited, bratty air-headed bunch of teens who everyone seem to think we are.

I'm not asking you to boycott Boyzone, Keanu Reeves and George Clooney.

Keep pinning up their posters in your room. I'm just thinking that it would be nice to pin posters of our parents and true leaders in our hearts.

To all Malaysian youths, a big congratulation.

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