

# Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School



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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to update you on a few issues.

1. On Wednesday, 16 November, 2022, at 6.00 p.m., there is a Parental Workshop by 'Wize Up' who are a drug and alcohol service for young people in Havering. They will give a presentation to parents on a range of issues, including vaping. There will also be an opportunity for questions. Please use Boundary Road entrance – limited parking is available on site.
2. In order to allow final preparations for Senior Prize Giving, school will finish at 2.25 p.m. on Friday, 25 November, 2022.
3. Fundraising – There have been amazing totals for fundraising last month:

£968 for 'Show Racism the Red Card'

£586 for Sickle Cell Research – which was raised via Sariah, Juanita and others in Year 11 organising a Staff Karaoke.

We will also be raising funds for Children in Need (who support a range of charities supporting young people and their rights) and this will be themed around the World Cup and the issues raised at this time.

4. As you will be aware from the news, schools are facing very tough financial issues. Our school is too. We are facing cutbacks in our budget. I wanted to reassure you that I will always put the interests of the pupils at the centre of all we do. We may need to economise, but we will do all we can not to impact the teaching and learning that takes place. You know the staff are committed to your daughters, but the ongoing funding cuts and unknown totals of heating bills will impact on life in the school.

As ever, I appreciate your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Ms V Qurrey  
Headteacher