

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Just a few updates as we enter this last week of term. The School Newsletter will be sent to you on Friday, which outlines an array of things which have been going on during this half term.

On Friday, we have a 'Show Racism the Red Card' non-uniform day. The payment is by ScoPay. Pupils should wear something red. It can be a top/jacket/hair accessory, socks, etc. Please can you ensure that your daughter comes to school appropriately dressed (no cropped top or jeans with excessive rips in them). If your daughter has PE, she can either change or wear appropriate red kit.

- Year 11 Parental Support Evening is on Thursday, 21 October at 6.00 p.m. This evening is a vital one for Year 11 parents as you will gain a great deal of knowledge of how to best support your daughter in Year 11.
- Winter uniform is to be worn after half term – long sleeve blue shirt and tie.
- Navy tights can now be worn (**not** black for Year 7 – Year 11) as well as white socks or tights.
- Full uniform is to be worn on each day after half term. Pupils are to change into kit on the days they have PE. The PE Department will inform pupils of any exceptions to this (e.g. team practice, etc).
- Locker information will be sent out this week.
- It has come to our attention that vapes are becoming increasingly available in the local area. The disposable type is sold for about £5 and look like a highlighter pen, so could easily go unnoticed by parents. It is illegal for a person to vape under the age of 18. Please be vigilant about these devices.

- Please continue to monitor your daughter's social media usage and check her settings to see how long she is spending on her device. TikTok and Snapchat are taking up a ridiculous amount of their time. Social media posts and unkindness can cause a great deal of upset. Such upsets often spill over into school – what is not a school issue becomes one. Too much of my staff time is spent unpicking these incidents and ongoing parental monitoring is vital. Thank you for your support.
- Please ensure your daughter undertakes COVID testing twice weekly and, especially, on the weekend at the end of half term.
- Pupils need to continue to bring their own face masks to school. Wearing of these masks is limiting the transmission of the virus in school.

The Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday, 2 November, 2021 in the Main Hall.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support this half term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Qurrey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms V Qurrey
Headteacher