

**St. Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls
and Sixth Form (co-ed)**

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Wednesday 19 July 2017

Dear Families

Your daughter may have already informed you about Elisa, one of our Year 11 students who escaped from a house fire, thankfully, with minor injuries.

However, her grandmother and grandfather were rushed into intensive care, suffering from burns and carbon monoxide poisoning. Her grandmother is still in intensive care and her uncle, who was also in her house, was taken to a specialist burns unit.

Elisa gave me her permission to use her name in this letter to you.

This tragic event has been reported in the Southwark News and you will see the devastation to her home caused by the fire. <https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/home-gutted-huge-peckham-blaze/>

Elisa has lost everything including items of sentimental value that are irreplaceable. Her elderly grandparents have also lost everything.

Some of Elisa's school friends have been helping to buy her clothes and other essentials. On Friday 14 July, Paige and Amy, two Year 11 students shared the story with us in our assembly. This was done with the consent of Elisa.

A gofundme page has been set up to support Elisa and her grandparents. If you wish to donate, please go to the link <https://www.gofundme.com/elisa-haylette-house-fire-survivor>

If your daughter would like to make a donation, this can also be done through the school. A collection is running at our student services desk.

Please keep Elisa and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher