



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.
Proverbs 3:27*

Dear Families

One of the great partnerships between St Martin's and Holy Trinity Church has been through their award-winning straw bale building project. A group of our girls have been involved in some hands-on work, even being filmed for a climate change documentary, and we will continue to do what we can to support in a practical way.

You may remember that Rev. Richard and I wrote to you previously asking for support with the M&S Fund, which they did indeed win. This involved online voting but under 18s were not allowed to enlist. Holy Trinity have applied for £25,000 from Aviva Community Fund, but they only stand a chance of getting this fund if they actually get to the finals of the competition - and the only way of doing that is to get lots and lots of votes. Unlike the M&S criteria, Aviva allows voting of under 18s which means we can help to get even more votes for Holy Trinity as the girls can vote this time, not just you as parents.

All it will mean is that the girls will register through Holy Trinity, on the Aviva Community Fund website, using their school emails. They will each then be able to give Holy Trinity their 10 votes. Currently they have got just over 2,350 votes, but they really need to double this to have a good chance of getting through to the finals. So 100-200 girls giving then 10 votes each will help enormously. Your votes will count too, and Holy Trinity will appreciate if you also go onto the website and give them your votes. The Aviva website is www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk and to find their project you can either just search for Tulse Hill or go direct <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3764>

Obviously we wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't totally safe and legitimate. Students will not be inundated with spam or anything and their personal details are kept secure. The girls will use their school email address for this purpose.

Holy Trinity really need our help because they are still far behind the front runners. If Holy Trinity get the money, then it will help the next stage of the project to fund putting up the walls of their new straw bale community centre - and hopefully St Martin's girls can once again be involved. This project benefits an entire community and I hope that St Martin's girls and families can show their support by signing up. Rev. Richard and his team will be in school on Monday and Wednesday lunchtime so that students can sign up.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

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