



## **From the Headmaster: Weekly Update 19/11/21**

Dear Parents

We have had another good week. The rate of infection within the school has continued to decline and very few members of the community (low single figures) have tested positive. Masks will nonetheless remain.

The Remembrance Service at the Old Colfeians' War Memorial on Sunday was a suitably solemn and moving tribute to the significant number of Colfeians who lost their lives in the Great War. Thanks, as ever, to the school CCF unit for their discipline and perfect timing. The presence of the younger OC rugby teams was particularly welcome, as was the attendance of the President of the Old Colfeian Society, Alderman Gregory Jones, who laid a wreath on behalf of the Old Colfeians. Thanks, as ever, to Major Joyce for his expert co-ordination of this important event in the school calendar.

The highlight of the week for many was the Autumn Concert in the magnificent church of St Alfege in Greenwich. The Director of Music, Benedict Holmes, put together a varied and hugely enjoyable programme involving the Senior Orchestra, junior and senior choirs and our new folk ensemble, initiated by Martha in Year 12. I was accompanied by the Chairman of Governors, Matthew Pellereau, who shared the delight of the audience, not only in the outstanding quality of the programme but also in the fact that we are once again able to stage external concerts in the presence of a live audience. Many thanks to all involved, including staff from both junior and senior schools.

The work of senior school Art students is currently on show, alongside that of other local artists, in St Michael's Church in Blackheath. Much of the work is for sale, with the proceeds going to local charities including food banks. Parents and friends of the school are of course most welcome to visit - and indeed to purchase the work!

Our sports teams continue to excel, with particularly impressive wins for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and the U16 rugby teams against Latymer Upper School last Saturday. Hockey and netball teams continue to perform well, as do our swimmers.

Finally, for this week, I have just heard that the junior school pupils have raised £900 today for Children In Need - that looks like a record!

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell  
Headmaster

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