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## From the Headmaster: Weekly Update

Dear Parents

Another successful school week has passed without interruption and I have been delighted to welcome parents back on to the site for various functions, particularly related to transition from one part of the school to another. Yesterday's House Drama competition was another high point of the week, with sixth form pupils directing their younger counterparts, some of whom only joined Year 7 at the start of this term.

Sports results are now flooding in and I was delighted to hear that Colfe's was well represented on the podium at the Lee Valley Cross Country competition and that the senior netball team made it into the finals of the Kent tournament. Although this is the term for rugby in boys' sport our 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team were successful against St Joseph's College Ipswich in the opening round of the prestigious ISFA Cup, setting up a second round fixture against Alleyn's. Following their victory over Kingston Grammar School (on penalties!) the corresponding U15 team will play Eton in the next round.

Senior school parents should know that it has now been confirmed that the Covid vaccination will happen in school on the 11 October. Mrs Graham will be in touch with further information closer to the time.

I regret to say that we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours in Upwood Road and Horn Park Lane about parking at drop-off and collection time after school. This can be an emotive issue and I have much sympathy for residents, including a growing number of Colfe's families who live locally, who are prevented from exiting their driveways in their own cars because of the thoughtless behaviour of a minority of parents. On a related point I am sure that the great majority of you would agree that it is not acceptable for parents to leave their engines running as they wait to collect their children at a time when concern for the environment and the long-term future of the planet has never been greater.

Despite the necessity of the previous paragraph we remain delighted to be edging back towards a more normal *modus operandi*. I hope very much that such progress will continue in the weeks ahead between now and half term.

With best wishes to all

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Richard Russell  
Headmaster

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