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## **From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 01/04/22**

Dear Parents

It has been a busy week in all parts of the school. The Spring Concert in the senior school was a particular high point, with a wonderful and varied programme involving almost 100 pupils. It was also an opportunity to thank current Year 13 musicians who have been pivotal to the success of the music department at Colfe's over many years as well as one or two from last year who came back to participate in the concert at short notice. The Year 5 jazz concert was also a great success - many thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to make these events possible.

Other high points of the week included the arrival in school of more Ukrainian refugee pupils on Wednesday and the opportunity for the next Head of Junior School, Marie-Clare Gilfedder Bonnar, to meet the parents of pupils who will be starting in Nursery and Reception in September. She is looking forward to meeting all junior school parents in due course and remains excited about taking over from Mr Rogers in September.

As some of you may know, Mr Rogers himself has been appointed to the position of Deputy Head (Academic) at Bedford School, effective from September. This is a well-deserved promotion on which he is to be warmly congratulated. He will of course continue to lead the junior school for the final term of this academic year.

We say thanks and farewell today to our theatre technician Gareth Morgan and to Sian Bodie-Lawrence who has done such a great job as our senior school nurse for the last year. Gareth has been crucial to the success of all senior school productions in recent years and inspired a loyal cohort of student technicians with his mastery of light and sound.

Mr Mark Heil will also be leaving Colfe's today to relocate to Hampshire after almost twenty years of outstanding service to the school, during which he has inspired a generation of young Colfeians. He departs with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for the future.

An enormous amount has been achieved in all parts of the school since January and the promise of summer to come is welcome and exciting in equal measure. Many thanks to all my colleagues for all that they have done to support our pupils across a very wide range of school activity and, as ever, thanks to parents for all your support. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school at the start of the Summer Term.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell  
Headmaster