



From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 12/01/24

Dear Parents

The new term began with more seasonal weather than what most of us experienced over Christmas. It is rumoured that it might get even more seasonal next week, with the possibility of snow. If that happens we will keep parents posted through the usual channels of communication. In the very unlikely event of school closure we will switch to online learning after a day of staff preparation.

The Year 7 entrance examination took place last Friday with a record number of candidates, along with our own Year 6 pupils, who seem to have enjoyed the day in its entirety, including the lessons and activities. Many thanks to the admissions team and to my colleagues for going the extra mile to ensure that the day was more than “just an examination.”

Senior School theatre trips have started already, with the whole of Year 7 travelling to London on Wednesday to see *The Witches*. The Year 8 theatre trip later this month will be to see *Mrs Doubtfire*. Meanwhile Year 1 visited the Little Angel’s Theatre yesterday to watch Charlie Cook’s *Favourite Book* and we welcomed our new harp teacher who performed and held taster session for junior and senior school pupils.

Year 13 pupils have been busy with mock A level exams this week as offers from top UK universities have started to come through. Two pupils are holding offers from Oxford and two from Imperial already. We hope for further good news in the coming weeks.

Finally, we were delighted to hear of the award of an [MBE to Spencer Drury](#), Head of Sixth Form and Old Colfeian, in the New Year’s Honours List in recognition of his work in local politics and public service over many years.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell
Headmaster