

## **From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 19/01/24**

Dear Parents

It was good to welcome Year 13 pupils back to normal lessons after their mock A level exams last week. University offers continue to come through, with many of our pupils aiming for top UK universities and degree apprenticeships.

I was delighted to hear that junior school pupils in Years 4 to 6 will once again be participating in the Young Voices event in the O2 arena. At the time of writing pupils are already en route to the O2 for this largescale musical event.

Many thanks to Mrs Walsh, Head of Computing, for organising the Innovation in [Industrial Design for Technology Inspiration Day](#) earlier this week. Senior school pupils got a real insight into the power of technology to change the world, hearing directly from one of the UK's leading designers, Roger Gray. Creative use of computer technology and the interface between design technology and computing are very much at the heart of our teaching in this subject area.

We have started the year well in the swimming pool with 13 pupils participating in the annual Kent Secondary Schools Individual Gala last Saturday. Facing tough competition from across the country our swimmers performed magnificently, with most achieving personal bests in their chosen events. Seven pupils achieved medals:

- James (Y10) - Gold in 200m Individual Medley & Silver in 100m Backstroke
- Natasha (Y12) - Silver in 100m Breaststroke & 5th in 100m Freestyle
- Noemie (Y11) - 4th in 100m Breaststroke
- Millie (Y12) - 6th in 100m Backstroke
- Adel (Y7) - 6th 100m Breaststroke
- Euan (Y9) - 4th 100m Butterfly
- Jacob (Y13) - 4th in 100m Breaststroke

I am sorry to report that we have had some negative feedback from neighbours and Colfe's parents about inconsiderate driving and parking in the vicinity of the school, especially in Upwood Road. I appreciate that things can get very congested in the morning and the afternoon but it is imperative that our neighbours' driveways should remain accessible and that all parents should treat other road users with appropriate courtesy. I should add that parents are not permitted to drive on to or park on school premises.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell  
Headmaster