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## From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 26/01/24

Dear Parents

We have now heard that five of our Y13 applicants to Oxford or Cambridge this year have received offers across a range of subjects, adding to the success of others who have already received offers from Imperial College. We have also heard that one of last year's Y13 pupils has received a post-A level offer to read Veterinary Science, a notoriously competitive field.

We were delighted to hear that Oskar (Y12) has been appointed principal violist in the London Schools Symphony Orchestra for 2024. The first LSSO concert was at the [Barbican Hall in January](#). This is really exciting for Oskar, and indeed for the school, and we look forward to further updates.

Other highlights of the week included the official opening of the [Junior School Library](#) by Mrs Belinda Canham, current Colfe's Governor and erstwhile Head of Colfe's Junior School. Mrs Canham was delighted to have the opportunity to meet some Junior School pupils and to hear from the School Captains and the Library Prefects talking about their reading.

I regret to report that we have received further complaints from neighbours about inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of the school, this time in Horn Park Lane, accompanied by photographic evidence. I appreciate that the roads around the school get congested at the beginning and end of the school day but it should be possible for parents to drop children within easy walking distance of the school and avoid the immediate vicinity of the school gates. We are also, of course, well served by excellent public transport links.

Finally, and fortunately, those of you who recall the damage inflicted by Storm Eunice on the roof of the main classroom block two years ago will appreciate our relief that we were unaffected by the latest onslaught last weekend. I am grateful to Neil Bradford, our Operations Director, who came into school on Sunday to ensure that all was well.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell  
Headmaster