



From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 22/03/24

Dear Parents

Last Friday's senior school concert in St James' Church in Piccadilly was universally regarded as a triumph. The variety of the programme, combined with the magnificence of the venue, made this a very special event for the audience and a truly memorable experience for the pupils who performed. Congratulations to all involved and huge thanks to Mr Newberry and his colleagues in the Music department. Junior school music was once again on display on Tuesday of this week with the Tea Time Concert in the Recital Hall and the Year 1 performance for parents on Thursday.

Congratulations also to the U18 girls Water Polo team who travelled to Marlborough College on Friday for the final of the National Plate competition. Victories over Millfield and Marlborough secured the title and the team was undefeated throughout the day. This follows the success of the U18 boys' team earlier in the week in a tournament at Haberdashers' in Elstree when they defeated City of London and Queen Elizabeth's Barnet, as well as the hosts. Water Polo remains an area of significant strength throughout the school.

Thanks again to PAFA for another excellent event this week. The quiz was well supported and the staff team came a creditable fourth! Other significant events included Year 12 Devised Drama, senior house debating and a Y12 visit to the Classics Faculty in Cambridge. On a related theme a group of Year 10 pupils went to Prendergast Ladywell School for an enrichment day as part of the Oxford University Catalyst programme which Colfe's has developed in partnership with local state schools. Year 9 are due back from their Bushcraft trip today, despite the seemingly endless amount of mud the group are reported to have been in good spirits for the mix of off-grid survival activities and techniques.

Thoughts are now turning to Easter against a backdrop of better weather and the promise of next term's activity. The senior tennis team has already played its first tournament at Sevenoaks, doing well to reach the semifinals against strong opposition. As ever, we have much to look forward to.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell
Headmaster