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### Summary

This report provides members of the Board of Governors with an update on news outcomes from City of London School since the last meeting in October 2018.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main Report

#### Co-Curricular Highlights

The following co-curricular highlights are brought to the attention of governors, since the last meeting of the Board in October.

- **Charity:** The School elected Tiny Tickers to be the nominated charity for 2018-19.
- **CCF:** The CCF now includes over 60 girls from CLSG. A recent leaver graduated as top of class in the Sir Michael Knight Flying Award. The Naval Section won the CCF National Regatta and the Army Section won the London District Cadet shooting competition.
- **Sport:** The Autumn Term has been a successful one for the Basketball Club. At the time of writing, their record is as follows: P18, W15, L3. A highlight was the U18 team's defeat of Sevenoaks 97-39 and the U15 side scoring 144 points in a single match. The Football Club have played 115 matches with the following record: W58, D20, L37. There is exciting news for a boy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Form, who, following impressive performances for Fulham, was selected for the U16 Ireland Squad for the Victory Shield. In matches against Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland he scored three goals, earning him the Golden Boot. In the Pool, the Water Polo Club have enjoyed a positive start to the season. Six teams have played in 24 matches, with a record of W11, L13.

- **Music:** This has been, as usual, a busy term for the Music Department. The Chamber Choir sang beautifully at Lord Mayor's Prize Day and the Autumn Concert was notable for the consistency of the performances. Earlier in the term, boys were at CLSG for the annual Joint Concert. The term concludes with the Christmas Concert and Carol Service.
- **Drama:** The Upper School Production (joint with CLSG) of *Chess* received rave reviews. Tim Rice sent the cast and crew a good luck message in advance of the first performance.
- **International Honours:** A CLS tradition is for the President of the JCC to present international honours ties. In early November, we were delighted to welcome the President to an Upper Assembly to award ties to three boys who have represented Great Britain or the United Kingdom in the World Sailing Championships, the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics and the International Linguistics Olympiad.
- **Remembrance:** With it being the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, CLS invested a special effort with remembrance activities. We welcomed author, Theresa Breslin, to talk about her book *Remembrance* to boys in OG and 1st Form. The Drama Department took all their GCSE and A-Level students to see *The Trench* at the Southwark Playhouse. The Chamber Choir sung at the annual Garden of Remembrance Service at St Paul's Cathedral, accompanied by the Coldstream Guards. The 3rd Form watched the recently released film *Journey's End*, followed by a Q&A with the director, Saul Gibb. Other year groups received dedicated lessons on the theme of Remembrance; run by the English, History and RP Departments. Alongside this, the School Archivist, in collaboration with the History Department, produced an excellent display on the role played by Old Citizens in World War I. The CCF participated in the War Widows Parade and our Chapel Royal Choristers sung at the National Service of Remembrance (both at the Cenotaph). All the boys attended morning assemblies dedicated to Remembrance and we held our own Remembrance Service in the Courtyard (an event well-supported by the Governors).

## Pastoral Developments

The Pastoral and Wellbeing Advisor has made a very positive start: she is a fantastic addition to the pastoral team, and adding significant value to staff and to boys. The new system of pastoral tracking – via OneNote – is working well. Systems to track the allocation of rewards and sanctions are being introduced. Finally, plans for LGBT History Month include talks from Matthew Todd, the former editor of *Attitude* and author of *The Straightjacket*, and from Tim Otty QC, who is leading on the litigation for the decriminalisation of homosexuality in some Commonwealth countries.

## Sponsorship of the Pride Network

The School hosted the October meeting of the Corporation of London's 'Pride Network', and the School's LGBT Society presented to the attendees as part of that meeting.

## **Appendices**

None

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