

<b>Committee</b> Education Board	<b>Dated:</b> 23 May 2019
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### Summary

This report updates Members on recent events and activities across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board: Education, Cultural & Creative Learning, and Skills. A calendar of upcoming events can be found at **Appendix 1**.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main Report

#### Education

1. City Schools Conference – 1 March 2019  
Headteachers and teaching staff from the City of London Family of Schools were invited to meet and discuss the new Education, Skills and Cultural & Creative Learning Strategies. Senior leaders from Ofsted, Education & Employers, the OECD and others gave keynote speeches to prompt breakout discussions over how the three strategies could be implemented in the Family of Schools.
2. Debating Competition – 11 March 2019  
Pupils from the Family of Schools competed in a Debating Competition in the Livery Hall. The event was delivered in partnership with the International Churchill Society and was preceded by a Debating Workshops at the City of London School led by tutors from the English-Speaking Union (ESU). The event and preceding workshops focused on the development of pupils' Fusion Skills.
3. Chess Tournament – 19 March 2019  
A Chess Tournament was run in the Livery Hall for primary and secondary school pupils from the Family of Schools. The event was run in collaboration with Chess in Schools and Communities who delivered training on chess strategies to the pupils and judged the tournament.
4. Christ's Hospital Maths Challenge – 27 March 2019  
Christ's Hospital hosted their annual maths challenge engagement event for Year 5 pupils from over 30 London primary schools in the Guildhall's Livery Hall. This event was supported by the Education Unit and has a strong emphasis on Fusion Skills development.

#### Cultural & Creative Learning

5. Cultural & Creative Learning Forum  
The Cultural & Creative Learning Forum has now met twice. The membership is comprised of one governor and one staff member from each of the Family of Schools. The Forum provides strategic and practical leadership of the implementation of the Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy in the Family of Schools.

6. City Schools Concert – 15 March 2019  
14 schools from across the Family of Schools performed at the City Schools' Concert to an audience of Members, Chief Officers, parents, teachers and governors. The concert was held at the Milton Court venue and included a blend of choral, orchestral and dance pieces. The concert is a key activity as part of the Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy, in particular the outcome that pupils perform in professional venues at least three times per year and have the opportunity to share performances with families.

### **Skills**

7. Skills Forum

The Skills Forum has now met twice. The membership is comprised of one governor and one staff member from each of the Family of Schools. The Forum will provides strategic and practical leadership of the implementation of the Skills Strategy in the Family of Schools.

### **Upcoming activities**

8. Fusion Cities meeting June 7 with pre-meetings on June 6.

Fusion Cities are cities or parts of cities where there is a clear link between education, business and the cultural and creative sector. They are forward looking places with a focus on developing and enhancing skills for the future within an ethical context of social mobility and sustainability. Fusion Skills for the Future is the specific focus of this meeting including developing a national and international standard for these skills and the fusion assessment tool (influencing schools and lifelong learning).

9. London Careers Festival

- Booking for the London Careers Festival is now open to schools.
- The Festival now has a distinct brand and logo and website with information and registration access with a unique URL.
- There are over 100 bookable activities available across the week commencing 17 June 2019 and over 120 schools have already signed up to participate.
- 90 sessions will be run across the Creative Careers, Digital Careers, Financial/Financial Services Careers Fringe Days with host companies including Google, Bloomberg LP, KPMG, Aon, Mace and many others.
- The Guildhall days on 18 and 19 June will include the Livery Showcase, Apprentice19 and other activities.

10. A full calendar of upcoming events is included in **Appendix 1**.

### **Appendices**

- **Appendix 1** – Calendar of upcoming events (2018/19) linked to Education, Cultural & Creative Learning, and Skills Strategies.

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