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Summary

This report updates Members on the excellent inspection results of three recent inspections of schools in the City of London Family of Schools.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note:

- The Ofsted inspection of City of London Academy Islington (CoLAI) – May 2019
- The Ofsted inspection of Galleywall Primary School (Galleywall) – May 2019
- The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection of Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School (SJC) – May 2019

Main Report

Background

1. The Education Strategy 2019-23 commits to ensuring that pupils in the Family of Schools receive exceptional quality education. The results of school inspections are an important way for schools and the Education Board to measure success against the outcomes in the Education Strategy and be aware of areas for improvement.

Current position

2. Ofsted inspection of City of London Academy Islington – May 2019
 - The two-day Ofsted inspection of CoLAI took place over the 14 and 15 May 2019. The inspection results were 'Outstanding' in for four-out-of-five categories and received an 'Outstanding' overall effectiveness judgement.
 - The inspector commented that the school has been transformed into an exciting environment where pupils and staff thrive; outcomes are outstanding, and pupils' progress is exceptional; and a school where 'no child is left behind'.
 - Aligned closely with the Education and Skills Strategies on the development of Fusion Skills and exposure to the world-of-work, the inspector noted that there was evidence of exceptional provision for personal development and welfare ensuring that pupils quickly develop the skills they need to succeed in this school and in their future careers.
 - The judgement on 16-19 Study Programmes was 'Good' and it was noted that leadership in the sixth form is strong, but the range of study programmes the school can offer is affected by the small numbers of students in the sixth form and teaching in the sixth form is variable, effecting students' progress. It was

noted that the school could improve further by ensuring that leaders in the sixth form keep the provision under review so that:

- students' progress in the sixth form reaches the same high levels as pupils' progress in key stages 3 and 4
- teaching is consistently of the highest quality
- students benefit from the wider range of courses on offer in the consortium.

3. Ofsted inspection of Galleywall Primary School – May 2019

- The two-day Ofsted inspection of Galleywall took place over the 14 and 15 May 2019. The inspection results were 'Outstanding' in all five categories and received an 'Outstanding' overall effectiveness judgement.
- The inspector commented that the trust (City of London Academies Trust), governors and leaders have provided inspirational leadership and their determination and drive for excellence ensure that pupils develop into successful learners.
- Aligned closely with the Education and Cultural and Creative Learning strategies on offering a broad and balanced curriculum which enables pupils to flourish and thrive, the inspector commented that leaders have created a unique curriculum, based on the needs of the pupils which is well designed and implemented, providing pupils with a range of knowledge and skills which fully develops their learning.
- The inspector recommended that the school should improve further through strengthening the leadership and management by continuing to develop the middle leadership team, including subject leaders, as the school grows.

4. SIAMS inspection of Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School – May 2019

- All Church of England dioceses and the Methodist Church use the Church of England Education Office's framework for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. There are three judgements: Excellent, Good and Ineffective.
- The one-day SIAMS inspection of SJC took place on 23 May 2019. The overall judgement of the inspection was 'Excellent'.
- The inspector commented that a shared understanding of spirituality underpins the school's vision and drives its decisions, creating a harmonious learning community characterised by the compassionate, caring relationships between and among pupils and adults expressing the love at the heart of the vision.
- The inspector recommended that the school should improve further by exploring ways in which pupils can engage with the Eucharist in creative and innovative ways that respect the integrity of pupils.

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