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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 and Creative Learning, and Skills. A calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the update on recent events and activities across the three strategy areas and the calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year in **Appendix 1**.

Main Report

Education

1. City Students Conference and Prefects' Dinner – 2 December 2019

The Chief Commoner hosted an afternoon conference for secondary school pupils in the extended family of schools and beyond focused on the City Corporation, its remit and its services. The conference was opened by the Chief Commoner and the Assistant Town Clerk and featured speakers from many of the City Corporation's departments. The conference offered pupils insight into the varied sectors and jobs required in public services and encouraged pupils to think about their own priorities for public services. The conference was immediately followed by the annual Prefects' Dinner. The young people from all the Family of Schools with a Sixth Form had the opportunity to hear from a number of speakers about their experiences of culture in school and beyond school and to discuss these issues at their tables.

2. Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) Forum – 12 December 2019

Responding to the recommendations from the independent Safeguarding Review of the Family of Schools concluded in March 2019, the Education Unit supported the first Family of Schools DSL Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to provide a space amongst peers to discuss safeguarding, going beyond compliance, to consider different ways of working to achieve the safe culture that all schools are striving for. The Forum will provide a platform for sharing best practice, making connections, sharing learning and resources and the potential to influence safeguarding practice at a regional and national level. The Forum will be school-led, and the next meeting is due to take place at the City of London school.

Skills

3. London Careers Festival Working Party

On 28 November 2019, Member of the Education Board, Caroline Haines, chaired the first London Careers Festival Working Party of the academic year.

The Working Party brings together representatives from the City Corporation, the Stationers' Company, Livery Schools' Link, the Worshipful Company of Educators, Culture Mile Learning, business and school links to strategically plan and deliver the London Careers Festival 2020. The 2020 Festival will take place over three-days from 29 June to 1 July 2020 and will combine interactive stalls and exhibitions over the Guildhall Complex with fringe events within workplaces and buildings of interest across the City of London.

Cultural & Creative Learning

4. Fusion Prize

Culture Mile Learning have now concluded their symposia events over the Autumn months to galvanise interest and support prospective applicants to the Fusion Prize. The symposia focused on three key themes: the challenge of the skills gap and access to Fusion Skills; examples of best practice in using culture and creativity to develop Fusion Skills; and opportunities to test ideas with future users in the education, business and cultural sectors. The application window is now open and will close on 17 January 2020. The winning applicant will receive £50K to implement their solution to developing the Fusion Skills of London's learners through cultural engagement. The finalists will present their solutions to the Judging Panel on 30 April 2020 and the award ceremony will be in May 2020 when the winner will be announced.

Upcoming activities

5. City Schools' Concert – 30 January 2020, 5-6pm – City of London School
Musicians and singers from the Family of Schools will be performing at the City of London School. The performances will include cross-school, collaborative performances which develop the collaboration, presentation and creativity Fusion Skills. The theme running across the concert will be Culture Mile, and the five Culture Mile partners will provide the inspiration for the pieces of music. All Members of the Education Board are invited to attend the performance and tickets can be obtained at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-schools-concert-2020-tickets-85512176221>
6. Debating Competition – 4 March 2020, 12-4pm – Livery Hall, Guildhall
Pupils from the Family of Schools will compete in a Debating Competition in the Livery Hall. The event focuses on the development of pupils' Fusion Skills, in particular: oral communication, problem solving, collaboration and critical thinking. Members of the Education Board are invited to attend to watch the debates and should RSVP to Chris.Oldham@cityoflondon.gov.uk
7. The calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**

Appendices

- **Appendix 1** – Calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year

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