

Committee: Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls	Date: 21 st June 2013	Item no:
Report of: The Headmistress	Public:	
	For Information	

Forthcoming Events

1.

U1 Hooke Court Trip	7+ New Parents Afternoon
25 th June	Leavers Service
26 th June	Sports Day
27 th June	16+ Welcome Morning and Year 11 Book Day
27 th June	6 th Form Leavers Ball
28 th June	Sponsored Walk
1 st -12 th July	Year 11 Work Experience
1 st July	11+ New Parents Afternoon
1 st July	Year 10 and U2 Socials at CLS
1 st – 4 th July	GCSE Drama Performances
2 nd July	Open Evening
4 th July	Year 10 Parents Evening
5 th July	Prep Opera Performance
8 th -10 th July	Year 10 & 12 Greek Tragedy Performances
9 th July	U2 Grade 2 LAMDA Examination
9 th July	Guildhall Opera Scenes Performance for Year 7
9 th July	Year 8 City Girls in Science Day
10 th July	MAD Competition and Mission Fete
10 th July	Year 11 Dinner
11 th July	Term Ends
30 th August	Staff Induction Day
2 nd -3 rd September	Staff Days
4 th September	Student Induction Day
5 th September	Term Begins
9 th September	Prep Curriculum Afternoon
10 th September	7+ Open Morning
11 th September	Welcome to the 6 th Form Evening
12 th September	Extra-Curricular Fair
13 th September	Year 10 Parents Breakfast
18 th September	16+ Open Afternoon
19 th September	7+ Open Morning
25 th September	Prize Day
27 th September	11+ Open Morning
1 st October	7+ Open Morning
2 nd October	11+ Open Afternoon
4 th October	Year 13 Parents Breakfast
11 th October	Year 7 Parents Breakfast
16 th October	Junior and Senior Scholars Concerts
17 th October	11+ Open Morning

18 th October	Year 9 Parents Breakfast
21 st -29 th October	Half Term
31 st October	16+ Written Tests

Educational Visits

2.

21 st June	Year 9 Battlefield Day Trip
21 st June	Year 12 Economics Students Trip to the Coca Cola Factory
21 st -25 th June	Year 8 Normandy Trip
25 th June	Year 10 Away Day to Brussels
26 th June–3 rd July	Year 10 German Exchange to Trier
29 th June–4 th July	Year 12 Biology Field Trip
3 rd –4 th July	Choir Trip to Paris
8 th July	Prep Kensington Palace Day Trip
8 th July	Year 7 & 8 Stubbers Day Trip
12 th -15 th July	Skern Lodge Trip
16 th -18 th September	Year 7 Sayers Croft Trip
27 th -29 th September	GSA Netball Weekend
30 th September–4 th October	Year 8 & 9 Rhineland Trip
7 th -11 th October	U2 Dale Fort Trip
16 th -20 th October	Year 10 Granada Trip
30 th October-1 st November	U1 Hooke Court Trip
Sports Tour to Barbados	Dates and other details TBC

Governors' Visiting Days

3. The School is always delighted to welcome Governors to spend a day in school either attending lessons in a specific subject or else shadowing a particular year group.

Any Governors who would like to make a visit are asked to contact the Deputy Head at the school to discuss possible dates and the programme that would interest them.

Health & Safety

4. An emergency evacuation drill took place on 22nd April 2013.

Governors may recall that a fire safety inspection was carried out by an external consultancy in December 2012. An action plan was approved at January's H&S Committee meeting to deal with the few and relatively minor points identified. In January, the London Fire Brigade (LFB) carried out a "snap" inspection of the school and gave "advice under goodwill" which is a recognised term that falls short of a formal warning but does represent an expectation that action will be carried out, in this case by the beginning of the Autumn Term. A revised action plan has been drawn up in consultation with the City's Fire Safety Adviser. The main issues of concern to the LFB inspector were the location of computers and printers in corridors and the installation of additional fire doors in corridors and open spaces.

The minutes of the Health & Safety Committee meeting held on 16th April 2013 are at Annex A. The next meeting of the committee will take place on Monday 2nd September 2013.

There have been 3 reportable incidents during the period of 12th January to 3rd June 2013, these consist of a split chin and wrist injury during a netball practice, an incident in the DT department where a student did not follow instructions and put plastic into an oven and an ankle sprain.

Lettings

5.

ABRSM	15 th June	Main Hall
Barbican Association	25 th April	Main Hall
Charterhouse School	11 th & 12 th July	Main Hall
Chinmaya Mission UK	30 th April, 2 nd , 7 th & 9 th May	Library
Crossrail	16 th April	Committee Room
Exam Confidence	25 th -30 th May	10 Classrooms
Guildhall School of Music & Drama	13 th -19 th July	New Hall & Music Rooms
Highbury Roundhouse Youth and Community Centre	25 th May	Main Hall
Islington Boat Club	17 th & 24 th May	Swimming Pool
London Gay Mens Chorus	8 th & 22 nd May	Main / New Hall
London Philharmonic Choir	24 th April, 14 th June & 3 rd July	Main Hall or New Hall
London Philharmonic Orchestra	28 th April	Main Hall
London Symphony Chorus	18 th April, 7 th , 11 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 28 th & 30 th May, 14 th , 25 th & 28 th June	Main Hall or New Hall
London Symphony Orchestra	4 th May	New Hall

Regular Hirers

Barbican Lawn Tennis Club	Various Evenings	Tennis Courts
Global Harvesters Fellowship	Every Sunday	Main Hall
Go Mammoth	Every Monday - Thursday Evenings	Gymnasium
Nanuk Swimming	Every Thursday & Saturday	Swimming Pool
Royal Choral Society	Every Monday	Main Hall
St Paul's Cathedral School	Every Tuesday	Swimming Pool

Summary of Staff Training Academic Year 10/11

6. All teaching and support staff have had "refresher" training on Child Protection during the school year in accordance with DFE recommendations. The main thrust of the internal INSET programme for teachers has been on further development of Assessment for Learning and related matters of teaching and learning. A large group of staff representing a cross section of subject areas and levels of experience has attended in house training sessions on AFL led by Christine Harrison of King's College, London, who is a recognised expert in the field. These teachers have cascaded insights gained from the sessions to their departments and in discussions at Staff and Heads of Departments meetings.

The Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) of teachers has continued to meet regularly and to spread ideas and examples of good practice arising from their meetings. The school's programme of peer lesson observations has also encouraged the sharing of successful pedagogy within and between departments. "Home grown" training sessions for the whole staff and large groups of staff, led by our own teachers,

have included training on using Twitter and other social networking Internet sites to provide sixth formers with links to useful academic articles and an introduction to the "mind sets" research of psychologist Carol Dwek, which provides interesting perspectives on students' different learning styles and personal resilience. There is also a mobile technology working party which has begun to explore the implications of using the latest technology in classroom to strengthen an independent approach to learning.

Individual and group INSET has continued alongside whole staff initiatives, with teachers attending a wide variety of externally provided courses on a range of professional issues including subject specific training in relation to Examination Specifications, training in the effective use of ICT including iPads in lesson delivery, Safeguarding, understanding adolescents' pastoral problems, and First Aid.

Meeting with Barbican Residents

7. Notes of the meeting on 30th April 2013 are at Annex B.

List of Annexes:

Annex A: Minutes of Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Annex B: Notes of Barbican Residents Meeting

Background Papers:
None

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