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| Committee(s): City of London School | Date(s): 2 December 2013 | Item no. |
| Subject: Headmaster's Report | | |
| Report of: Mr David Levin, Headmaster | Public For Information | |
| <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>The Headmaster reports to the Governors on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney Fitzgerald Deceased • Means Tested Sponsored Award Campaign. • Recruitment progress for September 2013 during Autumn Term. • Health and Safety • John Carpenter Club Alumni Relations Officer (ARO) Update. • Professional Development. • In-Service Training (INSET) – Appendix 1 | | |

Main Report

1. Rodney Fitzgerald Dec'd

As reported at previous meetings Mr Fitzgerald – a former Governor of the School –bequeathed a share of his estate to fund a bursary to provide financial support for a student or students with sporting ability. An interim distribution from his Estate of £135,000 was received in September 2012 and the final distribution of £14,086 was received in October 2013 making a total of £149,086. The first recipient of the “Fitz Scholarship” joined the School's First Form in September 2013.

In addition to the bursary the “Rodney Fitzgerald Prize for Cricket” has been established and will be awarded annually to the Senior Sixth pupil who has made the greatest contribution to cricket during his time at the School. The first award was made for the 2012/13 academic year.

The School intends to plant a tree at Grove Park in memory of Mr Fitzgerald next summer during a sports fixture. A date will be agreed in due course and Governors and the Fitzgerald family will be invited to attend.

2. Means Tested Scholarship Campaign

A total of 16 full fee means tested scholarships are currently available to pupils joining the School in September 2014 or September 2015. Eight of these will be available at 11+ and eight at 16+. These awards are available to pupils from poorer backgrounds following an assessment of parental financial circumstances. These scholarships are available due to the generosity of:

HSBC
Man Group Charitable Trust
John Carpenter Club
Chart Group (Mr G Granter)
The Edward Charles Lawrence Horners' Award – a legacy to the School
being administered by the Worshipful Company of Horners
The Worshipful Company of Innholders
The Ogden Trust

Four individuals who wish to remain anonymous.

The School is very grateful to all of the above for their most generous support.

3. Recruitment progress for September 2013 during Autumn Term

OPEN AFTERNOONS FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE PUPILS

AUTUMN TERM 2012

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 25 September | 109 |
| 27 September | 101 |
| 11 October | 108 |
| 16 October | 109 |
| 18 October | 103 |
| 1 November | 119 |
| 8 November | 110 |
| 15 November | 108 |
| 20 November | 108 |
| 22 November | 48 |
| 27 November | 45 |
| 4 December | 68 |
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AUTUMN TERM 2013

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|--------------|------------|
| 24 September | 89 |
| 26 September | 104 |
| 10 October | 129 |
| 15 October | 75 |
| 17 October | 112 |
| 5 November | 114 |
| 7 November | 99 |
| 14 November | 121 |
| 19 November | 126 booked |

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| 21 November | 104 booked |
| 3 December | 74 booked |

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NB: NUMBERS REFER TO FAMILY UNITS

- There were 12 PPMs in Autumn 2012 covering 10+/11+/13+ & 13+ Pre Test.
- There will have been 11PPMs Autumn 2013 covering 10+/11+ & 13+ Pre Test.

4. Health & Safety

- There has been a major campaign by the City Surveyors and MITIE, in conjunction with four members of the School Staff (Facilities Manager, Head School Keeper, Finance Director and Second Master) to improve the standard of cleaning in the building. Progress is being made.
 - The School Nurse has arranged two training sessions for Staff on epilepsy (8/10/13 for beginners and 14/11/13 for Staff who needed to update their existing skills).
 - The Head of CPD arranged a two-day Inset on Pupils' Mental Health for five members of Staff which was well received and will consider offering similar opportunities to other colleagues next term.
 - A Security Alert Practice (Internal evacuation) was undertaken on Tuesday 12 November which generally went well, but revealed some deficiencies in our Public Address system, which had been the subject of maintenance during the Summer Works programme. The School had to wait several weeks to have the system further repaired which is why the Practice could not have been carried out earlier.
 - The School Nurse has reported seven accidents where boys have needed emergency first aid and hospital treatment (2 anaphylaxis, two fractures, two ligaments and one facial injury , the last five all occurring during sporting activity on site or and Grove Park).
- The next Health & Safety committee meeting is planned for 3 December

5. John Carpenter Club Alumni Relations Officer (ARO) Update

The relationship between the old boys' association – the John Carpenter Club – and the School remains extremely strong, and the Club currently provides four bursaries. The Club also provided a new electronic cricket scoreboard for Grove Park, the first use of which was marked by a lively match between the Old Citizens and the 1st XI.

Through its Alumni Relations Officer, based at the School, the Club continues to improve its communications with members, including the introduction of online payments, email newsletters and an online survey, in addition to its traditional thrice-yearly print publication *The Gazette*.

This year some of the many successes we count among our alumni are Peter Higgs' Nobel Prize, Bart Layton's BAFTA, Danny Cohen becoming Director of BBC Television and, amongst our more recent leavers, Jack Crawford playing for Oakland Raiders and Adam Barr winning University Challenge.

Of course, countless more Old Citizens excel in their fields, and the JCC enables current City boys to benefit from this: numerous Old Citizens provide work experience, speak at workshops and exhibit at our Careers Fair, and Sixth Formers are invited to attend JCC professional networking events.

Under this year's President, Prof. Bernard Silverman, the JCC has enjoyed a varied programme of events, ranging from the formal splendour of the Annual Dinner at the Honourable Artillery Company, to the vibrant 2008 Leavers' Reunion at the Cheshire Cheese pub. Perhaps the most successful occasion, though, was the reception to mark the retirement of Jonathan Keates. Over 150 Old Citizens from across Jonathan's four decades at City turned out to honour this most memorable of teachers. The longevity of his service was neatly illustrated through the attendance of a number of father and son duos where both generations had been taught by Jonathan.

The event which looks set to be the most memorable of 2014 is the School Bursary Trust's Gala Dinner at the Tate Modern, to be held on Tuesday 10th June. I launched the Scholarship Campaign back in November 2000 to enable boys from financially disadvantaged backgrounds to attend the School on means tested scholarships, and since that time over 150 boys have benefited from full fee sponsored awards.

The School is delighted with the rich contribution these boys continue to make to the life of the community, with exemplary behaviour, academic achievement and successful participation in sport, music and extra-curricular activities. We are grateful to the Corporation for their generous match-funding which continues to motivate our supports to give more. I look forward to attending the 2014 Gala Dinner in my new capacity as a Trustee of the City of London School Bursary Trust, and the organisers assure me that a sparkling evening of celebrity entertainment awaits.

6. In-Service Training (INSET)

Developments this term:

- 'Twilight' INSETs have started, the first of which was on Interactive Whiteboards
- INSET delivered at City on 'Mental Health First Aid' was very well received. This will be offered to more staff next term
- The 'Professional Development Library' is now in place and the collection is growing
- A 'bank' of likely/possible questions is now in place
- 4 staff are making progress on the ISQAM (Independent Schools Qualification in Academic Management) course
- INSET log in APPENDIX 1

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