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<u>Executive Summary</u>		
<p>This paper gives Members an update on the following two major Outreach projects in which the School is currently involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark Bentworth Primary Academy • Stepney Green Project. 		

1. The Continuing Partnership between ARK Bentworth Primary Academy and City of London School

Feedback from the meeting, attended by staff from both schools, held at CLS 28/4/14

Gary Griffin, Chairman of the LGB at Bentworth and Second Master at CLS, chaired the meeting which had been arranged to assess the partnership so far and possible plans for the future.

Five of the CLS Teaching Staff are involved in the project:

- Paul Eteson (MFL) who has been specialising in introductory language lessons and especially cultural developments.
- Peter Naylor (Chemistry) who has been providing science demonstrations and opportunities for practical experiments.
- Alison Gill (Art) who has been offering help particularly with sculpture, including the Fourth Plinth competition.
- Matthew Hilton-Dennis (English) who has worked especially on story- telling, public speaking and presentations etc.
- Allyn Blake (Maths) who has been providing extra materials, quizzes, and group work.

General developments:

- CLS Staff either visit Bentworth if/ when their timetables permit, after school or in the holidays or Bentworth children are brought to CLS (eg for Science).
- The Year 5 & 6 children (in particular) have been able to make use of the specialist facilities at CLS – labs, art room etc.
- Some of City's boys have made visits to Bentworth e.g.(1) Our Year 6s went to take part in joint story telling with their counterparts (M Hilton Dennis) e.g.(2) 15 Junior Sixth Formers went to help with Maths puzzles and games (A D Blake)
- Staff in both schools were very pleased with the way the partnership has been going and the benefits have included:
 - Enriching the curriculum beyond Key Stage 2.
 - Stimulating interest and excitement in learning (eg the whizz bangs in science).
 - Developing the confidence of the students.
 - Provision of extra resources and subject expertise.
 - Holding a Prize Day (graduation ceremony) at CLS in the Summer.

Future plans:

- Perhaps more work with the younger age groups (incl. Years 1, 2 and 3).
- Help with MFL when it becomes a requirement from Sept 2014.
- Developing performing skills e.g. a primary school version of Bugsy Malone.
- KS2 Sculpture Club for 7 and 8 year olds.
- Inviting Year 5 as well as Year 6 to the graduation ceremony this summer.
- Possibly expanding the project to other subject areas e.g. Philosophy and Classics.

Possible issues to be considered:

- Amount of time available (CLS Staff have full teaching timetables already) and it is not usually possible for them to have a whole afternoon off.
- Costs – currently paid for by CLS but the possibility of funding by City of London Corporation charities is being considered.
- Distance between the two schools – 40 minutes plus especially for younger children with the walking as well as the tube journey.
- Continued role of the ex-CLS Governors and their availability.
- What will OFSTED think of it all when they carry out their next inspection?

Conclusion

The continuing partnership with this primary academy in a deprived part of West London is going well and both Bentworth and CLS are pleased with the way it is developing. The Executive Headteacher, Damian McBeath has spoken very warmly about the success of the relationship. It is something which fits in with the Corporation's desire for Outreach between the independent and state sectors. Gary Griffin chairs the two Board of Governors' meetings each term and has visited the School a number of times to see it in action. It is making very good progress and has improved enormously since ARK took it over two years ago; CLS's contribution to this improvement is significant.

2. Update on Stepney Green Project

A full report on this project – under which the School is assisting Stepney Green Maths, Science, Computing College in establishing its own Sixth Form – was given as the last Board Meeting. A brief update is given below.

- The Stepney Green partnership continues to progress well
- This term the focus is on supporting Stepney staff in their preparations for the delivery of A2 courses
- Masterclasses will be delivered to Stepney students on the 'A2 Mindset'
- Stepney Green was recently inspected by OFSTED. The following are excerpts from the report:

'Sixth Form students attend some additional training led by the City of London School called Sharing Academic Capital, aimed at raising standards'

'Sixth Form students achieve well because of the training led by the City of London School'

'The partnership work with the City of London School called 'Sharing Academic Capital' aimed at raising standards in the sixth form is exemplary'

The cost of this project to the School will be refunded by Stepney Green in full from the monies which is receives from the London Schools Excellence Fund.

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