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Summary

This report provides Members with an update on recent partnership events and activities and an overview of forthcoming events that they may wish to note for their diaries. Invitations for each event will be circulated in due course.

Main Report

This report provides Members of the Education Board with an update on recent and upcoming City school partnership events.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. This report provides Members with an update on recent events and an overview forthcoming events that they may wish to note for their diaries.

Partnership events for the City schools

Recent Events

1. Quit Rents Ceremony – Students from The City Academy Hackney, The City of London Academy Islington and the City of London Academy Southwark attended the Quit Rents Ceremony at the Royal Courts of Justice in October 2016. Students enjoyed lunch on a boat ride down the River Thames before hearing a speech from the Lord Chief Justice and witnessing the Quit Rents Ceremony.

2. Prefects Dinner- The Chairman of the Education Board hosted a dinner on 29 November for prefects from all the City secondary schools. This provided an opportunity for the prefects to meet their peers from other City schools and engage with Members of the City Corporation. The theme of the evening was employability; guests heard speeches from a CLSG alumni about her path since school and one from CLS who discussed the benefits of apprenticeships. The prefects also gave their opinions on how well they believe their schools prepare them for the world beyond education and how they could improve at this.
3. Basketball Tournament- The City of London Academy Southwark hosted a Basketball event on Wednesday 7 December 2016. Students from The City of London Academy Southwark and The City of London Academy Islington took part in a coaching clinic run by sixth form students followed by two competitive games played in front of a crowd.

Forthcoming events

4. Exceptional Schools, Creative Schools Conference- The inaugural City schools education conference will take place on 20 January 2017. There will be a key note speech on the importance of creativity from Will Gompertz (BBC Arts Correspondent), which will be followed by breakout sessions by teachers at the City schools on engaging creativity in the curriculum between teachers and pupils. Teaching staff will be given the opportunity to engage with their peers and Corporation representatives; share best practice; and hear more about the City of London's Education Strategy.
5. City Schools' Concert- The second annual concert will be taking place on 30 January at Milton Court. Each of the City schools will perform two musical items which include choirs, orchestras and dance. The finale will be the performance of an original piece of music, produced by a group comprising of students from all the schools, during workshops in the lead up to the concert. This creative collaboration is being led by Paul Griffiths from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.
6. Year 10 debating event- 27/28 March 2017
7. Careers Fair- 24 April 2017

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