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Summary

This report provides governors with an update on news from the School since the last meeting of the Board.

Recommendation(s)

Governors are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Academic Update

1. The Trinity Book Awards Project has been developed. The Second Form had a day-off-timetable to produce creative responses and the display of these in the Library is impressive; Board Games were made in teams using IT&C skills and Art & Design, and – again – the outcomes were first class.
2. A Junior Sixth Young Enterprise group is developing a revision App that is enjoying success in the competition. We look forward to hearing how well their App, Notify, does. It has secured funding from the JCC, and was represented at the BETT Conference in January 2019.
3. For the second year running, a CLS Sixth Form pupil was awarded the highest mark in the Financial Securities Essay.
4. A range of external academic competitions are being entered, and we are enjoying success in Mandarin, Coding, Robotics and Olympiads.
5. EQI ISI preparation continues with the updating of the SEF, and continued evidence collation across Pupil Development and Pupil Achievements. The work of the Compliance Committee continues.
6. Alps has been utilised and soft-launched to HoDs. We can now use this to track boys, input changes in predictions, monitor progress, and it will give us reliable VA data in August for Sixth Form. We are looking to utilise this for the Fifth Form in a bespoke fashion. The software was presented to the Academic and Education Committee in February 2019.
7. We continue to trial two on-line learning platforms: Uplearn with the S6 Economists and Seneca with GCSE groups. Both use algorithms to offer on-line revision. Both offer teachers the potential to monitor the time spent on work, as well as how successful the work has been. Feedback on Uplearn and

Seneca is being gathered and the companies are keen to respond to our feedback.

Co-Curricular Update

- **Charity:** The Charity Committee are, as usual, working hard to raise funds for the nominated charity. This term, 8 staff have given morning or early evening lectures (TED style) in what is known as Cit. Ed. This is likely to raise in excess of £1000.
- **Holocaust Memorial:** Alongside the annual ceremony (led by the Jewish Society), a number of other activities took place including a visit from Manfred Goldberg (a survivor of the Riga Ghetto and Stutthof Camp), a webinar with the holocaust survivor Harry Spiro and sessions delivered in class by the Holocaust Education Trust. Paul Stein's presence at the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony was particularly appreciated by the boys.
- **Sport:** Our teams are faring well in a range of competitions and we are confident of more trophies this year. In January, the U13 team won the National ISFA Futsal tournament. What is particularly notable is the high level of participation by the boys, with over 300 competitive fixtures taking place in Football, Basketball and Water Polo so far this academic year.
- **International Honours:** The President of the JCC was in again to award an international honours tie to a boy in the S6th Form who has represented GB at American Football.
- **Music & Drama:** This term there has been a number of informal music recitals, giving younger boys the opportunity to develop their performance confidence, by playing in front of their peers and parents. The music at the Lower School Concert was of the usual high standard and there is a packed schedule for the second-half of term with the Spring Concert, Spring Soiree and Brass Concert all taking place in the final two weeks of term. The main drama production this term is 'N1', a student-led venture.
- **Schools' Challenge:** Our Schools' Challenge Quiz Team have reached the regional finals, defeating London Oratory, South Hampstead and Haberdashers' Aske's Boys School en route.
- **Chinese Speaking Competition:** A boy in the J6th Form was placed 2nd nationally in the British Council Chinese Speaking Competition.
- **Clubs and Societies:** These continue to flourish and the boys had a lovely opportunity to show-off what they do at a new Parents Bursary Scheme event – 'Clubs and Societies Showcase'. Their ability to talk in an engaging and confident manner with visitors was particularly impressive.
- **Trips:** The trips schedule remains a busy one and over the February half-term the History Department were in Berlin, the Modern Languages Department were in Seville and Hamburg and the PE Department took 40 boys skiing in Jasper.

Pastoral Update

- The most recent Parents' Forum saw a presentation from Steve Oakes on 'Mindset for Success at GCSE and A-level'. It was very well received. The next one will take place at CLSG on 6th March, and covers E-Safety.
- LGBT History Month: Tim Otty, QC and Matthew Todd (former editor of Attitude and author of The Straightjacket) spoke to the Third and Fourth Form.

- A roundtable of academics from Goldsmith's University will discuss the challenges for professionals in engaging with affluent neglect and emotional abuse. This will be hosted by CLS on 20th March. CBS took part in an 'expert panel' to assess findings.
- ARB is part of a panel at an HMC Conference on 1st March, to try to encourage senior managers from diverse backgrounds to consider school leadership. CBS is speaking on Diversity and Inclusion at a dinner of senior staff from across the independent sector on 15th March.
- Student Day in January was very successful; alongside one-to-one talks with tutors, there were excellent presentations on finance, drugs education, wellbeing and disability.
- A reflection group with a counsellor and 10 members of staff is up and running.
- Appointments have been made to the posts of Head of Lower School, Head of Middle School, Head of OG, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and Head of PSHE. A new post of Head of Transition has also been appointed to support the transition of new pupils into CLS.
- We are currently appointing a new counsellor for one day so we have 5 day provision.
- Uptake of the HPV vaccine has been very significant.

Appendices

- None

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