Committee(s): City of London School	Date(s): 10 October 2012	Item no.
Subject: Headmaster's Report		
Report of: Mr David Levin, Headmaster	Public For Informa	ation
Ward (if appropriate):	·	

Summary

- The School had its best ever A/AS points per candidate with 78.6% of all A2 candidates awarded A* or A.
- Second best ever 55.6% GCSEs taken gained A* grades. 84.2% were A and A* and 27 boys gained 9 A* or better.
- University places for 2012 Leavers recorded and enclosed.
- Over 90% of Leavers are expected to enter Russell Group Universities plus Durham/St Andrews/QM Medical School.
- New teachers commencing employment at the School are listed.
- Completed Summer Works recorded.
- A total of 922 boys were enrolled for the new academic year.
 This is comfortably full and compares favourably with the 875-885 average admitted up to 2008.
- Thirty-four Scholarships awarded by category are listed.
- Summary of Health & Safety Public Report tabled.
- Announcement of new ICT provision structure.
- Sports Report for 2011-2012
- Involvement in the 2012 Olympics/Paralympics
- Charity Appeal 2011-2012
- Headmaster joining Advisory Board of National College for School Leaders (NCSL)
- Headmaster to be heard on the subject of Bentworth Primary School Academy.

Main Report

1. Public Examination Results

The A Level and GCSE results at both A Level and GCSE are listed by subject below. Statistical highlights of our achievements are included.

As you can see from this and the subject lists, this has been the most successful ever A Level and second best IGCSE year for the School. The percentage A* - B Grades at A Level was 97.1% of all subjects taken. The A* was secured in 29% of all A2 subjects taken. Nationally only 8.2% A2 subjects were graded A*. The percentage A and A* at GCSE was 84.2% - third best ever results for the IGCSE. Significantly, 78.7% of all A Level subjects taken at A Level were awarded A* or A grades.

55.6% of all IGCSE grades were A*. The School has now opted to take IGCSE in twelve subjects. These are the six compulsory subjects of English Literature, English Language, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology and the new additions of History, Geography, French, Spanish, German and Music.

Statistical highlights of Summer 2012 public examination results

A & AS level

Best ever % A* - B. 97% (Summer 2010 saw the introduction of the A*).

2011: 90.6 2010: 93.1 2009: 92.6 2008: 91.8 2007: 93.9 2006: 90.4 2005 90.1

Hugely impressive % A/A* grades (78.6) – THIS NOW INCLUDES 28.9% A* -first awarded 2010

2011: 66.1 2010: 75.2 2009: 72.5 2008: 74.7 2007: 74.9 2006: 64.4 2005: 64.7

Superb A/AS points per candidate (446.4)

2011: 444 2010: 446.3 2009: 435.4 2008: 417.7 2007: 435.8 2006: 407.7

NB. There are 130 candidates this year, compared to 129 in 2011.

1 boy got 5 A*s and goes to Cambridge. He also has an A in AS Russian.

2 boys got 4 A*s and 1 A. 1 - who also has an A in AS Greek - goes to Cambridge and the other is applying for university in 2013.

1 boy got 3 A*s and 2As. He has a place at Oxford.

2 boys got 4 A*s. They go to Oxford and Cambridge.

8 boys all got 3 A*s and 1 A.

4 boys all got 3 A*s.

8 boys all got 2 A*s and 2 As.

5 boys all got 1 A* and 3 As.

17 boys got 3A*s or more.
73 boys (out of 130) got straight A/A* grades
42 took 4 or more A Levels.

GCSE 2012

84.2 % A* + A third highest ever (2011 - 85.2 2010 - 90.4 2009 - 83.1 2008 - 80.9 2007 - 82.2 2006 - 82.8, 2005 79.3)

Second highest ever A* at 55.6% (2011 – 54.3 2010 – 61.1% 2009 – 49.2 2008 – 48.6%)

99.3% A*-C grades

10.3was the average number of GCSEs taken

27 boys gained 9A* grades or better (39 in 2011 and 41 in 2010)

1 boy got 13A*

1 boy got 12A*

1 boy got 11A* and 1A

4 boys got 11A*

4 boys got 10 A* and 1A

3 boys got 10A*

1 boy got 9A* and 2As

11 boys got 9A* and 1A

3 boys got 8 A*s and 4 As 11 boys got 8 A*s and 2 As

54 boys got straight A* and A grades – 40% (63 in 2011 and 77 in 2010)

2. <u>University Places for Leavers 2012</u>

139 in cohort

OXBRIDGE 31 offers

OXFORD 17 offers 16 places
CAMBRIDGE 14 offers 13 places

Total **29 places (a School record)**

MEDICINE

MEDICINE 14 applicants, 10 offers 8 places confirmed

2 Dentistry offers for 2012. 1 was not met.

RUSSELL GROUP

112 out of the 139 boys in the year have been placed through UCAS. 1 has opted for an overseas university (USA) bringing the total to 113. 12 boys did not apply (although 1 of these subsequently got a place through Clearing). This leaves 15 who were not placed through UCAS. Of these, in light of their very high results, 5 withdrew from their offers to apply (or re-apply) to Oxbridge in 2013. 2 boys withdrew from their offers to re-apply to preferred alternatives in 2013. 1 boy is awaiting the outcome of an appeal which may result in him being successful with meeting his offer. 7 boys are intending to re-apply (and in many cases take some re-sits) in 2013, including 4 medics who got no offers at all last time round (highlighting how intensely competitive medicine has become).

Of the 112 boys placed through UCAS, there are 97 places (97/112, 86%) secured at Russell Group Universities. However when places at other top rank institutions such as St Andrews/Bath/Lancaster/Loughborough/ Newcastle are included this number rises to 103 (103/112, 92%), thus making this the most successful year on record for boys who received offers being placed at Russell and Premier Group universities. The average (at Premier Group) over the last 12 years is 79% so 2012 is notable for the remarkably high levels achieved at top ranking institutions.

LONDON

25 (25/112, 22%) placed at London institutions (2011 25%, 2010 31%, 2009 29%, 2008 27%, 2007 30%, 2006 27%). BBK 1, GOLD 1, IMP 2, KCL 5, LSE 3, QMUL 5, UCL 8.

UNIVERSITY CHOICE

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
FIRM (1 st choice)	100 (91%)	86 (86%)	86%
INSURANCE (2 nd choice)	7 (6%)	10 (10%)	8%
CLEARING	5 (4%)	4 (3%)	5%

112 boys

DESTINATION BY SUBJECT TYPE

ARCHITECTURE	1
ARTS and HUMANITIES	60
LAW	2
MATHEMATICS / FINANCE	4
SCIENCE and ENGINEERING	34
SOCIAL SCIENCE	12
APPLYING 2013	11
RE-APPLYING 2013	14
POSITION NOT YET KNOWN	1
Year total	139

Results A2 2012

Results A2 2012														
	No. of	Grades						No of	%	Ave	% A* - A	% A* - B	% A* - A	% A* - B
	Entries	Graues						passes	pass	Score*	A	D	2011	2011
	Littles	A*	A	В	С	D	Е	A*-E	puss	beore			2011	2011
English Literature	23	9	13	1				23	100.0	127.0	95.65	100.00	73.91	86.96
English Language	12	1	7	2	2			12	100.0	111.7	66.67	83.33	45.45	72.73
History	54	13	31	10				54	100.0	121.1	81.48	100.00	70.73	97.56
Geography	19	1	13	5				19	100.0	115.8	73.68	100.00	86.67	100.00
French	21	2	13	5	1			21	100.0	115.2	71.43	95.24	57.69	92.31
German	4	1	3					4	100.0	125.0	100.00	100.00	66.67	100.00
Spanish	12	4	6	1	1			12	100.0	121.7	83.33	91.67	66.67	100.00
Russian	7	3	4					7	100.0	128.6	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Religious Studies	19	1	14	4				19	100.0	116.8	78.95	100.00	59.09	86.36
Latin	5	1	3	1				5	100.0	120.0	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Classical Greek	3	0	2	1				3	100.0	113.3	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00
Classical Civilisation	6	1	3	1	1			6	100.0	113.3	66.67	83.33	60.00	100.00
Government & Politics	18	8	7	3				18	100.0	125.6	83.33	100.00	62.50	87.50
Economics	31	5	17	6	3			31	100.0	115.5	70.97	90.32	63.89	86.11
Mathematics	67	28	20	15	2	1	1	67	100.0	120.6	71.64	94.03	73.42	92.41
Further Mathematics	24	10	11	3				24	100.0	125.8	87.50	100.00	48.15	77.78
Further Maths Additional	2	1	1					2	100.0	130.0	100.00	100.00	n/a	n/a
Physics	36	12	13	10	0	1		36	100.0	119.4	69.44	97.22	50.00	80.77
Electronics	4	2	2					4	100.0	130.0	100.00	100.00	n/a	n/a
Chemistry	38	10	20	8				38	100.0	121.1	78.95	100.00	78.57	92.86
Biology	27	11	12	4				27	100.0	125.2	85.19	100.00	62.07	93.10
Music	1	0	1	0				1	100.0	120.0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Drama	3	0	2	1				3	100.0	113.3	66.67	100.00	71.43	100.00
Art & Design	4	3	1	0				4	100.0	135.0	100.00	100.00	66.67	100.00
TOTAL	440	127	219	81	10	2	1	440	100.0	120.6	78.64	97.05	67.13	90.74
No. of candidates	130													
% 2012		28.90	49.80	18.40	2.30	0.50	0.20	100						
(% 2011)		23.4	43.8	23.6	7.2	1.4	0.7	100.0						<u> </u>
2011 No. of Candidates	129	101	189	74	31	6	3	432						

 % Overall pass rate:
 100.0

 % of A* and A grades:
 78.6

 % of A* to B grades:
 97.0

Average score per A level subject:	120.6	115
Ave. score per A/AS Level candidate:	447.3	445

67.1

90.6

* For A Level

Grade	A*	A	В	С	D	Е
Score	140	120	100	80	60	40

Fifth form GCSE Summer 2012

Subject	No. of				Grad	es				No. of	%	% A*	% A*
	Entries									passes	pass	and A	and A
		A *	Α	В	С	D	Е	F/G	U	A* - C		2012	2011
English Language	139	46	61	22	10					139	100.0	76.98	98.6
English Literature	138	60	39	28	10	1				138	100.0	71.74	74.3
History	116	91	21	4						116	100.0	96.55	95.5
Geography	64	35	20	7	2					64	100.0	85.94	91.1
Religious Studies	38	20	12	6						38	100.0	84.21	95.7
Latin 2012	37	24	8	0	4	0	1			37	100.0	56.76	91.3
Latin 2011	22	15	6	1						22	100.0	95.45	90.0
Greek	21	12	5	3	1					21	100.0	80.95	80.0
Classical Civilisation	16	7	4	4	1					16	100.0	68.75	95.2
French 2012	102	68	26	8						102	100.0	92.16	75.9
French 2011	13	7	6							13	100.0	100.00	100.0
German	25	20	5							25	100.0	100.00	86.4
Russian	16	16								16	100.0	100.00	100.0
Spanish	41	25	6	6	4					41	100.0	75.61	89.7
Italian	3	3								3	100.0	100.00	100.0
Mathematics	138	97	39	2						138	100.0	98.55	92.9
Physics	133	85	28	18	2					133	100.0	84.96	88.7
Chemistry	133	63	41	20	8	1				133	100.0	78.20	77.4
Biology	133	72	35	19	5	1	1			133	100.0	80.45	79.7
Double Award Science*	10	1	5	3	1					10	100.0	60.00	14.3
Physical Education	6	1	5							6	100.0	100.00	85.0
Drama & Th. Studies	37	7	16	13	1					37	100.0	62.16	64.9
Art & Design	24	9	12	2	1					24	100.0	87.50	89.2
Music 2012	9	4	3	2						9	100.0	77.78	85.7
Music 2011	4	1	3							4	100.0	100.00	90.9
TOTAL	1418	789	406	168	50	3	2	0	0	1413	99.6	84.27	85.5
No. of candidates	138												
% 2012	100	55.6	28.6	11.8	3.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	99.6			
2011%	100	55.4	30.1	11.2	2.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.2			

*5 candidates

Bold denotes IGCSE

% Overall pass rate:	99.6	
% of A* and A grades:	84.3	85.5

Fourth Form GCSE Summer 2012

Subject	No. of Entries		Grades							No. of passes	% pass
		A *	Α	В	С	D	Ε	F/G	U	A* - C	-
French	16	15	1							16	100.0
Italian	1	1								1	100.0
Latin	29	22	7							29	100.0
Music	3	3								3	100.0
TOTAL	49	41	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	100.0
No. of candidates											
% 2012	100	83.7	16.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
2011%	100	61.0	36.6	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	·

3. New Teaching Appointments w.e.f. September

- Mr Matthew Chataway MA (King's College, London) to History from Haydon School.
- ➤ Mr Ian Emerson MA (University of Newcastle upon Tyne) to Modern Languages Department from Gosforth Academy.
- ➤ Mr James Clayton MA (University of Manchester) to the English Department from Walthamstow Academy.
- ➤ Ms Nirmala Bigden MSc (University of London) to the Mathematics Department from Merchant Taylors' School.

Miss Sarah Jenks joined the Support Staff as Alumni Relations Officer.

4. <u>Summer Works</u>

There have been some building works this summer, but not as many as usual because of the restrictions imposed upon us by the Olympics. Those completed include:

- A new surface has been laid on the SE staircase and the Concourse floor.
- Two more Physics labs have been totally modernised.
- Room 411 (the general science lab) has been refurbished.
- WiFi has been extended throughout the School.
- Four classrooms have had new interactive projectors and new boards installed, as requested by the departments concerned.
- Four more LED display screens have been set up in corridors.
- A new non-slip floor has been laid throughout the catering area where the boys queue up and receive their food.
- Changing facilities for the catering staff have been improved.
- Five hundred new locker doors have been fitted.
- PAT testing has been carried out throughout the building.
- The kitchen has had its annual deep clean.
- New telephones have been installed on levels 1 and 2.
- More energy efficient LED lighting has been installed in corridors and this project will continue throughout the year.

Further works will be carried out at Half Term and the Christmas Holidays.

5. School Roll - September 2012

	OG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	J6	S6	Total
2011-	40	96	100	144	128	140	126	140	914
2012									
2012-	45	96	96	140	144	128	152	121	922
2013									

The School is comfortably full.

6. Scholarships awarded

The following awards have been made to pupils entering the School in September 2012:

- a) 31 City of London Corporation scholarships based solely on academic ability these scholarships are for up to half of the school tuition fees
- b) 2 City of London Corporation Music scholarships these are for up to half of the tuition fees
- c) 4 City of London Corporation Sports scholarships these are for up to half of the school tuition fees
- d) 15 full fee Means Tested Sponsored Scholarships these cover all of the school tuition fees 6 were awarded to pupils entering the Junior School and 9 to those entering the Sixth Form.

In addition 20 of last year's Fifth Form pupils have been awarded scholarships based upon their GCSE results

The award of 15 new Means Tested Sponsored Scholarships referred to above brings the total number of full fee scholarships awarded at the City of London School since the launch of the scholarship campaign in November 2000 to 177. In addition there are 14 scholars in receipt of substantial bursaries provided by HSBC. At the current school tuition fee charge this means that the campaign has raised school fees of in excess of £12 million including the generous match funding of the City of London Corporation.

7. Health and Safety Public Report October 2012

- 9.1 Copies of the School's Health and Safety Policy will be available for Governors at the meeting. Any questions should be directed to the Second Master.
- 9.2 A whole school security alert practice was held on 6 July which worked well.
- 9.3 A whole school fire drill was held on 13 September to familiarise new staff and pupils of the School's evacuation procedures. This also went well.
- 9.4 Vaccinations were arranged for Second and Fourth Formers by the School Nurse in the week beginning 17 September.
- 9.5 Improvements in the quality of cleaning were noted.
- 9.6 A boy in the First Form broke his arm in two places when he was climbing on the railings in the Courtyard. Signs have now been placed there to prevent further accidents.
- 9.7 The roof of the DVA building was a health and safety hazard on Jubilee Day when large numbers of the general public climbed over the barrier on White Lion Hill. The School called the Police and the Highways Department is being contacted to see what can be done in future.

- 9.8 The Corporation's Access Officer undertook a Disability Access Survey of the building on 17 July. We await her report.
- 9.9 The new Medicines Policy was featured in the Headmaster's End of Term Letter to draw parents' attention to the need to provide the Nurse with emergency medication if their sons require it (e.g. epipens).
- 9.10 The drains on the north side of the building were badly blocked during the holidays and sewage was building up in the Car Park. After two weeks of cajoling and endless phone calls the maintenance sub-contractors, arranged through MITIE, cleared the problem.
- 9.11 A pest control issue, arising from the drainage problem, is currently being dealt with.
- 9.12 The School's Health and Safety Committee met on October 4th as planned.

8. <u>Contract Extensions</u>

The following two contracts are being extended by the School:

- a) The School's catering contract with Holroyd Howe Independent Limited – which commenced on 1 September 2007 and expired on 31 August 2012 – will be extended by a further year. This will open up the possibility of the school's catering services being included in a corporate catering contract which it is anticipated will commence on 1 September 2013; and
- b) The school's coach transport contract with P & J Ellis Limited which commenced on 1 January 2009 for an initial period of four years will be extended for a further two years as permitted in the contract.

Both contractors have provided a very high quality of service at a competitive price.

Both contract extensions have been agreed with the Chamberlain.

9. Result of Audit and Review

Arising out of the Sayer Vincent IT review the IT structure has been altered. Mr Jonathan Cook is retiring and the Director of IT and Staff Development post has been re-structured. This post has been replaced by an IT Steering Group with the HM as Chairman and Mrs Ralph (Head of Academic ICT) serving as Secretary. The Staff Development post has, for a trial period of six months, been split between the Assistant Headmaster and Director of Studies, and Staff Induction/PGCE mentoring has been given to the Second Master.

10. **Sports Report for 2011-2012**

Football

The Football Club ran over 200 inter-school fixtures in last year's season, including commitment to five different major cup competitions and an exhaustive programme of friendlies with both Independent and State Schools. Thirty boys took part in the 1st XI pre-season training at Brighton University. Highlights include:

- Quarter finalists of the London Independent Schools Cup.
- Semi-finals of the Inner London Schools Cup.
- Semi-Finalists Bromley and District Cup.
- U18 and U13 winners of the 8-a-side London Independent Schools' Cup (September 2012)
- The First XI had a 10-1 victory in The English Schools FA Cup first round in September.

However, it is not all about the "A" team. B, C, D, E and F team fixtures were played against top London Prep and Senior Schools throughout the season

<u>Basketball</u>

London Independent Schools' Basketball results:

- U14 and U15 team finished 3rd.
- The under 16 team came 2nd.
- The senior U18 basketball team won the LISBA League and were runners up in the LISBA Cup

Water polo

The U18 side were placed third in the National competition and won the London Schools League.

The U16 team were also placed third in their National competition.

Albie Duffy represented Great Britain in a European competition in Lviv in the Ukraine.

Cricket

The 1st XI beat Dulwich College to be crowned U19 Dongray Cricketer Cup winners and London Schools Champions in July.

In the Lower age groups all teams progressed to the final stages of the London Schools Cup.

Swimming

The senior team had a fantastic result in the Bath Cup finishing 11th out of 65 teams in the front crawl relay from all over the UK.

Fencing 2011-2012

Public Schools Fencing Championships March 2012:

Jack Horrix: U16 Sabre Gold MedalWilliam Moore: U16 Sabre Finalist

• Leo Gundle: U16 Foil Finalist

The most outstanding achievement is a double international selection for Jack Horrix, who is representing Great Britain in both the European and World U17 Sabre Championships.

11. Involvement in the 2012 Olympics/Paralympics

Twenty of our Sixth Formers volunteered to be Young Games Makers and worked in the Olympic Stadium; several were featured on the BBC news. 150 went as spectators to a large number of Olympic and Paralympic events in the Summer Holidays and during the first week of term. In addition thirty went to the Victory Parade in The Mall and all of OG and First Form witnessed the Parade as it passed by St Paul's Cathedral.

12. Charity Appeal 2011-12

Last year's Charity Appeal Committee, led by Jake Wiseman, did extremely well in leading a successful campaign to raise money for the Great Ormond Street Hospital. At the time of writing this report, we expect the sum raised to be in excess of £61,000.

13. <u>Headmaster Invited to Join Advisory Board of National College for</u> School Leaders (NCSL)

The Schools Minister invited the Headmaster to join the Advisory Board. After consulting The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of The CLS Governing Body, the invitation was accepted. It will involve three half day meetings in London and one overnight session at Nottingham University, the HQ of The NCSL.

The NCSL is an Executive Agency of The DfE and is tasked with improving the quality of Middle Management and "Future Leaders" in Maintained Schools as well as succession planning of future Heads. This latter is particularly acute at present. The Headmaster is the only Independent School member of the Advisory Board.

14. Rodney Fitzgerald Deceased

Mr Fitzgerald – a former Governor of the School – died on 6 February 2012. The School is bequeathed a share of his estate to fund a bursary to provide financial support for a student or students with outstanding sporting ability. The Estate administration is still continuing and it is expected that the amount eventually received will be substantial.

15. <u>Primary School Academies</u>

Headmaster to be heard on the subject of Bentworth Primary School Academy.

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