

Committee(s)	Dated:
The Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School	05/02/2020
Subject: Headmaster's Public Report	Public
Report of: Headmaster, City of London Freemen's School	For Discussion/ For Information

Summary

This report is intended to give the Board pertinent information regarding Freemen's since the last meeting held on 21 November 2019.

- a) School Roll
- b) Wider impact of BREXIT
- c) Recent and forthcoming events
- d) Pupil achievements and successes

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- note the contents of this report;
- pay particular notice to items for discussion.

Main Report

a) **School roll** FOR INFORMATION:

1. Current School Roll data is provided for members in **Appendix 1**.
2. We felt that we had a strong cohort in this year's entrance assessments though numbers for Year 7 were down on previous years. Interest in Year 9, Sixth Form and Boarding have been very buoyant this year, which is encouraging. We have been able to make offers into all year groups and await the decisions made by prospective parents. Strategically, we always over-offer based on percentage uptake from previous years. There is some brinksmanship here as if we were significantly more popular than we were say, last year, that would pose another series of problems.

b) **Wider impact of BREXIT** FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

3. The Town Clerk has asked for this item to be put as a Standing Item at all Grand Committees.
4. Further to previous updates, the DfE produced an advice sheet for schools on how to prepare for Brexit and schools have been advised to regularly check the DfE website for further updates.
5. Job applicants' Right to Work will remain an important Safeguarding employment check, regardless of Brexit.
6. There may be some need for further checks for applicants who have lived or worked outside of the UK; for example, documents issued by the relevant teacher regulator in the country concerned.
7. There may be changes to the way that Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) can be awarded to teachers from the EU, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland post-Brexit.
8. Schools have been advised to contact their food suppliers. Sodexo has this potential element of Brexit impact under control.
9. The NHS has issued guidance on getting medicines if a no-deal Brexit comes into play.
10. GDPR will be incorporated into UK law if there is a no-deal Brexit.

c) Recent and forthcoming events

FOR INFORMATION

11. A list of recent and forthcoming events is included for members as **Appendix 2**.

d) Pupil achievements and successes

FOR INFORMATION

12. There has been but five school weeks since the last report was received by Governors but they should note a couple of pupil achievements.
13. Five pupils were successful in gaining offers from Oxford (five last year) and four in receiving offers from Cambridge (three last year).
14. A L4 pupil has been offered a place in the National Children's Under 12 orchestra playing 'cello following his audition in October. He will spend a week with the orchestra in Dorset at Easter and another week in Lancashire in the summer.
15. In November the Lower 3s competed in the annual Primary Maths Challenge. Three children achieved bronze certificates, placing them in the top 20% of the country, one girl received a silver certificate, meaning she is in the top

10% and one boy secured a gold certificate, placing him in the top 5%. The latter pair are through to the final round of this national (and very challenging) competition.

16. Lower Sixth students are preparing for the Mock Trial competition taking place at the Inner London Crown Court.

17. One of our L6 pupils was the winner of the City of Law Officers Essay competition.

18. Another L6 pupil has successfully gained a coveted place to the Royal Acadamey Attract (Art) programme for 2020.

19. Five U6 students were awarded with a Recruitment Experience Evening at Ernst and Young in January by winning the ICAEW Base Business competition.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: School Roll
- Appendix 2: Recent and Forthcoming Events

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