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Summary

This report updates Members on recent events and activities across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills. A calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on recent events and activities across the three strategy areas.
- Note the calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year in **Appendix 1**.

Main Report

Education

1. City of London and Liveries Education Network Meeting
The Strategic Education and Skills Director has established a City of London and Liveries Education Network which aims to convene the education leads across the Livery Companies with a strategic priority around education and skills. The Network will discuss, collaborate, and share best practice on education, cultural learning and experiences of the world of work. Several synergies are emerging across the network including a commitment to school improvement, a priority around social mobility and fusion skills, schools benefiting from economies of scale and ensuring continuous lasting impact. The January meeting was hosted by The Mercers' Company and the forthcoming meeting on 29 April 2020 will be hosted by The Skinners' Company.
2. Education Board Dinner – 12 February 2020
The Education Board's annual dinner was hosted at the Grocer's Hall. The Chair of the Education Board, Henry Colthurst, thanked Members and Headteachers from the Family of Schools for their hard work and commitment towards delivering exceptional education. Prefects from Newham Collegiate Sixth Form and the City of London School provided persuasive arguments both for and against formal examinations as a means of preparing young people for further study and the world of work. Education Board Member, Tim Campbell and Professor Armand D'Angour, Fellow and Tutor in Classics at Oxford, also offered their insights into academic and business success. The dinner was attended by esteemed guests from a range of organisations across Education, Culture and Skills including from Ofsted, London Local Authorities, the Livery Companies and others.

Cultural & Creative Learning

3. City Schools' Concert – 30 January 2020

The annual City Schools' Concert was hosted at the City of London School and united the Family of Schools to perform music, dance, choral and instrumental pieces themed on the Culture Mile venues. This year, each piece was a mixed-school performance and so pupils directly collaborated with pupils from other schools in the City of London Family of Schools, learning from and supporting each other. Paul Griffiths and Sigrun Sævarsdóttir-Griffiths produced the concert and facilitated the schools to collaboratively devise a whole-group performance. The Concert was opened by the Chair of the Education Board, Henry Colthurst, and the proceedings were closed by Deputy Chair of the Education Board, Ann Holmes. The feedback on the evening and the preparatory workshops has been overwhelmingly positive from pupils, teachers, parents and members of the audience. The concert supports the Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy through enabling pupils to perform in public performance spaces, whilst also developing pupils' Fusion Skills of collaboration, creativity and resilience.

Upcoming activities

4. Chess Tournament - 20 March 2020 – 12:30-15:30 – Livery Hall
The Family of Schools' Chess Tournament will take place in the Livery Hall and will facilitate primary and secondary school pupils to compete against each other in chess matches. The event supports pupils to develop the Fusion Skills of problem solving, autonomy and critical thinking. Members of the Education Board are invited to drop-in at any point during the event to see the Tournament in action.
5. Fusion Cities Meeting – 5 June 2020 – 08:00-15:00 – Mansion House
The second Fusion Cities Meeting will take place on 5 June 2020 hosted by the Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell, at Mansion House. The meeting will bring together delegates from international cities with change-makers and experts from across education, culture and business to raise the profile and develop shared approaches to fusion skills. Last year's event focused on establishing the disruption factors which necessitate a transformation in what and how we learn. Since then, we have explored definitions of fusion and the practical ways to assess fusion skills in lifelong learning. The 2020 Fusion Cities meeting will serve to update on the progress since last meeting and pose the challenge of how we transform across a system, at scale and with maximum impact. The meeting will be an important next step in the shared focus on developing and enhancing skills for the future within an ethical context of social mobility and sustainability. Members of the Education Board will receive invitations to the event with an Eventbrite link to book.
6. The calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Appendices

- **Appendix 1** – Calendar of forums and events over the 2019/20 academic year linked to the Education, Cultural & Creative Learning, and Skills Strategies.

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