

Committee: Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls	Date: 5 October 2020
Subject: Report of the Headmistress (Public)	Public
Report of: Headmistress of City of London School for Girls	For Information
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Summary

Public report of the Headmistress of the City of London School for Girls.

Recommendation

The Board of Governors is asked to note the report.

Main Report

Forthcoming Events (up to the end of Autumn Term)

6 th October	Virtual 11+ Admissions Event
8 th October	Y13 Virtual Parents Breakfast
8 th October	Virtual Bursary Event
9 th October	Closing date for 7+ & 16+ registration
15 th October	Virtual 11+ Admissions Event
16 th October	House Drama – Film Competition
16 th October	Scholars Concert
19 th – 30 th October	HALF TERM
2 nd November	Full staff training with John Amaechi
3 rd November	16+ Entrance Exam
3 rd November	City of London Schools Conference (virtual)
5 th November	Y13 MMI Workshop
5 th November	Y7 Challenge
5 th November	Virtual 11+ Admissions Event
6 th November	Prep Friends Committee Meeting
6 th November	Young Musician Competition
9 th November	Closing date for 11+ registration
10 th November	ABRSM Theory Exams
11 th November	Y9 Challenge
11 th - 13 th November	7+ Entrance Exam (Prep School closed)
12 th November	Y7 Parents Evening
16 th November	16+ Interviews
16 th November	Autumn Concert
18 th November	Y12 Parents Evening
20 th November	ABRSM Practical Exams

23 rd – 27 th November	Senior School Drama Performance of <i>The Tempest</i> in promenade around the Barbican
23 rd -27 November	11+ Admissions Assessments
26 th November	Y7 Challenge
30 th November – 10 th December	Y11 Mock Exams
30 th November	Outcome of 7+ first assessment
1 st December	Y13 Interview results
1 st December	Y10 Parents Evening
1 st December	16+ Offer of places
3 rd December	Senior School Carol Service
3 rd December	Y8 Talk – City Girls in Science
6 th December	Prep Winter Showcase Performance (continuing remotely throughout the week)
7 th December	16+ Offer holders morning
8 th – 10 th December	Y8 Production <i>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</i>
10 th December	Mission Fete
10 th December	House Quiz
11 th December	Term Ends at 12pm

The Board of Governors is asked to note that due to the current C-19 situation, events up to the end of term are included but are subject to last minute change and adjustment. Many events have been moved to a virtual stage but not all are conducive to this format. Planning for the Spring Term is tentative and the school will send governors an update of forthcoming events for the Spring Term towards the end of the year.

Prize Giving has sadly been cancelled this year but we are delighted to be offering girls a ceremony in the form of a virtual package, featuring video presentations from the Lord Mayor and Headmistress, musical accompaniment from the choir and letters from the school and the Chairman.

Educational visits are not currently taking place, apart from the compulsory Geography field trip which is local to Stratford.

Governors' visits will be taking place via a virtual tour and remote observations and are in the process of being arranged.

School assemblies are taking place virtually with live musical accompaniment and input from the Head Girl Team and Senior Committee. Careers talks and applications processes for the UK and US universities are taking place and the Head Girl Team have arranged a series of Open Door meetings in lieu of School Council.

COVID restrictions mean our usual talks and events have to be reimagined, but there is still lots of enthusiasm amongst both students and staff for celebrating Black History Month this year. While recognising the tension around the idea of having a separate month to celebrate Black History and culture, it provides a chance to demonstrate to students that we have heard what they told us in May and that we are committed to change. Departments are already working on ideas to

mark BHM in their subject areas. Students will deliver an assembly on the 29th September to launch the month, and as I write a schedule of events is being drawn together.

House Drama has moved on screen. In place of the staged plays, each house will deliver a 10-minute film which will be shown and judged on Friday 16th October. The Drama Department has been leading a series of filmmaking workshops to support the move to digital in performing arts. The judge for the competition is Tom Hooper (Director of Cats, Les Miserables and The Kings Speech). Governors are welcome to attend if they would like.

Summer Works

A brief update of the works at schools as follows:

Easter Works 2019: Completed
Roofing works Phase 2: Completion on 9th October 2020
Fire Doors Phase 2: Completed
Key Suiting phase 1: October 2020
Window Replacement: Snagging due 9th October 2020
Electrics main hall: October Half Term completion
BMS system: October Half Term
Heating in Prep: October Half Term
Electrical Distribution Board in Prep: Completed

2020 Leavers – Destinations and Gap Years

There were 80 Year 13 leavers in 2020, 56 of whom are planning to begin university in the UK in 2020, two of whom will begin Art Foundation courses and six of whom will be studying abroad. Sixteen girls are taking gap years.

Eleven of the Year 13 leavers have places at Cambridge and four have places at Oxford for a variety of courses. One Year 14 applicant also has a place at Cambridge.

The international universities that girls have places at are: Barnard (USA), Harvard (USA), Chicago (USA), Stanford (USA) McGill (Canada) and École Polytechnique (France)

Sixteen students are taking gap years and six of these have already secured university places for 2021, 5 in the UK and 1 in the USA. The other 10 are making Year 14 applications.

There are five medics who secured university places this year (two at Murray Edwards, Cambridge, and the others at Imperial, Bristol and St George's) and two Year 14 girls who will be studying Medicine as well, both at King's College London.

There were twelve girls who applied this year as Year 14 students as well as one Year 15 and one Year 16 and they have all secured university places for 2019.

This year there are sixteen leavers taking gap years and all have plans including virtual work placements, volunteering abroad and travel. (subject to C19 restrictions allowing for this)

Lettings

There are currently no lettings taking place at school.

Appendices

- None

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