

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
The Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School	<b>12 October 2020</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Headmaster's Public Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Headmaster, City of London Freeman's School	<b>For INFORMATION</b>

### Summary

This report is for Members' information and 'the record' and includes:

- a) COVID-19
- b) Wider impact of BREXIT
- c) Community and Partnership work
- d) Educational Trips and Events
- e) Prize Day
- f) Wider landscape

Members are asked to consider the contents of this report and might like to pay particular notice to items for discussion.

### Main Report

#### a) COVID-19

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Governors will imagine that it was a huge relief to welcome back children to School at the start of this term. I am pleased to say that pupil attendance was extremely high (including boarders: a few were in quarantine but only two have decided not to return this term so we started with 48) and staff have been positive and supportive regarding the return to work.
2. I am grateful to Governors for acknowledging the Risk Assessment that was circulated in advance of the school opening and must recognize the work of our Deputy Head, who has done much of the running on this document.
3. My 'COVID team' – that has been working closely with me from the upshot of school closure – has done commendable work throughout the lockdown period and during the summer holiday and I commend their commitment to the Board:
  - HR Manager
  - Deputy Head
  - Deputy Head Academic
  - Head of Boarding and Co-Curricular
  - Director of IT
  - Head of Operations
  - Bursar
  - Head of Junior School
  - Marketing and Communications Officer
4. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has informed schools through local Councils that they will be conducting spot checks regarding protocols in place

by telephone in the first instance. Because we need to pass tests at the moment...

**b) Wider impact of BREXIT**

FOR LIGHT RELIEF:

5. The Town Clerk has asked that Brexit and its impact be discussed at all Grand Committees.
6. I have nothing to report on this matter.

**c) Community and Partnership work**

FOR INFORMATION:

7. As you can imagine, 2020 has not been quite the year that we thought it would be for charitable fundraising. The Charity Co-ordinator started the year with a vision to raise £20,020 during the year and has done exceptionally well to encourage £14,156, raised since last September.
8. In addition, pupils have collected and donated a wide variety of items, including over 600kg of food for the Foodbank.
9. Not being able to hold RAG Week at the end of the Easter Term made a dent in the fundraising, but a very generous gift to Sightsavers by a Junior School parent (via the Edith Murphy Foundation) for his child's sponsored read was most gratefully received.
10. A spreadsheet of the 2020 campaign – which includes PPE production – is included as **Appendix 1**.
11. School stayed open for an additional two weeks at the end of the summer term for Key Worker children.
12. A group of pupils, led by a boy in Upper 5, baked and delivered over 1000 cakes to St George's Hospital, Epsom Hospital and local care homes.
13. The DT department produced safety screens for parents who work in medical settings, including a local dentist, GP surgery, NHS Child Development Clinic and CAMHS, plus a local charity - Sunnybank Trust.
14. Over 20 courses created by Heads of Department for our year 11 and year 13 students ('Preparation for A levels' and 'Preparation for University') were shared with all City of London schools in the summer term.

**d) Educational Trips and Events**

FOR INFORMATION:

15. As you will know, there has unfortunately not been the capacity to organise residential trips this summer and a good number of trips have been compromised by the pandemic.
16. Trips and visits planned for the period ahead are included as **Appendix 2**. It is likely that some of the events that Governors are used to supporting will be 'virtual' until further notice but I will keep them informed of opportunities to engage with the School. Although we are discouraging visitors from coming to School at the moment, Governors will always be welcome and their engagement with the School at this time will of course provide important inspection evidence.

**e) Prize Day**

FOR INFORMATION:

17. The School community very much missed the opportunity to celebrate Prize Day in Ashted Park this year and to have the opportunity to welcome The Lord Mayor's party, Governors, Members and Liverymen to join pupils and parents. Nevertheless, I am grateful that Prizes for pupils were distributed as usual and that the Lord Mayor and Chairman were able to join us for our first virtual event which brought an unusual term to its conclusion.
18. I have asked my EA to liaise with Mansion House to invite this year's Lord Mayor to Prize Day next summer which will – God willing - be on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Appendices**

- **Appendix 1:** *2020 Vision Collections and Fundraising Totals*
- **Appendix 2:** *School Trips and Visits 2019-20.*

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