

Committee(s): Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls	Dated: 10 June 2021
Subject: Report of the Headmistress	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1d; 3
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
Report of: Headmistress of the City of London School for Girls	For Information
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Summary

The Head's Report comprises of:

1. Forthcoming Events;
2. 2021 Leavers: Destinations and Gap Years; and,
3. COVID-19 Update report.

Recommendation(s)

The Board of Governors is asked to note the report.

Main Report

It has been a delight to regather as a school, daring to plan a 'normal' programme of events, co-curricular and curricular activity with staff back at home in their staff room and the Main Hall back in use for gathering as a whole school (which we will do now that testing is complete – thanks in large part to the excellent efforts of our alumnae, as you may have spotted on BBC London News). Plans though still have to be held lightly (overseas trips remain highly uncertain) and we need to be attentive still to a big range of feeling from both staff and pupils as they re-gather and normalise.

Prize Day took place at the Guildhall on Friday 01 October and was warmly received. We have a very full calendar of events, including engagement and marketing with six Open Days. Attendance and registration figures for these are up by approximately 10%; in some cases almost 25%. Parents' breakfasts for each year group are taking place and have been popular with parents. We keenly anticipate our Scholars' Concert and other musical events ahead.

Forthcoming Events (up to the end of Autumn Term)

Thursday 07 October	Scholars' Concert (Yrs 7-11)
Friday 08 October	Year 9 Parents' Breakfast
Monday 11 October	City@6 series
Wednesday 13 October	11+ Open Evening
Thursday 14 October	Prep Parents' Evening
	Scholars' Concert (6 th Form)
Friday 15 October	House Drama Competition
18-29 October	Half Term
Tuesday 02 November	16+ Entrance Exams
	Yr 11 Online Parent Forum
Wednesday 03 November	Year 6 Parents' Breakfast
	Year 13 University entrance exams
Thursday 04 November	Yr 7 Film Night
Friday 05 November	Prep Friends Committee Meeting
	Young Musician Competition
	Professor James Robson, Aristophanes and Lysistrata 6 th form talk
Monday 08 November	City@6 series
Tuesday 09 November	VMT Open Evening
	Mock COP (with CLS and FoS)
	Year 9 Joint Quiz (tbc)
Wednesday 10 November	Year 9 Challenge
	Life After City Speakers event (Y9-13)
Thursday 11 November	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 12 November	Year 5 Parents' Breakfast
Monday 15 November	Autumn Concert
Wednesday 17 November	Year 12 Parents' Evening
	A Level Subject Fair (Yr 11)
Thursday 18 November	Year 7 Challenge
Tue 23- Fri 26 November	Senior Drama Performance
Tue 30 November	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 02 December	City Girls in Science Yr 8 talk
Tuesday 07 December	Worshipful Company of Ironmongers Carol Service (Junior Choir)
Wednesday 08 December	Prep Winter Showcase Performance
Thursday 09 December	Carol Service
Monday 13 December	Year 9 Options Evening
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas Jumper Day for Street Child
	Christmas Fete
Wednesday 15 December	End of Term Assembly Festive Music Celebration and Sixth Form Entertainment Term ends

The Board of Governors is asked to note that the school is still operating with due regard for the Covid-19 situation, with events subject to last minute change and adjustment.

Educational visits are now taking place, notably in the first half of term to Stubbers Adventure Centre, the Black Country Living Museum and Carding Mill Valley. Our co-curricular programme is thriving, with over 120 clubs established. Duke of Edinburgh Award activities have also taken place.

All-school assemblies are taking place every Friday and alternate Tuesdays, led in the main part this term by Year 13 form groups.

In October we are marking and celebrating Black History Month with a full programme of talks and activities.

The City@6 series continues in its online format. On 20 September, Baroness Eliza Manningham-Buller drew a large audience for her talk on “A career in security”. The remaining events for this term are:

11 October 2021	David Bodanis “Can you succeed without being a terrible person?”
8 th November 2021	Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

2021 Leavers: Destinations and Gap Years

There were 86 Year 13 leavers in 2021, 63 of whom are planning to begin university courses in the UK, two of whom will begin Art Foundation courses and two of whom will be studying abroad. Nineteen girls are taking gap years.

Five of the Year 13 leavers have places at Cambridge (History of Art, Medicine, History, Classics, Archaeology) and six have places at Oxford (Biology, Philosophy and Theology, Engineering, History and Economics, Medicine, Biochemistry). One Year 14 applicant also has a place at Cambridge (Natural Sciences) and two have places at Oxford (Geography and Classics).

International universities girls will be attending are: John Hopkins University and Columbia, both in the USA.

Nineteen students are taking gap years and three of these have already secured university places for 2022 in the UK. Another five had secured UK university offers and one had an offer from Hong Kong University, but given the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, these students have decided to reapply. There are therefore 16 students making Year 14 applications this year. All gap year students have plans including virtual work placements, volunteering abroad and travel (subject to Covid-19 restrictions).

There are 12 medics who secured university places this year (King's College London, The University of Edinburgh x2, University of Cambridge x2 (one 2022 place), University of Leeds x2, University of Manchester, University of Oxford, University College London x2, and one Year 14 student who will be studying Medicine at University of Manchester.

There were 10 girls who applied this year as Year 14 students and they have all secured university places for September 2021.

Covid-19 Update Report

Following a positive start to the academic year, in which we have had very few Covid-19 cases, numbers have just started to increase: over the weekend of 02 and 03 October, there was an increase in cases and our numbers are 20 positive cases, 15 of which are in Y11.

We have taken advice from the DfE who have set five in one group (or 10% of the school) as a trigger for implementing contingency plans. Consequently, we have moved to stage one of our contingency measures; until half-term, all pupils (unless exempt) will wear a face covering when not in lessons – this includes corridors, at House Drama rehearsals and in mixed year group clubs which are not outdoors. We are also “bubbled”. Ventilation, cleaning and hand hygiene remain as prominent as always and all pupils continue to lateral flow test on a regular basis.

Covid-19 vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 05 October and we have had a very high rate of take up. Some 70% of our pupils have consented to be vaccinated. Many of those who refused had already received one over the summer on vacations abroad.

Appendices

- None

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