

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021.
Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School	
Subject: Report from Headmaster	<b>Public</b>
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1(d); 2(a),(b),(c), (d); 3(a), (b),(c),(d); 4(a).
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
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
<b>Report of:</b> Roland Martin, Headmaster	FOR INFORMATION

### Summary

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

1. Admissions and Marketing
2. Community and Partnerships update
3. Pupil achievements

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

### Main Report

#### a) Admissions and Marketing Update

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Recruitment activity at the School has been buoyant this term with a busy Open Morning and Sixth Form Recruitment event.
2. There are 546 (including 133 for Boarding) registrations for 2022 entry, which is an increase of 151 on the same period last year.
3. There are increases for F1 (89 – up 25 on 2020), U3 (178 – up 55 on 2020), U4 (106 – up 2 on 2020), and L6 (101 – up 37 on 2020) registrations.
4. We held the first of two Entrance Examination days on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November with 285 pupils sitting examinations.

5. I spoke on the topic of leadership at the Independent Schools' Show on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, an engagement that had been postponed owing to the pandemic.
6. We have had visits recently from the Heads of St Christopher's and the Head of St Hilary's. A further visit is to be planned with the Head of Manor House School. The Director of External Relations had scheduled a networking event for the Heads of a number of local feeder schools in September; unfortunately, we did not have any take-up and the event was cancelled.
7. The FSA was able to host its fireworks event at the School for the first time in two years and - in a new initiative - prospective families were invited to this event with over 20 attending.

## **b) Community and Partnerships Update**

FOR INFORMATION:

8. Nine schools, including Freeman's, will be taking part in the Developing Leadership through Partnership programme over the coming year. Its aims are twofold: to give middle, aspiring leaders the opportunity to gain further leadership experience, and to give host schools the opportunity of benefitting from outside knowledge and skills, through a project completed in their school. The group of schools taking part include state and independent schools, including City of London School. The programme was due to launch early last year but was postponed due to the pandemic.
9. Our two Teaching and Learning Leads (one from the Junior School, the other from the Senior School) will be visiting City of London School and City of London School for Girls on 23<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss teaching and learning strategies and to observe lessons. Reciprocal visits to be arranged next term. An Assistant Head from Tiffin School will be visiting Freeman's later this term to share teaching and learning experiences, with a visit to Tiffin taking place next term.
10. Our Head of Maths recently attended the City Maths Partnership Forum, established last term to bring together Maths Leads from the City Family of Schools. The Forum is led by the Assistant Head at Redriff Primary School, who is also the Maths Hub Lead for London South East.
11. The Community and Partnerships Officer and I hosted a member of the Worshipful Company of Carmen and his wife who were keen to meet some of the sixth form students in receipt of bursaries that the Company sponsor.

## **c) Pupil Achievements**

FOR INFORMATION:

12. A member of the Upper Sixth represented Ireland Clubs Under 19s against Italy over the Half Term break.
13. A L6 student is representing Surrey at local level COP26.

14. One of our U6 will be competing in the British Weight-lifting Championships in Harrogate on 26 November.
15. An U6 pupil will be training with Team GB Underwater Hockey Development Squad.
16. An U5 student has been selected for the England Golf Under 18 competition.
17. Team Gym National Junior British Championships have selected one of our U5 pupils for participation.

**d) Political Landscape**

FOR INFORMATION:

18. The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) have circulated a memo regarding major risks and threats to independent schools. This document mentions many issues with which Governors will be familiar: financial instability post-pandemic; potential changes to tax rules; pensions; pupil numbers; reputational issues; public benefit requirement (not applicable to Freeman's); new assessment methods for public examinations; contextual admissions at Universities; staff fatigue; the levelling-up agenda; potential political change; hacking and security data.

**Appendices**

Nil.

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