

Committee(s)	Dated:
Board of Governors City of London School	08122021
Subject: Head's Report	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	
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Summary

This paper provides the Board with an update on key developments in the School since the last meeting of the Board in December.

Recommendation(s)

- Governors are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Academic Update

1. This term has seen the roll-out of two significant initiatives.
 - a) **City +.** This is the co-curricular enrichment and extension programme for pupils in the Sixth Form, that is run in conjunction with City of London School for Girls.
 - b) **Design, Computing and Robotics (DC&R).** This new course for pupils in Year 9 has been very popular, with over 80% of the year-group choosing to study it. This term, they have developed their design skills (learning both how to do perspective drawings in their sketch books and how to design different objects in Rhino 3D design software). Pupils were then introduced to programming via robotics. Groups have been using Lego Spike Prime robotics kits to design robotic vehicles that follow certain colours on the floor and break-dancing robots that respond to different sounds. We are currently working on developing a Higher Project Qualification course that will allow us to take this subject into Fourth and Fifth Forms. This course would see pupils further developing these skills in year 1 and then working on their own projects in year 2.

- c) Large numbers of Year 13 pupils have undertaken university admission tests. Interviews for Oxford and Cambridge (and other relevant courses) are being largely undertaken virtually. Pupils are already in receipt of one choral scholarship offer and one organ scholarship offer.

Co-Curricular Update

2. The Deputy Head (Co-Curricular and Operations) provides the following co-curricular summary from this term.
- **Charity:** The final sum raised for Switchback was a staggering £84,601,29. There was a late contribution of over £2000 from the Head of History & Politics, who was sponsored to run the London Marathon. The School has chosen to support Papyrus for 2021-2022.
 - **Eco-Schools:** The Eco Schools Committee continues to be very active. In November they organised a mock COP for nearly 50 pupils from the Family of Schools, including COLA, (Highbury Grove), Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre and COLA, Southwark. The Committee is soon to be planting trees and plants (which were part of the 'moving forest' at the Lord Mayor's Show) at Grove Park and on the main site.
 - **Sport:** A full programme of fixtures has resumed. 39 teams have played 137 fixtures in Basketball, Football, Table Tennis and Water Polo. The 1st XI have enjoyed impressive victories against Shrewsbury, Wellington College and Chigwell; they have also progressed to the quarter finals of London Independent Schools and County Cups.
 - **Music:** The Autumn Concert was well attended by parents, with the Chamber Choir, First Second and String Orchestras performing. Upcoming events include the Lunchtime Recital at St Lawrence Jewry, Winter Concert, Messiah Reimagined and Carol Service. Elliot (Year 7) won the European Piano Teachers Association National Performance Prize and Isaac (Year 8) has secured a place in the National Children's Orchestra.
 - **Drama:** The Autumn production, *Sprites*, written and directed by a member of the English Department, was very well-received by sell-out audiences.
 - **iGEM:** The joint CLS and CLSG iGEM team (Project Ribtoox) was awarded a Gold Medal in the international iGEM Competition (the world's largest synthetic biology competition, in which high schools and universities from around the world such as Stanford and MIT compete to solve real-world problems with real-world, synthetic biology-based solutions) To put this achievement in perspective, the CLS/CLSG team was one of only 6 High School entrants from Europe (in total there were just short of 100 High School teams). Of these 6, only two were awarded Golds.
 - **Remembrance:** CLS goes to considerable efforts to mark Remembrance. Beyond our own Remembrance Assembly and Service, the Chamber Choir sung at the annual Garden of Remembrance Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The CCF participated in the War Widows Parade and the Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey. Our Chapel Royal Choristers sung at the National Service of Remembrance. A letter of thanks from DCMS is attached as **Appendix 1**.
 - **Clubs and Societies:** It has been really heartening to see pupils swiftly engage with this aspect of the co-curricular life of the School. Attendance

at the over 70 Clubs and Societies is high with the offering ranging from Japanese Society to Tea Club.

- **Educational Visits:** At the time of writing (24/11/2022) there have been 56 educational visits this term, including residential Art, Geography and CCF trips.

Partnership

3. A draft of the Partnership Report for 2021 is attached as **Appendix 2**. With the Board's approval, it would be proposed that this is shared with members of the Education Board and all members of the Court of Common Council.

Appendices

- **Appendix 1:** Letter from DCMS, November 2021
- **Appendix 2:** City of London School Partnership Report, 2021

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