

Committee(s)	Dated:
Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School	4 th March, 2022.
Subject: Report from Headmaster	Public
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
Report of: Roland Martin, Headmaster	FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION

Summary

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

- 1) School Roll
- 2) Wider impact of BREXIT
- 3) Community and Partnerships
- 4) Recent and forthcoming events
- 5) Pupil achievements and successes

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Main Report

a) School Roll

FOR INFORMATION:

1. As I write, the numbers on role for next year are 938 after a very healthy year of registrations and offers.
2. The deadline for Upper 3 (Year 7) is 7th March; we have 88 offers pending for this year group. We have held two successful taster days for these pupils.
3. Form 1 remains a challenge. We are unlikely to reach the 60 pupils for which we budgeted, but should reach around 54-55. We are continuing to recruit into the Sixth Form.
4. Boarding is strong with 62 students confirmed for September.
5. There will be some Upper Five withdrawals that have not come to me yet but the numbers look positive and are above budget forecast (925).

6. I will need to write to the DfE to note the material change in numbers (we are registered as a setting of 925) which may in turn trigger a material change compliance inspection.

b) Wider impact of BREXIT

FOR INFORMATION:

- 6) The Town Clerk asked for this to be a Standing Item at all Grand Committees.
- 7) Once again, I have nothing to report on this matter.
- 8) Perhaps this Standing Item lacks relevance to this Department at this stage?

c) Community and Partnerships

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7. The Community and Partnerships Officer's Annual Report is included for Governors as **Appendix 1**. A pamphlet of the headlines will be produced as per last year.
8. Members are asked to sanction this annual report being sent to The Education Board for its consideration.
9. Over the Half Term break, four of our colleagues completed a Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award expedition to raise money for the School Bursary fund: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/freemensdofe>

d) Recent and forthcoming events

FOR INFORMATION:

10. It has been wonderful to enjoy more normal school experiences this year although we have maintained regulations regarding COVID-19 (e.g. regarding face masks) and have been cautious about routine mixing (e.g. assemblies have been on line).
11. With Omicron cases rising, we were sadly unable to hold our public Carol Service again this year though we did have a short, whole-school service outside before the end of last term which was a lovely occasion.
12. In November, we enjoyed an Orchestral Concert in the Music Recital Hall. Just before this half term, the Music Department hosted a very uplifting invitation concert at Freeman's, showcasing the best of our musical talent and on the evening of half term, a joint CLSG/Freemen's Chamber concert was held in St James', Piccadilly.
13. Towards the end of last term, the Sixth Form Play, *The Road* was performed in The Ferndale Theatre. After Half Term, *Twelfth Night* will be performed on the 3rd and 4th March by an ensemble of fifth and sixth year actors; this is the first time that the School has put on a complete play by Shakespeare for a considerable number of years.

e) Pupil Achievements

FOR INFORMATION:

14. There are currently 166 co-curricular clubs running each week, run by 98 members of staff, with 80% of pupils engaged in an average of 3 clubs per week. The club with the most pupils is CCF (98). The roll out of the SOCS registration system has increased the visibility and consequently the participation in our clubs. We now have a number of clubs running before school, as well as at lunchtime and after school.
15. In the last weekend of February, we have one L6 pupil competing at a National Shooting Competition and another competing for GB Underwater Hockey.
16. 2 pupils in L5 were selected for the international finals of the World Wildlife Fund Environmental Challenge run by David Attenborough.
17. A pupil in U5 is ranked 21st in the UK for Women's (adults) Sabre Fencing
18. A pupil in L6 received his Diploma last term (Viola) with Distinction, and pupils in U4 achieved Cello G7 Merit and the Cello 8 Distinction. A former pupil who left last summer had a Diploma on the trumpet and was a superb trumpeter.
19. A pupil in L4 has been made leader of the symphony orchestra at Junior Royal College of Music and a pupil in L6 performed at Godalming Festival next month.
20. A pupil in U5 and a former pupil did their Grade 8 exams last summer and were just short of distinction with v strong merits. One of these students is an exceptional student who had Grade 8 on violin, piano, saxophone and trumpet, some of if not all the others with distinction. She is at Cardiff studying music and engineering.
21. A pupil in L6 won the FolkSong Cup at Woking Festival Autumn 21 and another pupil in L6 is in the National Youth Training Choir.

f) Sporting Achievements:

22. The U15 girls made it through to the last 16 of the 'Independent Schools Hockey Cup' alongside the U13s. We also nominated several of our Junior and Senior girls for the Surrey Hockey Academy Squads, and three Freeman's girls have made it through to the Performance Centres for their age groups.
23. We had great results at the Surrey Netball tournaments this month, with the U15s coming 4th overall. A pupil in U5 has also been selected and played for U17 Surrey Storm Academy side.
24. A number of our Freeman's cross-country runners have been selected and run for the Central Surrey Cross Country Team, following huge successes at the District competition. A number of our senior teams rank in the top 3 teams

and a pupil in U6 who was 4th overall. A pupil in U4 came 6th for the Surrey Cross Country team in the SE Schools Inter Counties.

25. As always, we competed strongly in the Surrey School's Swimming team relays but were unlucky not to place in the top teams and make it through to the regional competitions this year. However, two Lower Sixth pupils have taken part in the National Swimming Championships in Sheffield, and a pupil in U4 won the Surrey School's 100m Intermediate Butterfly.
26. A pupil in U5 has been playing and training with the National & South East region U18 squad, and made it through to the final day's competition of the European Junior Championship Golf finals in Spain.
27. A pupil in U5 and L5 were 1st & 2nd respectively in the Surrey Youth Epee U16 competition and 2nd & 3rd in the South East U16 Epee and now both qualify for the finals of the British youth championships to be held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield at the end of April.
28. A pupil in U6 has not only secured regular selection in the U18 London Irish Rugby Squad but he has also played for the U18 Ireland team against Italy in October.
29. And finally a pupil in U5 won the Team Gym National Junior British Championships.

Appendices

APPENDIX 1: Community and Partnerships Report

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