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Board of Governors City of London School	16032022
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. The School is operating on the current assumption that GCSE and A-level exams will take place as normal this summer, with contingency plans in place should that prove impossible. To that end, a full cycle of mock examinations was run for pupils in both Year 11 and Year 13. It is worth noting that Year 13 pupils have not had experience of public examinations before, since their GCSE examinations were cancelled in the summer of 2020.
2. Choices for pupils entering into Years 9, 10 and 12 have now been submitted, and the timetable is under development for September 2022. The new course in Design, Computing and Robotics remains very popular with high uptake from the current Year 8. Almost half the current Year 9 has chosen to continue with the subject into the Middle School (towards a HPQ qualification). A new Director of Innovative Design and Visual Arts has been appointed to provide strategic leadership across design, technology and the visual arts.

Co-Curricular Update

3. The Deputy Head (Co-Curricular and Operations) provides the following co-curricular summary from this term.
- **Charity:** Fundraising for Papyrus continues to go well. Junior Sixth pupils recently organised and hosted a conference for prospective medical students, attended by pupils from across the Family of Schools. Tickets sales went to the charity appeal with over £500 raised.
 - **Sport:** CLS teams are enjoying great success. 120 pupils are playing competitive Water Polo, with the U15 and U19 sides qualifying for the semi-finals in the English Schools National Competition. Basketballers have also impressed, with the U14, U15, U16 and U18 teams all with strong records. All four age groups are the finals of LISBA. The U18s defeated Sevenoaks 87-29 in a recent fixture. In Football, 205 fixtures have taken place with 109 victories, 276 defeats and 76 losses. A pupil in the Fifth Form has been selected to represent the London Schools' AA in the English Schools Cross Country Championships. National Schools Team Table-Tennis Regional Final.
 - **Music:** It is proving to be a busy term for the Music Department, with relief at the opportunity for live performance. As part of the new City Circuits programme of events, our musicians have been present in external venues around the City; for example. organ pupils spent the day at St Mary Le Bow rehearsing for a lunchtime recital. The Department marked International Women's Day in the company of Natalie Williams, a Ronnie Scott superstar, who coached our pupils in repertoire written by or performed by female artists and then performed alongside them in a Live Lounge event as part of the River Nights series. The main event of term will be the Chamber Choir and First Orchestra performance of Saint-Saens dramatic Requiem, as part of the celebrations to commemorate the centenary of his death.
 - **Drama:** In mid-March pupils in the Third and Fourth Form will be taking part in 'Treading the Boards, a performance review. Preparations have been rather impacted by Covid, but the Director of Drama is confident there will be a good end-product. Nearly 100 pupils from the First Form to the Junior Sixth Form took LAMDA exams in January and are eagerly awaiting their results.
 - **CCF:** Participation in the CCF remains high with cadets completing a range of courses and qualifications. In recognition of his contribution to sustaining the activities of the CCF during the pandemic, the Contingent Commander (Mal Gregory) was awarded the CCF Contingent Commander of the Year Award for the London District. The CCF relies on a number of volunteers, including Richard Steele (who runs the RAF Section). He has recently been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Award for Meritorious Service to the Cadet Forces.
 - **Holocaust Memorial Day:** The marking of Holocaust Memorial Day is a well-established feature of the school year. Alongside the annual Holocaust Memorial Ceremony, we welcomed staff from the National Holocaust Centre and Museum to run a workshop for OG, a representative from the Holocaust Education Trust delivered sessions to the Second Form and all pupils in the Third and Fourth Forms attended a live webcast with Eva Clarke. *The Citizen* published an edition which focused exclusively on the Holocaust and other genocides.

- **Notable Individual Achievements:** A pupil in the Senior Sixth Sixth won the Erasmus Essay Prize. Five pupils achieved Gold Awards in the Chemistry Olympiad, with one of those ranked in the top 10 in the country. Two pupils (Junior Sixth and Fourth Form) achieved Gold Awards in the UK Linguistics Olympiad. In doing so they have qualified for the second round, after which a squad is selected to represent the UK at the International Linguistics Olympiad.
4. Various work has been undertaken to provide appropriate spaces for pupils to explore and discuss current events in Ukraine. Pupils are supporting both national and local charitable work in support of the humanitarian crisis.

Partnership

5. The Board saw a draft copy of the 'Working in Partnership Report 2021' at its meeting in December. The final version of this report is now available [online](#). A copy will be sent to all members of the Court of Common Council after the elections to that body in March.

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