

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 28/04/2022
Subject: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3, 8, 9 & 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
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: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
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Summary

This report updates Members on recent events and activities delivered across the three strategies overseen by the Education Board: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills. A calendar of meetings, forums and events for the 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the update on Autumn events and activities across the three strategy areas.
- Note the calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year in **Appendix 1**.

Main Report

Background

1. The Education Board has oversight of three strategies: Education, Cultural and Creative Learning, and Skills (2019-23).

Current Position

2. Chess Tournament

On Wednesday 23 March, the Education Strategy Unit hosted the annual Chess Tournament for the Family of Schools in the Livery Hall. This was in partnership with Chess in Schools & Communities who provided virtual training workshops and support on the day of the tournament. The event brought together over 60 pupils from 6 schools to compete in a friendly but intense tournament of chess. It was an incredible afternoon of enthusiasm, professionalism, and comradery amongst pupils ranging from Year 4 all the way to Year 12. Medals and trophies

were awarded to the average highest scoring school and the highest scoring individual.

2. City Schools Music Workshops

Due to rising covid cases in the new year, the City of London's Education Unit was unable to host its annual schools' concert as a live performance. In order to continue to hold a valuable school-to-school collaborative music project, two creative physical workshops were delivered to each school focused on composition skills. Two composers, Paul and Sigrun, hosted these workshops for eight schools across the family of schools from Years 4-9. The workshops were tailored according to the needs of the individual music departments but generally involved singing and a composition workshop. A videographer also took part in the workshops to gather recordings of individual pupil's work and re-create the music in a studio. The Education Unit hosted the final pieces in a virtual 'listening showcase event' on 24 March.

3. 2022 Digital Project

Amazon Web Services (AWS), the City of London Police and the City of London Corporation partnered to deliver a new project supporting the development of digital, business and fusion skills in Year 12 students, increasing their knowledge of the wide range of careers in the digital space and preparing them for success in the world of work. The project emerged from a recommendation from the Tackling Racism Taskforce. During the Spring term, over 30 students from four schools, within the Family of Schools, took part in a series of interactive workshops led by experts from AWS, the City of London Police and the City of London Corporation. They were introduced to a wide range of careers in technology including at AWS and the police, as well as how they can use technology to positively impact on the world. There was a final competition held on 29 March where students used their skills and knowledge to present solutions to the challenge of different forms of cyber bullying. The students pitched their ideas to a panel of experts. Prizes were awarded and these included vouchers and work experience opportunities.

Upcoming events

London Careers Festival

The London Careers Festival 2022 will build on the success of previous years by offering a blended approach to careers education, with a virtual fair the week beginning 20 June and an in-person festival at the Guildhall the week beginning 27 June. The programme of events have been carefully curated to offer pupils and teachers the chance to explore a wide range of careers and skills development opportunities, to take part in practical career-focused activities, and to hear directly from experts and businesses. Find more information on:

www.londoncareersfestival.org.uk

16. The calendar of forums and events over the 2021/22 academic year is included in **Appendix 1**.

Options

N/A

Key Data

N/A

Corporate & Strategic Implications

N/A. This report is for information only.

Conclusion

Members of the Education Board have been updated on recent events and activities across their three strategy areas as well as upcoming events and activities over the 2021/22 academic year

Appendix 1 – Calendar of Forums and Events over the 2021/22 Academic Year**Catherine McGovern**

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