

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 02/12/2022
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

1. 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 2022/23 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 2022/23 academic year in **Appendix 1**.

Main Report

Background

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

Current Position

3. Education London 2030: Social Mobility - The New Challenge Conference
On Monday 3rd October at Guildhall from 9-4pm, the annual City Schools Conference took place. The agenda included a keynote speech from Professor Lee Elliot Major, panel discussions, roundtable discussions and networking opportunities. The theme of this conference was born from the One City Two Worlds report, which argues that although London has strong academic attainment and a dynamic job market, young people are still suffering from some of the worst employment rates compared to their

peers across England. The conference explored the barriers to social mobility, how best to break these down and models of successful practice. Attendees to the conference included staff from the family of schools, London Borough's educational contacts, cultural partners, businesses and education charities.

4. Black History Month activities

The City of London Family of Schools celebrated Black History Month in a number of ways, including, through cultural and creative activities, engagement with the local community, engagement with parents, exploring relevant resources, accessing inspirational talks, literature, discussions, newsletters, assemblies & lessons and exploring foods from different cultures. The City of London Academy Southwark gathered together to watch some incredible music and spoken word performances. Throughout the month, their students also enjoyed Film Nights, Carnival Day, Themed Assemblies and African-Caribbean food cooked by their teaching and pastoral staff. The City of London Highbury Grove had a week-long focus on sharing "My London Story." The aim of this project was to unpick and develop the students' perception of identity and belonging. Some students participated in a debate workshop, - drawing out their opinion of life experiences, and later in the week 30 students participated in a workshop with artist Alaa Alsaraji producing mini zines of images and phrases that expressed their ideas of community and belonging. Finally, students visited the Museum of London and looked at how our history has been recorded and the choice of what gets archived affects what people know of a time period. Four pupils were provided with the opportunity to record their life story which has now been documented and put in the National Archives.

Upcoming

5. Wren 300 Project

To celebrate the 300th death anniversary of Sir Christopher Wren, a new year-long project is being launched in collaboration with City of London Corporation, Diocese, City of London School and St Paul's Cathedral. This project will involve music, visual art and creative writing, bringing together pupils from across the City of London family of schools (and extended) to sing a new composition inspired by the wonder of Wren's architecture and his achievements. Pupils will also visit various inspirational and representative churches, logging their reactions in word, art papercutting's and attending singing workshops. Phase 1 of the project already took place on Wednesday 28 September where teachers were invited to St Stephen Walbrook church to officially launch the project and give them a flavour of what the students would experience during the project.

The calendar of forums and events over the 2022/23 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 2022/23 Academic Year**Catherine McGovern**

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