

Events and Achievements

Academic Year 2015–16

Exam Results

A Level 2016: 93.6% of boys achieved A* to B, with 73.5% of results at A* or A. 31.2% of grades were an A* and the average points score per candidate was 425. 18 boys got 3 A* grades or more, whilst 62 boys scored only A* and A grades.

GCSE/IGCSE 2016: 92.5% of all results were A* or A, with 72.5% of grades at A*. 63 boys achieved nine or more A* grades. 90 boys were awarded only A* and A grades.

25 boys secured Oxbridge places this year.

97% of applicants secured a place at a **Russell Group** or a Premier Group university. A number of boys have been admitted to university in the USA and Canada.

6 boys have taken up places to study **Medicine**.

Charity Appeal

Each year, the whole school votes to select a charity for its annual fund-raising total. Throughout the school year, students organise events from cake sales to fayres, parents' wine and cocktail tasting evenings to football tournaments, 'fish-a-thons' to 48-hour rowing events and the annual sponsored walk, which is held jointly with the City of London School for Girls. The appeal is coordinated by Sixth Form students but boys get involved from Old Grammar onwards and regularly impress staff, parents and the public with their generosity and dedication.

In 2015-16, the City of London School Charity Appeal **raised over £55,000** for Farm Africa.

Combined Cadet Force

The **CCF** aims to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance, leadership and perseverance. The emphasis is on a challenging, safe and enjoyable experience. There are three separate sections: **Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force**, together with the CCF Band. Each section organises specific training and activities which are led by members of teaching staff, the officers and a School Staff Instructor. Cadets are all eligible for promotion to become non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and their leadership potential is developed.

There are numerous opportunities for **military training** and adventurous **outdoor pursuits** including the annual New Recruit Camp in October, followed by regular Section Camps in November, February and at the end of the Summer Term.

Additionally, cadets can attend a variety of courses, such as **ocean diving, leadership, first aid, RYA Sailing Power Boating and lifeguarding**.

This year, the **Biennial Inspection** took place on 16th March 2016 and involved 180 boys, with over 100 parents and dignitaries in attendance.

In January 2016, 24 cadets took part in the annual CCF

ski trip, spending six days alpine skiing in the Bavarian and Austrian Alps, and in June, Royal Navy cadets represented nationally the CCF in **HM the Queens 90th Birthday** celebrations both at St Pauls Cathedral and on the Mall.

Drama

The first show this year in the Winterflood Theatre, in the Autumn Term, was the Senior School production of **Romeo and Juliet**, directed by Miss Dobson.

The Spring Term play was a Student Production of **The Ladykillers**. It was directed and produced entirely by students in the Sixth Form.

The Lower School production in June 2016 was **Smike**, directed by Miss Franklin. The Musical Director was Mr P Harrison.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The School is a Licensed Provider for the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**, where an extensive programme is offered at all levels. The Award is a widely recognised and highly respected qualification that offers a range of opportunities for personal growth as well as team working and leadership.

Boys in the Third Form are eligible to enrol for the **Bronze Award**, which is achieved by completing a personal programme in four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. In the Fourth

or **Fifth Form**, the boys can continue and enrol for the **Silver Award**, following in the Sixth Form by the **Gold award**.

This year, expeditions have taken place in the New Forest, Exmoor National Park, the Brecon Beacons and in Bavaria.

Model United Nations

In March 2016, the CLS **Model United Nations Society** hosted its eleventh annual conference, with over 250 delegates from 25 schools in attendance. MUN debaters from CLS have also attended many other conferences held around the country and been rewarded with several prizes.

Music

The Autumn and Christmas Concerts featured the **First Orchestra, Second Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, and Senior & Junior String Orchestras**. Highlights included Borodin's Symphony no. 2 and the Concerto for Oboe and Violin by JS Bach.

The Chamber Choir sang at the annual **Carol Service** in The Temple Church.

The joint **Spring Concert** with **City of London School for Girls** included Fanfare from La Peri by Dukas, Purcell's Bell Anthem and Durufle Requiem with pupil soloists.

The **Jazz Orchestra** hosted their annual **Jazz Evening** following their recording of a CD at Real World Studios owned by Peter Gabriel

The Choristers of the Chapel Royal sang at the **Thanksgiving Service for HM The Queen's 90th birthday** at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Temple Choristers broadcast live on **BBC Radio 3** and then toured Singapore and Australia.

Speakers

The School has enjoyed another busy year, attracting a range of speakers on a broad variety of topics, including: **Adam McDonnell** (journalist), **Adam Boulton** (Sky news political correspondent), **Philip Davies MP** (Conservative), **Stephen Kinnock MP** (Labour), **Lord Falconer** (Labour), **Gisela Stuart MP** (Labour), **James Cleverly MP** (Conservative), **Dr Emmy Eklundh** (International Politics academic), **Sam Bowman** (Executive director of the Adam Smith Institute) and **Bernard Jenkin MP** (Conservative).

Sport

CLS continues to offer a significant selection of activities for all interests and abilities. Pupils take part in activities ranging from **fencing, sailing, kayaking and rock climbing**. The 'work hard play hard' ethic remains at the forefront of the schools approach to sport.

Football

The 1st XI were runners-up in the National Independent Schools 6-a-side Cup. They won the **District Cup** with an outstanding 4-0 victory over Ravensbourne and also reached the **London County Cup Final**. The Under 13 team reached the semi-final of the **Investec National Independent Schools Cup** and also won the **District Cup**. Other teams reached latter stages of their cup competitions and have enjoyed much success over rival Independent Schools. Additionally, three boys (at Under 16, Under 15 and Under 14) were all selected for the **England Independent Schools teams**.

Basketball

City's teams continued to excel in the London Independent Schools leagues. The Under 14 team won their **LISBA**

Championship, whilst the Under 15 team came 3rd in the league and were runners up in their **LISBA Cup**. The Under 16 team finished 5th in **LISBA** and the Under 18 team finished 4th, as well as representing the school and doing well in the **National Schools Competition**.

Water-polo

The Under 16 and Under 19 teams were runners up in the **National Plate** competition.

Cricket

The Under 19 team reached the quarter-final stage of the **London Schools Competition**, whilst the Under 12 and Under 13 teams went one better finishing runners-up in the final.

Trips, Expeditions and Exchange

The Third Form continued their rich diet of weekly trips to places of cultural and social interest. Trips included: the **National Gallery, Tate Modern, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, HMS Belfast, the Science Museum, Cabinet War Rooms** and the **Bank of England**.

In September 2015, the Art Department took boys to **St Ives** to visit galleries and develop their portfolios.

During October half-term, staff from the History Department took a group of IGCSE History students to **Berlin**, visiting amongst other sites a **Stasi prison, the Checkpoint Charlie museum** and the new Reichstag. Meanwhile, the French Department were with boys in **Paris** to visit galleries and museums.

Also in October, the Geography Department took a group of boys on an expedition to **Vietnam**, taking in **Ho Chi Minh City, Hoi An, Hue, Halong Bay** and **Hanoi**.

In February 2016, Sixth Form physicists visited the large hadron collider at **CERN** in Geneva. Over this same break, A Level French students were in **Le Mans** for work experience and language lessons, and the annual ski and snowboard trip also took place to **Winter Park, Colorado**. IGCSE and A Level German students took part in an exchange visit to **Hamburg**, whilst the Spanish Department laid on a week for students in **Cuenca**. The Economics Department ran a trip to **New York** visiting places such as the **United Nations**.

In March, Sixth Form Spanish students travelled to **Madrid** for language lessons and cultural visits. The German Department organised their annual **Berlin Trip**.

In April, the Classics Department ran a trip to the **Bay of Naples** taking in **Capri** and **Pompeii**.

In June, the First Form were in **Normandy** visiting the D-Day landing beaches, **Mont St-Michel** and the **Bayeux Tapestry** in a joint French and History trip. The History Department also ran their annual Battlefields Trip to **Ypres** and the **Somme**.

The final week of term saw all boys off timetable with a vast array of trips and visits on offer. In the UK this included the **British Museum, Courtauld Institute, BFI, Hampton Court** and **Leeds Castle**. An adventure visit to **Pembrokeshire** took place, run by the Geography department, with boys

experiencing surfing, climbing, canoeing and coastering. Outside the UK, trips went **Lille, Athens, Switzerland**.

In early July, students studying Mandarin in the Third Form, spent two weeks in **Shanghai**.

In addition to these expeditions, there has also been an extensive programme of day trips organised by academic departments.

Miscellaneous

Boys from the Sixth Form have continued to achieve success in regional and national essay writing competitions, including **The John Locke Institute Essay Prize, Vellacott History Prize, Erasmus** and Translation Competitions.

The Citizen, the School's weekly newspaper, was awarded accolades at the **2016 Shine School Media Awards**, including **Best Newspaper Front Cover** and **Highly Commended** in the **Best Newspaper** category.

In March 2016, the School hosted an "**Engineering the Future**" conference, in collaboration with **UCL**. Held at Guildhall, the event was attended by almost 200 pupils from the City schools and other local schools.

A number of boys have represented the country in their chosen field and have been awarded **International Honours** by the School.

