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MEMBERS' BRIEFING

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LORD MAYOR

Business of Trust Blog

Last month, the Lord Mayor published the first of three blogs about the Business of Trust to share his mayoral theme for the year to a wider audience. In his first blog, "Putting the spotlight on trust", the Lord Mayor explains why he chose to focus on trust, believing it to be a fundamental part of our society and how we function. "Everything we do is based on trust, demonstrated by the language of trust". In his next blog, the Lord Mayor will be talking about how organisations are taking action to regain trust and specifically the Business of Trust Dragon Award. You can read the [Responsible City Blog](#) online.

Prime Minister's Visit to Africa

Between 27 and 30 August, the Lord Mayor accompanied the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Theresa May MP on her official visit to South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya. Also accompanying them were George Hollingbery MP (Minister of State for Trade Policy), Harriet Baldwin MP (Minister of State for Africa), Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP (Secretary of State for Wales), and a 29-strong business delegation. The visit began in South Africa where the Lord Mayor participated in a business forum opened by the Prime Minister, before joining a bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and the President of South Africa. Among the topics discussed were the recent Commonwealth Business Forum hosted in the City of London and Foreign Direct Investment into South Africa. In Nigeria, the Lord Mayor participated in a fintech panel discussion alongside the Vice-President of Nigeria, Finance Minister, Energy Minister, Harriet Baldwin MP and HM Trade Commissioner for Africa. Additionally, the Lord Mayor spoke at an evening reception with senior business stakeholders. Finally, in Kenya the Lord Mayor took part in a UK-Kenya Financial Services Forum, including a plenary session on fintech and innovation. The visit concluded with a meeting and banquet hosted by the President of Kenya. The visit attracted wide-ranging international media coverage.

Visit to Cambridge

The Lord Mayor visited Cambridge from 2 to 3 September. He delivered the opening address at the Economic Crime Symposium, met the Mayor for Cambridge and Peterborough to discuss common issues, and visited centres of innovation including Barclays Eagle Lab and Darktrace. He spoke at a lunch hosted by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and visited the Judge Business School, established by the late Alderman Sir Paul Judge. The visit to one of the UK's leading centres for learning and innovation forms part of the City of London Corporation's Regional Engagement Strategy.

Breakfast with HM Trade Commissioners

On 6 September, the Lord Mayor met with all nine HM Trade Commissioners. These newly appointed senior officials at the Department for International Trade (DIT) cover the regions of Africa, Asia-Pacific, China, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, North America and South Asia. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the City Corporation to engage with the DIT at a senior level.

Meeting with United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister for Foreign Affairs

On 7 September the Lord Mayor met the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the UAE, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, whom he had previously met during his visit to the UAE in December 2017. The Minister expressed satisfaction at the appointment of the new UK Trade Commissioner based in Dubai and committed to support the next Lord Mayor's visit to the UAE in early 2019. There was discussion of Brexit, UAE-UK trade in financial services, and regional developments.

Visit to Northern Ireland

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Elect Vincent Keaveny, visited Northern Ireland between 9 and 11 September. There was a special focus on the North-West Region, building on recent visits by the Chairman of Policy and Resources and the Town Clerk. In the North-West the Lord Mayor was also joined by members of The Honourable The Irish Society. Key themes for the visit were the City Corporation's Regional Strategy and its emphasis on creating a more competitive cross-UK offer on financial services, innovation in the services sector, Brexit and the Lord Mayor's Business of Trust agenda.

Visit to Qatar

The Lord Mayor visited Qatar from 19 to 20 September, accompanied by a small business delegation. He met His Highness The Deputy Amir, Finance Minister, Central Bank Governor and senior officials from Qatar Financial Centre. In addition, he engaged with senior representatives from Qatar's financial services sector and spoke at the Qatar British Business Forum. Key themes emerging from the visit were Qatar's continued confidence in the UK economy, which remains its number-one destination for outward investment, despite Brexit related uncertainties; and Qatar's keen interest in closer engagement with the City on fintech, cyber-security and Islamic finance. Qatar was keen to raise awareness in the UK of the strengths of Qatar's economy despite the ongoing Gulf Cooperation Council blockade, and the opportunities for foreign businesses to do more in Qatar through free zones and new trading routes through Qatar's port.

CHIEF COMMONER

Milton Abbey Music Festival

The City crops up in the most unexpected places such as, during the summer recess, when Claire and I attended the Milton Abbey Music Festival. As you might expect one of the performers was an alumnus from the Guildhall School but the group, Voces8, turned out to be based only yards from Guildhall in the Gresham Centre in the church of St. Anne & St. Agnes. What is more is that they are looking to broaden their links with livery companies and with City schools to promote their educational programme organised by the VCM Foundation.

Summer Recess

The main problem with a holiday, not that the Chief has one, is the amount of work awaiting the new season and this year was no different. In mid-August there was the hugely popular celebration of Smithfield Market's 150 years organised by the Museum of London and hopefully this will become an annual event in the calendar. Thinking of new traditions, this year's Sheriff's Rowing Challenge may have had modest beginnings but we all hope that next year it will blossom into a worthy river pageant as part of the Thames Festival. It was the latter body which created the panels in the Yard to celebrate Doggett's Coat & Badge, one of the world's oldest continuous rowing events which deserves much wider publicity and perhaps even a third female rower in contention.

Notable Events

Despite being an elected Member for 20 years next year I am still amazed by how much goes on in the City, as it has for centuries, but which passes many people by in blissful ignorance. Cart marking is one such tradition and another must be the celebration that brings together the Pearly Kings and Queens from all over London, and even from Italy, in the Guildhall Yard. The photos of Sheriff Tim Hailes and of the Chief Commoner dancing round the maypole may have been redacted but the whole event was enlivened by Pandemonium, the drummers who performed at the Olympics, who then led the procession through the City streets to St Mary-le-Bow. Another discovery was the Guildable Manor of Southwark who kindly entertained Claire and myself to lunch at which the Chief traditionally proposes the toast to Southwark, to be greeted with a thunderous response. Finally I added a second bar to my badge for attending the Fishing Experiment at Gravesend which was even more deserved than usual by those anglers who devoted a very wet morning to catching some 50 fish, as well as a crab or two and rather more seaweed. Apart from the Costermongers procession, the streets of the City were enlivened also for the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and by the band of Christ's Hospital for the annual St. Matthew's Day service. A much more recent innovation is the City of London Cancer Centre, staunchly promoted by Wendy Mead, which we celebrated in the Guildhall Art Gallery.

Forward Look

Looking ahead as I approach the half way mark in my year, we also reach the transition phase where the civic team of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs starts to make way for the new incumbents and on 18 October the Court elects my successor who then takes Wendy's place as my shadow for the next six months. While three successive Lord Mayors have developed their continuum to achieve greater continuity, it is my intention to work more closely with my successor and other colleagues so that we promote the role of Chief Commoner as the fourth pillar of the civic team to help to publicise and represent the policies and values of the City.

Guildhall Maintenance Work

On a more domestic note, the works to the lower ground floor are on course for completion in mid-October. Additional signage is being put in place as the showering and changing facilities are some way from the temporary lockers in the South Ambulatory but Members are asked to be patient pending completion of this much needed project.

Pearly Kings and Queens



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CHAIRMAN OF POLICY & RESOURCES

Launch of Centre for London special report

On 3 September the Policy Chairman was asked to provide introductory remarks at the Centre for London's report entitled "More, better, together: A strategic review of giving in London". The Policy Chairman welcomed the recommendations of the report and outlined work the City of London Corporation had been engaged in, both as a funder for the initial scoping work and subsequently through membership of the Steering Committee. The Policy Chairman outlined how the timing of the research has been particularly fortuitous, coinciding as it had, with the development of a new philanthropy strategy for the City Corporation and its charitable funder the City Bridge Trust. The Policy Chairman outlined how the City Corporation will contribute to this vision in three ways:

1. through role modelling;
2. by supporting high performing organisations; and,
3. by raising awareness of higher impact and higher value philanthropy.

Apprenticeship Levy Survey Results Event

The Policy Chairman spoke at the Apprenticeship Levy Survey Results event on 11 September outlining how the City Corporation continued to support businesses to take on apprenticeships and spend their levy contributions to actively hire apprentices. The City Corporation has successfully passed the public sector target of 2.7% of its workforce to be apprentices. The Survey launched by the City Corporation aimed to develop an evidence base on apprenticeship uptake and impact on Financial and Professional Services. The results are being used to provide recommendations to policy makers and training providers in the hope that it will enable businesses to use the levy for managing and administering apprenticeships in their businesses, to include professional qualifications in apprenticeships and to increase the rate at which apprenticeship standards are approved. These findings will also feed into the Professional and Business Services Council's work to develop a sector deal for exiting the EU.

Leaders of Tomorrow Dinner

On 11 September the Policy Chairman hosted a dinner with Elizabeth Corley and Leaders of Tomorrow. The dinner is one of a series of events organised for the Leaders of Tomorrow as part of the Business of Trust initiative, it has been designed to help future Leaders find their passion and inspire change within their own organisations by listening to others and acting as a force for good.

Liberal Democrat Conference

The Policy Chairman attended the Liberal Democrat Party Conference in Brighton along with several Members representing the City Corporation. On 17 September, the City Corporation hosted a roundtable with the Social Market Foundation entitled 'How can fintech encourage financial inclusion and empower all consumers?'. Baroness Kramer kindly provided a speech, with other attendees including tech business representatives and local councillors. Later that day, the Policy Chairman spoke at the Liberal Democrat business lunch alongside Jo Swinson MP, where she discussed Brexit, economic challenges and the role of business in informing policy debates. In the evening, the Policy Chairman hosted a City Corporation dinner with 'City, Capital, Country: The Future of London and the Regions' set as its theme. The dinner was attended by around 40 guests, which included City Corporation members, Liberal Democrat peers, council leaders and business representatives. The guest speaker was Tim Farron MP, who spoke of continuing relations between London and the various regions of the UK.

National Fitness Day

Guildhall Yard played host to the kick-off event for National Fitness Day on Wednesday 26 September with many City workers turning up to take part in a mass dance workout led by Dame Darcey Bussell. Pupils from Sir John Cass Primary, as well as the City of London School and City of London School for Girls, took part in various physical activities later that day involving several gold medallists from Team GB. The Policy Chairman was pleased to be able to welcome guests to a lunchtime networking session organised in conjunction with UK Active and AXA at Guildhall, which sought to promote workplace wellbeing to local stakeholders. The Policy Chairman spoke about the important work the City Corporation is doing in this area and specifically our Business Healthy Challenge which is seeking to encourage local businesses to get their staff to be more active.

Upcoming events

The Policy Chairman will be travelling to the Conservative Party Conference on 30 September, having attended the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool on 23-25 September and visited Brussels for the Annual Brussels Reception on September 27. Information about each of these visits will be available in the October briefing.

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Any Member wishing to know our position on any subject can contact the Director of Communications [Bob Roberts](#) or the Head of Corporate Affairs [Eugenie de Naurois](#).

PARLIAMENTARY / GLA

Digital Currencies

The Treasury Select Committee has published a report into digital currencies. The Remembrancer's Office submitted evidence to the Committee on behalf of the City of London Corporation as part of its inquiry. The report's key findings include that regulation is needed for the "Wild West" crypto-asset market, whose investors face "numerous risks". Issues identified include volatile prices, vulnerabilities to hacking and their potential role in money laundering. The report argues that the ambiguity of the government's and regulators' position is not sustainable, and that regulation could improve customer outcomes, enable sustainable growth and reduce certain risks. Appropriate and proportionate regulation, the Committee argues, should address consumer protection and anti-money laundering, and could see the UK become a global centre for crypto-assets.

Bribery Act

The Remembrancer's Office submitted evidence on behalf of the City of London Police to the Lords' Select Committee on the Bribery Act 2010. The Committee's inquiry into the Act is intended to help assess how effective it has been, and the City Police responded as the National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Economic Crime. The submission addressed training and knowledge of the Act, the reporting of bribery and corruption within law enforcement bodies, enforcement of the Act, and its impact on Small and Medium Enterprises. The submission highlighted training courses in bribery and corruption investigation developed by the City Police, and cases prosecuted under the Act, including in the construction, defence and insurance sectors.

Modern Slavery

Evidence has been submitted to the Home Affairs Select Committee's inquiry into modern slavery. The submission discussed the approach taken in the City Corporation's procurement procedures and by the London Responsible Procurement Network, co-chaired by the City Corporation, to tackle modern slavery and other human and labour rights issues. The submission also included information on projects funded by the City Bridge Trust, the City Corporation's charitable arm, to address the issue of modern slavery and to support its victims.

Boundary Commission Reports

David Lidington, the Minister for the Cabinet Office, announced that the long-awaited Boundary Commission reports had been laid before Parliament. The Minister said that the "independent and impartial" Commission reports were conducted according to legislation which "provides for more equal seats and reduced the number of constituencies from 650 to 600 with equally sized constituencies based on up to date demographic data." The reports, which require the approval of both Houses, have proved to be controversial and it is not expected that they will be implemented.

Trade Bill

Opening the Lords Second Reading of the Trade Bill, Government Minister Baroness Fairhead explained to Peers that the legislation was "fundamentally pragmatic and, in most parts, technical", and a necessary tool to provide "continuity [to existing trade agreements] and certainty [to businesses and our trading partners]". Fairhead noted that the EU's existing trade agreements, with more than 40 non-EU countries, represented 12% of UK trade. The Government was confident from preliminary discussions that other countries would want to be able to continue these agreements with the UK, she said. Labour's Shadow Spokesperson, Lord Grantchester, questioned the Government's confidence that current trade agreements could be transitioned. Both Japan and Chile had indicated that they were not content to "simply roll over" their agreements, he said. Focusing his comments largely on the financial services sector – "the cornerstone of the UK economy" – Viscount Waverly (Crossbench) suggested that it was "inconceivable" that the EU27 would allow the industry to remain "fully offshore". He predicted that post-Brexit pressure would grow on the City of London to the benefit of other international financial centres. In such a scenario, the UK would be wise, and well-placed, to look elsewhere globally, supporting for example China's Belt and Road Initiative. Waverly highlighted TheCityUK's call for the UK to make the most of the "once-in-a-generation opportunity" to recalibrate and repurpose its trade and investment policy to benefit the wider economy once it leaves the EU and commended the potential of future trade deals that focused on "regulatory coherence and co-operation."

London Economic Action Partnership

The London Assembly's Economy Committee took evidence on the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP). James Price from the Taxpayers Alliance, criticised the "lack of transparency" on funding and called for more information on funded projects to be made available online. He argued that a lack of information meant "it was not possible to know whether the LEAP offers good value for money". Angus Knowles-Cutler, LEAP Co-Deputy Chair and a City Common Councilman, rejected suggestions that the LEAP's board was unrepresentative and told the Committee, "We do as much outreach as possible to make sure that we are representing the London economy". He added that the LEAP had a diverse business membership "in terms of being 50/50 on gender, in terms of age, and in terms of small to large business representation."

Party Conferences

Separate briefing on the party conferences will be provided for Members by the Remembrancer's Office.

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Apprenticeships

On 11 September, the Economic Development Office (EDO) launched a report on apprenticeships and the apprenticeship levy in London's Financial and Professional Services sector. The [report](#) is based on survey results collected from 129 businesses in May 2018 to gain insight into how businesses are using the apprenticeship levy a year since its implementation. The report was launched at a breakfast event at the Guildhall featuring Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness and Sir Gerry Berragan, Chief Executive of the Institute for Apprenticeships. An [extended version](#) of the report is also available online.

Heart of the City

On 3 September [Heart of the City](#) opened applications for our [2019 Foundation Programme](#), which coaches business leaders to make a positive difference to people, places and the planet. Thanks to the City Bridge Trust, some free places are available for qualifying Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) from the City, Westminster, Camden and Islington. A [spread the word](#) webpage provides articles and social media posts to share with your networks. Please help to encourage SMEs to kickstart their responsible business journeys in 2019. For more information please contact [Natalia Rymaszewska](#).

Research

Over the summer the EDO Research Team published statistical snapshots on [financial services trade](#), [cyber security](#), fintech and an analysis of [professional services in the City](#). They focused on the biggest subsectors of professional services in the City; legal, accounting, audit and management consultancy.

City Bridge Trust

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Recent Grants Awarded

At its recent Committee meeting, the Trust awarded grants totalling over £2m to charities tackling inequality and disadvantage across London. These included: £254,600 to eating disorder charity [Beat](#), for support to young Londoners helping them to begin specialist treatment earlier, which is shown to improve the chances of successful recovery; £48,800 to [Whizz-Kidz](#) towards the Fair Chance in Sport programme, providing disabled young Londoners with the opportunity to take part in activities including tennis, boccia and wheelchair slalom; and £105,000 to the [Clink Charity](#), which aims to reduce re-offending by providing prisoners with training in catering, hospitality and horticulture.

A full list of grants awarded at this meeting can be found on the [City Bridge Trust website](#).

Stepping Stones Fund

The Trust has recently agreed the latest round of grants under its Stepping Stones Fund, a social-investment readiness programme delivered in partnership with UBS which aims to help organisations access the social investment market as a source of additional finance. This was the fifth round of the fund, and twelve grants totalling £429,240 were agreed. This brings the total awarded to date under this fund to over £3.2m. More information and a full list of grantees can be found on the [City Bridge Trust website](#).

Bank Junction Safety Scheme

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The Court of Common Council voted to make the experimental safety scheme at Bank permanent on Thursday 13 September. This means that only pedal cyclists and buses will continue to be permitted to cross Bank Junction and travel westbound on Cornhill between the hours of 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday. The final decision was made after months of rigorous deliberation and consideration by a range of City Corporation Committees. With almost 4,300 responses to the consultation, the wide-ranging needs of local road users and other stakeholders were considered along with the operational needs of the Square Mile. A report detailing further long-term options, developed from the experiment's feedback, will be presented to City of London Committees by the end of 2018. Short-term changes to further enhance behaviour, compliance and widen footways will be presented to City of London Committees in early 2019.

City of London Police

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Ghost Broking Campaign

This month has seen the second strand of the force's ghost broking campaign, from the industry funded Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED). The campaign seeks to inform those aged between 17-24 how to avoid fake car insurance (also known as 'ghost broking') and the dangers associated with having a fake policy. The campaign has seen IFED staff and officers attend university fresher fairs in the City and across the country, warning students about ghost broking.

Partnership with Lloyd Banking Group

City of London Police and Lloyds Banking Group signed a three year sponsorship deal. The deal provides £1.5m to deliver joint initiatives to combat fraud across the country.

Operation Sceptre

September saw an 'Operation Sceptre' week of action from police forces across the country. Operation Sceptre uses a range of engagement and enforcement tactics to cut knife crime. City of London Police worked with the Metropolitan Police and British Transport Police to take knives off the streets and combat knife crime.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Campaign

September also saw City of London Police deliver a local campaign designed to assist City businesses to spot the signs of domestic abuse amongst their workforce. Businesses were provided with a digital toolkit to help them develop in-house policies and materials, as well as opportunities to discuss concerns with officers from the force's Public Protection Unit.

London Drug and Alcohol Policy Forum

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In 2012 the [LDAF](#) hosted the first ever City Health International conference here at Guildhall. This September saw the seventh edition of this event held in Odessa, Ukraine. Over the last six years interest and support for City Health has grown and over 250 individuals from around the world gathered to consider the major issues surrounding urban health, including problems relating to alcohol and drug use. The LDAF's Policy Adviser was invited to deliver the final plenary session on the challenges of maintaining services for substance misuse at a time of reduced resources and major structural change. In addition, he was a member of the opening discussion panel and chaired one of the parallel sessions. Despite our current challenges London's experience in responding effectively to these issues remains of great interest to many other cities.

Electoral Services

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Electoral Registration – Annual Canvass

At the end of August, forms were despatched to businesses and other organisations to update the City of London Ward Lists. Businesses appoint voters every year and they can do this either online or by returning the form. If a business does not register, any existing voters will be removed from the Ward Lists published in February. Reminders will be sent to non-responding organisations in October and final reminders in November. Provisional Ward Lists will be published on 30 November 2018. The final deadline is 16 December and we will publish the final Ward Lists in the middle of February 2019. Residential voters

have also been sent forms to ensure their details are correct on the Ward Lists and the Electoral Register for national elections. Reminders have been sent to residential voters, with canvassers visiting non-responding households in October.

Castle Baynard By-Election

This vacancy has arisen following Emma Edhem's election as Alderman for the Candlewick Ward. A Wardmote is scheduled to take place on 8 October. If the election is contested then a poll will take place on 9 October. Full details of the election can be found on the [Elections webpage](#).

Open Spaces

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Greater City Fund Community Grant

West Ham Park are delighted to have been awarded a Greener City Fund Community Grant, a Mayor of London Initiative to plant more trees which will improve air quality, provide shade and enhance biodiversity. The grant will enable the South Meadow Improvement Project which will enhance the meadow area near the South Gate. Balancing open space and tree canopy, it will help create an area for people to enjoy throughout the seasons.

Keats House celebrates Black History Month

Keats House Poets Laila Sumpton and Stephanie Turner, with Tanya D'Souza, a multi-instrumentalist and percussionist specialising in West African Rhythms, will be presenting a very special event on 19 October to celebrate Black History Month.

Community Heritage Days

Both Highgate Wood and Queen's Park held their Community Heritage Days during September. The events were hugely popular and saw thousands attend and get involved with a range of activities including climbing walls, donkey rides, falconry and dance. Both spaces also held the ever popular dog shows. It has been a great way to showcase local skills and creativity in a way that honours the heritage of the green spaces. Sunday 7 October sees the return of the 17th annual Hampstead Heath Conker Championship. A tradition that is popular with all ages and brings out the community in force to compete.

More information on all events being held in our Open Spaces can be found on the [City of London website](#).

City of London Academies and Schools

The City of London Corporation and its 'Family of Schools' are committed to delivering world-class education based on a broad and balanced approach to develop the whole child and create a lifelong love of learning. In July 2018, the Education Board approved three new strategies for 2019-2023. The Education Strategy 2019-2023 focuses on ensuring that pupils in the Family of Schools have access to transformative and inclusive education which enables them to flourish and to reach their potential. It also seeks to ensure pupils develop their skills and have high quality exposure to the world of work at all stages of education. The Cultural and Creative Learning Strategy 2019-2023 commits to enabling all pupils to enrich their education through high quality and systematic access to the City's cultural, heritage and environmental assets. This strategy focuses on the development of 'Fusion Skills', the combination of creative, technical, educational and emotional skills which are needed for success in the 21st century, which can be harnessed through participation in cultural and creative activity, encouraging creative thinking, innovation and enterprise. The Skills Strategy 2019-2023 represents the City Corporation's commitment to enable lifelong learning, supporting citizens to reach their full potential and contribute to a diverse workforce. This strategy includes the City Corporation's commitment to developing the employability of those furthest from the labour market through adult learning, training and apprenticeships. The Family of Schools are engaging in a broad range of activity across these strategic areas and building on existing successes as demonstrated through some excellent results from the last academic year, some of which are highlighted in the updates below.

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City of London Academy Highbury Grove

Students attending City of London Academy Highbury Grove were delighted to collect a fantastic set of results this summer. These are the first set of examination results since the school joined the City of London Academy Trust family of schools. 69% of students achieved both English and Mathematics GCSE at 'Grade 4' and above (equivalent to A*-C grades) which represents an increase of almost 10% compared to 2017 and is above the national average. Clare Verga, Executive Principal, said: "The GCSE results achieved at the City of London Academy Highbury Grove reflect the transformation the school has made this academic year. Our results are testament to the phenomenal hard work of both students and staff and I am very proud of all involved. My congratulations to all." Andrew McMurtrie, Chair of the City of London Academies Trust, said: "This is a fantastic set of results. Congratulations to all the students for achieving excellent GCSE results. We wish each and every pupil all the very best and hope that the core values of City of London Academy Highbury Grove stays with each student for many years."

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City of London Academy Islington (COLAI)

In early summer, the army cadets of the COLAI Combined Cadet Force took part in the week-long London District Central Camp held at St Martin's Plain Camp in Folkestone alongside cadets from the City of London School and King Edward VI Grammar School. Over the week, the cadets took part in training and exercises ranging from field craft-based scenarios such as search and rescue to full days at Hythe Ranges taking part in target shooting and urban combat exercises. The cadets left the camp having gained a new appreciation for the demands of a week-long series of exercises, as well as new friends from other cadet units. On Thursday 12 July 2018, Year 10 pupils from COLAI attended a careers workshop at Deloitte's head office participating in a range of activities led by Deloitte staff designed to develop their employability skills. All students were given a mock interview and received feedback on their performance and had the opportunity to quiz Senior Partners about their career paths and to learn about work place etiquette. The highlight for most was the 'marshmallow challenge', which developed their team building skills through fun competition. One member of the winning team said: "A well-functioning team is vital if you want to be successful in business. My ambition is to work in finance; it was great to speak to professionals at Deloitte, they helped me understand more about this industry." COLAI collaborates with Deloitte on several projects and further visits are planned for this academic year.

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City of London Academy Highgate Hill (COLAHH)

COLAHH have seen a 10% increase in the proportion of students achieving a strong pass this year. Last academic year a pupil from COLAHH, Klaudia Mitajew, performed at a gala concert at the iconic London Palladium to mark five years of the Music in Secondary School Trust (MiSST). Klaudia was awarded the MiSST Musician of the Year award for her dedication and hard work. Klaudia arrived in the UK from Poland in October 2015 with no musical experience and knowing very little English, but with some encouragement from her teachers and through hard work and determination, she has exceeded all expectations. To reduce their single use of plastic and carbon footprint, COLAHH have issued every pupil and staff member with a water bottle which will form part of compulsory uniform and helps to promote a healthier lifestyle. During the Summer Term, COLAHH took 20 Year 11 students on a 6-night residential. Each evening during their stay students took part in focused revision and small intervention sessions with teaching staff and senior leaders. 70% of students who attended the residential achieved a minimum of 4+ in English and Maths. To help promote wellbeing amongst all COLAHH staff, wellbeing room has been developed, fitted with soothing colours and a relaxing armchair where staff can now take a few minutes out of their busy day to relax and recuperate.

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City of London Academies and Schools

City of London Freeman's School

Freeman's students are celebrating impressive A level and GCSE results, despite the challenge of the exams changing. 88% of all grades achieved at A Level were A*-B, which represents just a 1% drop on last year and 4% increase on 2016. 63% of grades achieved were A* and A grades, while a quarter of grades achieved were A*. Meanwhile, 35% of the 590 GCSE papers assessed numerically were awarded the top grade of 9. 96% of grades at Freeman's were graded at A*-B and 9-6 and an impressive 83% were assessed at 9-7 and 'A* and A'. Headmaster, Roland Martin, commented: "It is thanks to the hard work and commitment of our students, the dedication and professionalism of our teaching staff, and the consistent collaboration of parents that the school is able to celebrate such impressive GCSE results. These results become all the more remarkable when you consider that these same students have also spent the last two years starring in our various theatre and music productions, achieving sport success as part of our sports teams and regularly volunteering in the local community, not to mention all that they have accomplished in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Combined Cadet Force."

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City of London School

Boys at City of London School have raised an outstanding £84,062.35 for charity Amref Health Africa. Each year, pupils and staff vote to decide which organisation the Charity Committee will raise money for. Efforts have included bake sales, quizzes, open mic nights, an 11 mile walk by the whole of the school and a 48 hour non-stop row. Head Boy, Rahul Shah arranged a medical conference which included speakers from the industry, and two pupils directed and produced a performance of Mozart's The Magic flute, all which led to this year's record total. Pupils have achieved yet another year of exceptional results in their A Level and GCSE exams. Over 90% of grades at GCSE were A* or A, and 68% of grades were A* or A at A Level. The fantastic results are the culmination of the hard work and determined effort put in by the boys so it is no surprise that they have had offers from many Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, confirmed.

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Markets and Consumer Protection

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The hottest summer since 1976 brought some of our persistent street traders out early in 2018, but our equally persistent City Licensing Officers were there to greet them with a series of seizures and prosecutions. One notable case has sent a stark warning to offenders. Elma Sanli, an ice cream trader, has been convicted of illegal street trading in the City of London on five occasions over the past five years and has been enjoined from street trading in the Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark. On 14 April 2018, Mrs Sanli was seen again in the City selling ice creams from her van. Licensing Officers, supported by the City of London Police, seized the van and Mrs Sanli was prosecuted for illegal street trading under the City of London (Various Powers) Act. Soon after being prosecuted, she transferred the ice cream van into her husband's name, in an attempt to avoid the consequences of her actions. On 22 June 2018, at City of London Magistrates' Court, despite pleading guilty, Mrs Sanli was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay the prosecutor's costs of £3,225. In addition, the Court agreed to make a forfeiture order of the ice cream van, valued at £45,000. A subsequent appeal, heard at the Old Bailey on 17 August, saw the van returned following Mrs Sanli's representatives making the case that forfeiture would be disproportionate as she has already lost £18,000 in trade in addition to the fines and costs. The Licensing Team is continuing its focus on illegal street trading: a Section 101 agreement with Southwark has been signed and enforcement work is underway on Millennium Bridge; the agreement with Tower Hamlets is being drafted; and an officer has been recruited to patrol the bridges.

London Symphony Orchestra (LSO)

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During the summer months the LSO embarked on a tour of European classical music festivals, taking in the Edinburgh International Festival, Santander Festival, Salzburg International Festival and Lucerne Festival. At home in London, August also brought two performances at the BBC Proms, both broadcast on the BBC: a programme of Ravel with Sir Simon Rattle, and Leonard Bernstein's musical On The Town with conductor John Wilson, celebrating the composer's centenary year. In September, the 2018/19 season opened at the Barbican, with Music Director Sir Simon Rattle conducting three concerts, including a programme of British music, joined on stage by the London Symphony Chorus, Tiffin Choirs and soloists including violinist Janine Jansen. This was followed by a tour to Asia, with the Orchestra performing a total of six concerts in Japan. September saw the announcement of the LSO East London Academy; launching in 2019 in partnership with ten East London boroughs, the Academy aims to identify and develop the potential of young East Londoners between the ages of 11 and 18 who show exceptional musical talent, irrespective of their background or financial circumstances. The 2018/19 season at LSO St Luke's has also begun, with a programme of regular lunchtime and evening concerts, alongside activities run by the Orchestra's education programme, LSO Discovery.

London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

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A special display is on show in the Heritage Gallery until 24 January 2019, for the centenary of the Armistice in November. The display looks at the election of the Lord Mayor in November 1918 against a backdrop of fast moving events in Europe. London County Council (LCC) Bomb Damage maps are also on display alongside the 1943 County of London Plan. On Friday 12 October LMA marks the 75th anniversary of the County of London Plan's publication with a symposium exploring current and recent historical research on the plan and its genesis, as well as its legacy for London today. Several of the key LCC documents held by LMA will be displayed, and the day will include a screening of "The Proud City" (1945), as well as a debate on the contemporary condition of planning in London, places for which can be booked online via [Eventbrite](#). LMA opened its doors for Open House London again this year on Saturday 22 September. Around 180 people dropped in to see the Picturing Forgotten London exhibition, and to meet staff and discover more about the LMA collections. Special tours took visitors to places not usually open to the public, including the digital services studio, to find out more about the fascinating work which preserves our shared history for the future.

Barbican Centre

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Alternate Realities exhibition

Presented by Sheffield Doc/Fest and the Barbican, with support from Arts Council England, four virtual reality installations were exhibited across Level G of the Barbican Centre from 20-27 August. The first leg of a UK-wide tour, the Alternate Realities exhibition was the only opportunity for London audiences to experience these cutting edge projects, which included an interactive VR piece using the latest headset technology, and 360-degree video documentaries. The installations - Grenfell: Our Home, Terminal 3, Life in VR - California Coast and Sanctuaries of Silence - explored themes of home, community, migration and humanity's relationship to nature. The exhibition was also accompanied by a programme of documentaries in Barbican Cinema 2, and selected by Time Out as one of their Top 10 activities for the August bank holiday.

Barbican Presents 2018-19 classical music season

The season launched to rapturous reviews in September. The season opening concert on Sunday 9 September with Emanuel Ax, Leonidas Kavakos and Yo-Yo Ma performing Brahms' piano trios received critical acclaim across the board, including 5 star reviews from the Financial Times and The Times, as well as 4 stars from The Guardian and an excellent review in the Sunday Times. The Financial Times review said that 'a standing ovation was the only possible response' while the Times review ended with the statement 'consider the Barbican Centre's 2018-19 classical music season well and truly launched'. There were also glowing reviews for the London Symphony Orchestra's season opener under Music Director Sir Simon Rattle, which took place on Sunday 16 September and featured the world premiere of a fanfare by Sir Harrison Birtwistle, commissioned for Sir Simon Rattle by the Barbican and LSO.

Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Launch of Islington Music Education Hub

This month, following a successful bid to Arts Council England, Islington Council in partnership with the Guildhall School announced the launch of a new Islington Music Education Hub from October 2018. It is the first time a Music Education Hub will be led by a local authority working with an internationally renowned conservatoire. Through the creative alliance between the Guildhall School and the Barbican, the offer will also be enriched by the opportunity for young people to engage with the widest range of music and multi-artform performances. The Hub will offer all young people in the borough aged 5-18, regardless of background, the chance to learn a musical instrument, sing regularly and take part in music ensembles.

Recent student successes

William Thomas won the prestigious Glyndebourne John Christie Award 2018, whilst Benson Wilson was awarded first prize for the Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyngé Foundation Bel Canto Award. Madison Nonoa won the inaugural McCormick Opera Competition in Auckland. Luis Gomes was joint winner in Plácido Domingo's competition Operalia and Kathy Chow won first prize at the Birmingham International Piano Competition.

New Appointments

Canadian composer of chamber and orchestra music, Cassandra Miller has been appointed as Associate Head of Composition. Miller has twice received the Jules-Léger Prize for New Chamber Music, Canada's highest honour for composition. Simon Purcell, one of Britain's most accomplished contemporary jazz pianists has returned to Guildhall School as International Chair in Improvisation. Purcell taught at the School as Professor of Jazz Improvisation and Piano from 1988-2005. Guildhall School's Vocal Studies Department has created three positions, in a development that expands the support on offer to students. Guildhall School welcomes mezzo-soprano Samantha Malk as Deputy Head of Vocal Studies; John Ramster as Associate Head of Vocal Studies (Drama); and Charlie Morgan as Associate Head of Vocal Studies (Movement).

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Ethics in and out of the Court Room

If you are a barrister you will often be asked by those outside the profession, 'How can you act for someone who is guilty?'. This is just one of the ethical questions the Bar has to confront. Barristers have a Code of Ethics that governs the working relationship with the client, the court and colleagues but ethical dilemmas in practice are rarely straightforward. Barristers are trained in the practice of the law. This lecture looks at ethical and moral issues, such as Do we make value judgements about our client's culpability? Does that affect how hard we fight their case and why the answer to those questions should emphatically be 'no'. The lecture, the first in a series by Jo Delahunty QC, will take place at 6pm on Thursday 4 October at Barnard's Inn Hall.

Brexit: Recovery of Sovereignty or loss of rights?

Was Brexit (the 2016 referendum) argued on the basis of accurate information fairly presented? Slogans were, and may always be, better at gathering votes. With the reality of Brexit a few months away, a sober look at what we actually gain or lose is needed in two areas: What is sovereignty of an island like our own? Could we draw a line round the coast line (and the Irish border) and contain and control all that is inside? And what of rights within that line? Can they all be home grown and nationally defined? Are we indeed an island? This lecture by Professor Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 9 October at the Museum of London.

View details of all upcoming lectures and videos of previous ones on the [Gresham College website](#).

Armed Forces Gold Award

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After receiving the Armed Forces Employer Silver Award from the Ministry of Defence last year, the City of London Corporation have been given the Gold Award which recognised the support we give to armed forces personnel across the organisation and builds on the commitment of the Armed Forces Covenant to staff and our community. The nomination for the award included four principal areas, covering several departments:

- **Policy** – HR policies focusing leave for reservists and other volunteers as well as housing policies to reflect priority needs for some ex-armed forces personnel.
- **Employment** – this exhibited broad support of reservists and the armed forces (including senior members and officers) throughout the organisation. There is the intention of setting up an armed forces network to represent those still in the armed forces, those who have previously served and spouses of those serving.
- **Events** – the support given to events such as Armed Forces Day and receptions such as RAF 100 and the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch.
- **Partnerships** – this section outlined links with the schools through Combined Cadet Forces and partnerships with military charities that the City Bridge Trust have formed.

Although this is the highest award for organisations the City Corporation continues to show its commitment to the Armed Forces community and is investigating further work around recruitment and employability in the City for service leavers.

Libraries

Artizan Library & Community Centre

Following the damage caused by flooding earlier in the year, the repair works to bring the library back to full use have started. While these repair works are being carried out the required changes to move the estate office to the ground floor are also taking place. These works are planned to be finished by the end of October. During this period the Middlesex Street Estate office has been relocated to Portsoken Health & Community Centre in Little Somerset Street. Apart from the first week in October there will be a full library service provided, but the Community and Training activities will very much diminished. Where possible some groups have been relocated to the very little space left in the library, some to Portsoken Health & Community Centre and some to Saint Botolph Without Aldgate who have kindly taken in some of our groups.

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Barbican Library

On 28 August, Barbican Library received a visit from the Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP, Minister of State for Immigration, Home Office Officials and others working in the field of UK visa support. The purpose of this visit was to see the assisted digital service offered by Library staff to people wishing to apply for UK visas, residency and citizenship on library computers. This service was sub-contracted by a company called We Are Digital to a small number of English Libraries via Libraries Connected (formerly The Society of Chief Librarians). Barbican and Community Libraries were early adopters and to date, our three lending libraries have satisfied more applications for assistance than any other library authority in England. A demonstration was provided by Geraldine Pote, Principal Librarian Barbican Library with the minister taking the role of the applicant and it was followed by a lively Q & A session. The minister was very interested in seeing how the service operated and thanked the staff for their work.

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- Coverage of Lord Mayor Charles Bowman's visit to Qatar appeared in the [Peninsula \(Qatar\)](#). Further coverage in [Al-Watan](#), [Argaam](#), [Qatar Tribune](#), and [Gulf Times](#).
- The Lord Mayor was quoted in a story by the [Telegraph](#) about Worldpay joining the delegation for his upcoming visit to India.
- The Lord Mayor wrote in [City A.M.](#) on the importance of collaborating with Northern Ireland. The Lord Mayor's visit to Northern Ireland was referenced in [The Derry Journal](#). The Lord Mayor was quoted.
- Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness was quoted in [City A.M.](#) following news that a report on international competitiveness.
- The Special Adviser for Asia Sherry Madera wrote in [India Global Business](#) about the opportunities for collaboration in fintech [P.21]
- The Policy Chairman was mentioned in the [FT](#) in a story about the recommendations by the Institute for Public Policy Research's Commission on Economic Justice. Further coverage included in the [Independent](#), [The Guardian](#) and [City A.M.](#)
- [The Times](#) referenced the Total Tax Contribution report published by the City of London Corporation in news that Philip Hammond has been warned that he faces a multibillion-pound hole in his budget projections as City businesses use Brexit to reduce their tax bills. Further coverage in [Belfast Telegraph](#) and [FXstreet](#).
- [Public Now](#) reported the City Corporation has committed £2m in funding for the new Green Finance Institute. Further coverage in [Business Green](#), [Green Biz](#), [Edie](#) and [CRI](#).
- [London Bulletin](#) reported that the City Corporation has published results of a new survey into how London's Financial and Professional Services firms are using apprenticeships. The Policy Chairman was quoted. Further coverage in [City A.M.](#)
- Chris Hayward, Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, was interviewed over the decision to make the Bank junction safety scheme permanent on LBC ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)), [BBC Radio London](#) and London Live ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)) [all viewable internally only]. Further coverage appeared in [The Guardian](#), [City Matters](#), [London Cycling Campaign](#), [Road.cc](#), [TaxiPoint](#), [City AM](#) and [Transport Extra](#), which also quoted the Assistant Director of Local Transportation Iain Simmons.
- Coverage of a pilot scheme at the southern section of Moor Lane, allowing access to ultra-low emission vehicles only in [Evening Standard](#) and [MSN UK](#).
- The City Corporation's Lighting Strategy was mentioned in the [Financial Times](#) (£) as a smart city case study on connectivity, with lights eventually detecting pollution.
- [City AM](#) wrote about proposals to regenerate areas including the Pool of London, the Eastern Cluster and Fleet Street, as part of the City Corporation's upcoming Local Plan. Planning & Transportation Committee Chairman and the Assistant Director of Planning and Policy were interviewed.
- The City Corporation's Planning and Transportation Committee was mentioned in [BD Online](#) in a story about the creation of three new flats at the landmark block on the Golden Lane Estate.
- The Lord Mayor was quoted in [City A.M.](#) [viewable internally only], in a piece about businesses shortlisted for the Lord Mayor's Business of Trust Champion Award celebrating companies which are championing responsible business practices. Further coverage in [Finance.co.uk](#), [Recruitment buzz](#), [Market Screener](#) and [BTG Advisory](#).
- [Charity Today](#) reported Alderman Tim Hailes and Neil Redcliffe, the Sheriffs of the City of rowed down the Thames in aid of The Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund, which helps ex-prisoners.
- Alison Gowman, Chairman of City Bridge Trust Committee, was interviewed on [London Live](#) about a grant given to the Metro Centre for support services for the LGBT+ community.
- [City Matters](#) published an article about trading standards officers' warning to owners of restaurants, cafés, takeaways and pubs in the City not to dupe customers. The City Corporation has launched a campaign to better police food outlets displaying their Food Hygiene Rating Scheme rating.
- Randall Anderson, Chairman of the City of London Corporation's Community and Children's Services Committee, was quoted by the [Hackney Gazette](#) in news about the approval of a new primary school in Islington.
- The [Londonist](#) ran a piece about City of Women: Songs, Words And Sounds, an event celebrating the achievements of women at Leadenhall Market.
- [Londonist.com](#), [London Calling](#), [Le Cool London](#) and [QX Magazine](#) reported on Gender's A Drag, held at The Nursery Theatre in Broadgate. The event is part of the City Corporation's Women: Work and Power series.
- City of Women an audio composition held at Leadenhall Market as part of the City Corporation's Women: Work and Power series, was covered by [Guardian](#), [Country & Townhouse](#), and [Classical Music magazine](#).
- [Time Out](#), [Londonist](#) [City Matters](#) and [Stylist](#) featured City of Women in their events pages.
- Karina Dostalova, Chairman of the City Corporation's Hampstead Heath Management Committee, wrote in [Ham & High](#) following the peak number of visitors to the Heath.

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