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LORD MAYOR

Meeting with Deputy Director General Zhang Zhengwei and Chinese Ministry of Finance delegation

On 15 November, the Lord Mayor met Deputy Director General Zhang Zhengwei and a delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Finance as part of the follow-up from the UK-China Economic and Financial Dialogue that took place in June. The Lord Mayor spoke of the strength of the engagement between the City of London and China, introduced his Mayoral theme and touched upon how he was looking forward to his visits to China in the coming year. The Deputy Director General highlighted the importance of strong collaboration, particularly around innovation and sustainable finance.

Opportunities for Sustainable Growth in Europe Conference with VP of European Commission

The Lord Mayor and Policy Chair welcomed European Commission Vice President, Valdis Dombrovskis, to the Guildhall on 15 November, to deliver a keynote address as part of the conference on the theme of Sustainable Finance. 150 attended the conference, including EU diplomats and representatives from City businesses. The Vice President set out the EU's priorities for the new Commission, highlighting the desire for the EU to become the global leader for sustainable finance. Standing in for the Latvian Prime Minister, the Latvian Ambassador stressed the importance of collective action and set out Latvia's national ambitions. A panel discussion followed, bringing in industry representatives who identified the key challenges and opportunities going forward.

Third Fusion Prize Symposium

The Lord Mayor attended the Third Fusion Prize Symposium on 19 November, a key Culture Mile and Foundation for the Future of London Project aimed at inspiring and supporting applications. The Lord Mayor spoke to an audience of 80, including students, encouraging applications for innovative solutions to ensure that creativity and culture can help young Londoners develop the skills they require for the 21st century workplace. This also served as a key initial engagement relating to the Culture pillar of the Lord Mayor's Global UK Trade Innovation and Culture theme, which aims to champion the creative economy, fusion skills and the Culture Mile.

Regional Visit to Leeds and Manchester

On 21 November the Lord Mayor embarked on his first Mayoral visit of the year to Manchester and Leeds – two cities in the City Corporation's newly-updated Regional Strategy. The visit aimed to build on the City Corporation's regional strategy, by strengthening existing, and building new, relationships with financial and professional services firms and local government figures based in Leeds and Manchester. There was also opportunity to highlight the key themes of FinTech, Venture Capital and culture and encourage regional participation on business delegations for future Mayoral visits. In Manchester, the Lord Mayor attended a Venture Capital roundtable, hosted by Barclays, where he raised the City Corporation's Venture Capital campaign. He also met MIDAS – Manchester's Inward Investment Agency and the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. There were also meetings in relation to Cyber Security, and wider conversations about Manchester's Financial and Professional Services success. In Leeds, the Lord Mayor met the Chairman of Yorkshire Building Society, John Heaps, before attending a roundtable discussion on innovation in Financial Professional Services and FinTech innovation in Leeds (also attended by the Chief Executive of Leeds City Council, Tom Riordan). He then attended a meeting at West Yorkshire Combined Authority to discuss developing FinTech in Leeds and encouraging more investment into the city. The visit also identified potential opportunities for collaboration along the Culture pillar of the Mayoral theme, whilst learning about Leeds 2023 cultural programme.

Bank of China 90th Anniversary Dinner

The Bank of China celebrated 90 years of its presence in London at a dinner on 20 November at Guildhall. Attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the dinner attracted 450 people, including senior government representatives and officials from both UK and China Banks and financial institutions as well as a number of significant institutional and representative bodies. The principal guests from China was Mr Sun Yu, the Executive Vice President of Bank of China (and formerly the General Manager and CEO of Bank of China, London). H.E. Liu Xiamong, the Chinese Ambassador to the UK also attended. Both spoke of how the Bank of China London Branch is taking a lead amongst UK based Chinese financial institutions and acknowledged how it is developing itself into one of the mainstream foreign banks in the European market. This complemented the Lord Mayor's speech that also recognised the part they play as a corporate citizen supporting activities such as the Lord Mayor's Appeal and City Giving Day.

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CHIEF COMMONER

During November the Chief Commoner attended the following functions:

- Freedom Ceremony and Luncheon held on 1 November at Mansion House in honour of the Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond, President of the Supreme Court.
- Vintry & Dowgate Wards' Club Annual Civic Luncheon held on 4 November at Vintners' Hall.
- Barbican Guildhall Creative Learning's 10th Anniversary Reception held on 4 November in the Barbican Conservatory.
- Luncheon at Guildhall on 6 November, given by the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of City of London Corporation Committees in honour of Lord Mayor Peter Estlin.
- Reception for Women of the Future held on 6 November in the Livery Hall.
- Luncheon with the Master (HRH The Princess Royal) and Elder Brethren of the Corporation of Trinity House held at Trinity House on 7 November.
- Reception given by the Royal Shakespeare Company and their performance of The Taming of the Shrew at the Barbican Theatre on 7 November.
- Installation Luncheon at Mansion House followed by the Silent Ceremony at Guildhall on 8 November.
- Presentation of Addresses Ceremony in the Guildhall Art Gallery on 8 November.
- Participation in the Lord Mayor's Show on 9 November. The Chief Commoner shared a wagon with the City Chamberlain, the Commissioner of the City of London Police and the Late Lord Mayor's Chaplain on a drizzly but nonetheless joyful day. At the Royal Courts of Justice we witnessed the newly installed Lord Mayor (William Russell) being introduced by the Recorder of London to the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, and other Judges of the High Court which was followed by an informal reception at the Royal Courts of Justice before returning to Mansion House for a late lunch.
- Evening reception on 9 November hosted by the Lord Mayor at Tower Bridge.
- Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November at St Paul's Cathedral.
- Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Royal Exchange followed by luncheon at Guildhall with fellow Members of the Court of Common Council and their partners.
- The Gresham Dinner given on 12 November at Mercers' Hall by the Master & Wardens of the Mercers' Company in honour of the Lord Mayor and Members of the Joint Grand Gresham, Committee. This dinner commemorates Sir Thomas Gresham who was the greatest benefactor of both the Mercers' Company and the City Corporation.
- Memorial Service for the late John Brewster CC, held on 13 November at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, followed by a reception at Butchers' Hall.
- 341st Annual General Court meeting of the Governors of the Clergy Support Trust (formerly known as the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy) held on 14 November at Guildhall, at which I retired as a trustee of the charity, having served on its Court and on its Investment Committee for 25 years.
- Reception and concert on 18 November at the Barbican Hall by the Los Angeles (LA) Philharmonic Orchestra under its conductor Gustavo Dudamel.
- Reception for the National Association of British Market Authorities in the Livery Hall on 22 November.
- Reception on 22 November at the Honourable Artillery Company to launch the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch 2020.
- Rehearsal and performance by the Tuning into Change Orchestra (National Youth Orchestra and members of the LA Philharmonic Orchestra) under the baton of Maestro Gustavo Dudamel. This was a wonderful opportunity to see Gustavo Dudamel inspire some of Britain's best teenage musicians.
- Civic dinner hosted by the Remembrancer and the Chief Commoner on 27 November in the Chief Commoner's Parlour.
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association seminar on 28 November in the Basinghall Suite.

Future engagements accepted in the run up to Christmas include:

- Luncheon in the Crypts at Guildhall on 1 December with the winners of the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering.
- Afternoon conference for 160 Sixth Form students from many London schools on what goes on behind the façade of a Town Hall or Guildhall, to be held on 2 December at Guildhall.
- Establishment Committee Dinner at Armourers' Hall on 2 December.
- Reception given by the Dean of Southwark on 3 December at the Deanery, Bankside.
- Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards' early evening reception at Mansion House on 6 December;
- Guild of Freeman's Annual Banquet at Guildhall on 6 December.
- Portuguese Chamber of Commerce annual christmas reception on 10 December at 2 More London, SE1, which the Chief Commoner will attend as the longstanding Hon Vice-President of the Chamber;
- City Corporation staff christmas lunch at Guildhall on 16 December.
- Reception to celebrate Hanukkah on 17 December at Guildhall.

And it only remains then to send all colleagues my best wishes for a very happy christmas, and good health and happiness in the year ahead.

Tom Hoffman

CHAIR OF POLICY & RESOURCES

Inspiring Women's Futures

The Policy Chair hosted a Women of the Future reception which took place at Guildhall on 6 November. This preceded the Women of the Future Summit, part of a series of events organised by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as part of its Week of Women campaign for gender equality worldwide. The reception was attended by Women of the Future ambassadors, recent recipients of the Freedom of the City, and students from the City's family of schools. The Policy Chair highlighted the City Corporation's own support for the Women in Finance Charter, its work with the Government Equalities Office and the Lord Mayor's Appeal's She Can Be campaign. Pinky Lilani CBE, the founder of the Women of the Future programme, spoke in more detail about the campaign and the opportunities it offers.

Cumberland Lodge Financial Services Summit

On 8 November, the Policy Chair attended the European Policy Forum's annual Financial Services Summit at Cumberland Lodge in Berkshire. The theme of the summit was Financial Services in Europe and the World. José Manuel Campa Fernández, the chairman of the European Banking Authority, was the lead speaker at the summit, which was attended by European and international leaders in financial services. Sessions at the summit explored global regulatory developments, digitalisation and market change, the new European Commission, what the UK-EU financial services relationship will look like after Brexit and the future of multilateralism.

Ditchley conference

On 15 November, the Policy Chair attended the Centre for European Reform's annual Ditchley Park conference in Oxfordshire. The theme was five challenges for Europe, with speakers drawn from academia, government and business from across Europe and beyond. The first challenge discussed was Europe's relationship with the USA and China, with Europe being seen by the USA as a competitor on trade and a free rider on security. The second was climate change. Despite advances in technology, it was argued that schemes to price carbon emissions in Europe and worldwide political agreements such as the Paris Agreement are not yet sufficient to prevent a dangerous rise in global temperatures. The third was economic growth being concentrated in successful cities and towns, while industrial and remote areas struggle. It was argued that Europe needs a strategy to tackle geographic divergence, which was identified as a leading cause of populism. Fourth, the challenge of the eurozone reaching the peak of its economic cycle with interest rates stuck at zero and fiscal policy politically constrained. The institutional reform process was described as being log-jammed. Finally, Europe is facing unprecedented ageing of its population, with Central and Eastern Europe facing the biggest demographic challenge, and Germany and Southern Europe not far behind. There were seminars on each of these themes.

China

The Policy Chair travelled to Beijing between 25-27 November to host the Annual Meeting of the City of London's China Advisory Council. The Council are a group of senior business leaders in leading UK and Chinese financial institutions that help provide advice to the City's future engagement with China. During the visit the Policy Chair also met a range of businesses to promote London's offer as an ideal location for Chinese multinational companies as a base for their central or regional corporate treasury centres, due to:

- its liquid and deep capital markets,
- unparalleled foreign exchange flow volumes,
- leading insurance sectors,
- advantageous time zone,
- the popularity of the English language and common law,
- and the abundance of skilled financial professionals who can help companies to mitigate a range of risks arising from their growing cross-border networks and activities.

Upcoming events

On 2 December the Policy Chair will visit Merton Council to continue her discussions with London Borough Leaders on respective areas that the City Corporation can potentially work with Merton Council on. On 3 December the Policy Chair will meet with the Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda who became President in May of this year. Mr Nausėda is an economist with a background in both the Central Bank of Lithuania and SEB Bank.

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PARLIAMENTARY/GLA

Manifestos

Brexit and the environment are at the core of the general election manifestos published ahead of next month's vote. The Conservatives' pledge to "get Brexit done" and the Brexit Party's desire for a "clean-break Brexit" are pitched against the Liberal Democrat proposal to revoke Article 50, and the Labour, SNP and Green commitments to hold a second referendum – though in the former case Labour would first seek to renegotiate the withdrawal agreement with the EU. To tackle climate change, the Green Party manifesto outlines an ambitious Green New Deal which would reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. Labour would seek to deliver 90% of electricity and 50% of heat from renewable and low carbon sources by 2030, while the Liberal Democrats set 2045 as the deadline for reducing net carbon emissions to zero. The Conservative manifesto proposes 2050 as the year by which to decarbonise. None of the manifestos contain specific proposals for London, though policy in this area will doubtless be developed by each party ahead of next year's mayoral elections. Proposals contained in the main parties' manifestos are set out below. Longer summaries of the Brexit Party, Conservative, Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat proposals can be requested from the Remembrancer's Office.

Conservative Party Manifesto

The Conservative Party's principal manifesto commitment is to "get Brexit done." If they were to win a majority, the Conservatives would table the Withdrawal Agreement Bill in Parliament before Christmas. The manifesto commits the Conservatives to negotiating a trade deal with the EU in 2020, and rules out an extension of the implementation period beyond December of that year. Given that the Institute for Government has calculated that EU trade negotiations typically take four years, the Conservative's policy could risk a fresh cliff-edge or no deal Brexit in January 2021. Other than its commitment to "get Brexit done," the Conservative manifesto contains few headline policies. A previously announced commitment to increase police numbers by 20,000 is confirmed, as is more funding for the NHS and the introduction of an Australian-style points-based immigration system. The manifesto also promises that rates of Income Tax, VAT and National Insurance would be frozen, alongside a rise in the National Insurance threshold to £9,500.

Labour Party Manifesto

The policies in Labour's manifesto seek to deliver "real change for the many and not the few." Its proposals include £130bn of extra public spending to fund capital investment, a 4.3% increase in the NHS budget, the costs of a National Care Service, free university tuition, and 100,000 new council homes a year among other policies. The nationalisation of rail and utility companies and an increase in the minimum wage to £10 are also proposed in the manifesto. Spending commitments would be funded by increased taxes on companies and their shareholders, including an increase in corporation tax to 26%, and on the top 5% of earners (those with incomes above £80,000). Among these taxes would be a Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) that would extend stamp duty reserve tax to forex spot and derivatives trades, interest rate derivatives, and commodities spot and derivatives trades at 50% of transactions costs. A discount of one-third would apply to financial firms, as financial firms have lower transactions cost. 2017 proposals to extend stamp duty to equity and credit derivatives and corporate bonds would also be implemented. The policy aims to contribute to less volatile short-term trading as well as raising £8.8bn in 2023-4. While the FTT was not included in Labour's main manifesto, it features in the costings document published by Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell MP. Constitutional proposals in the manifesto include the reduction of the voting age to 16, the extension of the franchise to all UK residents, the abolition of the House of Lords in favour of a senate of the nations and regions, and the convening of a constitutional convention to consider "how power is distributed in the UK today, how nations and regions can best relate to each other and how a Labour government can best put power in the hands of the people." The possible application of this element to London (or the City) is not given elaboration.

Liberal Democrat Party Manifesto

The central plank of the Liberal Democrat manifest is the commitment to revoke Article 50 and remain in the EU, which – the Liberal Democrats argue – would secure a "£50bn Remain Bonus" that could be invested in public services and spent on addressing inequality and in-work poverty. The manifesto also seeks to tackle climate change, proposing a 10-year programme "to cut greenhouse gas emissions substantially straightaway and phase out emissions from the remaining hard-to-treat sectors by 2045." Other headline policies include an increase in teacher numbers by 20,000, the offer of free childcare for all children with parents in work from nine months and the creation of a £10,000 "Skills Wallet" for every adult, giving them money to spend on training and education throughout their lives.

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Innovation & Growth Directorate

European Commission Vice President addresses Sustainable Finance at Guildhall

The Lord Mayor and Policy Chair welcomed European Commission Vice President, Valdis Dombrovskis, to Guildhall on 15 November, to deliver a keynote address as part of a conference on the theme of Sustainable Finance. The Vice President set out the EU's priorities for the new Commission, highlighting the desire for the EU to become the global leader for Sustainable Finance.

Providing Financial Services to the World

A new publication drawing on recently published Office for National Statistics Pink Book data highlights the UK's leading position as the world's largest net exporter of financial services. It also looks at foreign direct investment into UK financial services from key overseas markets. The report, Providing financial Services to the World, is published as part of the Global City campaign, which showcases the UK's compelling offer for financial and professional services.

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Launch of report Outlining Green Finance Opportunities in India

A new report Untapped Potential: Supercharging Green Finance in India focuses on understanding the barriers that are restricting the flows of capital into viable green projects in India and the challenges that Indian companies face with raising finance.

UK-China Green Finance

The City Corporation, will host a UK-China Green Finance event on 10 December. The event will showcase the considerable progress that has been made in green finance between the UK and China in the past year. It will focus on the themes of: greening the Belt and Road, environment, social and governance factors in investing, and greening capital markets.

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London RMB Business Quarterly

A new edition of the regular London RMB Business Quarterly report achieved front page coverage in the Financial Times. The publication shows that record amounts of the Chinese currency are now being traded daily in the UK - an average of £85bn daily in the second quarter of 2019, up nearly 20% year-on-year.

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Women in EU Finance panel discussion & upcoming Brussels events

On 21 November, the City Office in Brussels hosted a joint event with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on 'Women in EU Finance: Perspectives from Across the Continent'. The panellists discussed their experiences as women in finance, the trends in gender equality emerging from their countries, what can be done to support women working in finance, and what initiatives are currently having the most impact.

Brussels events in December

Looking ahead, the City Office in Brussels will host two events in December. In partnership with Cicero Group, it will host an event on 'EU Regulatory barriers to FinTech: How a better framework can help the scaling of European FinTechs across borders' on 2 December. Speakers include representatives from the European Commission, Innovate Finance, Seedrs and Onfido. On 9 December, it will host the second event in its 'Unpacking Politics' series, on 'The EU and the Challenge from Populism'.

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Markets and Consumer Protection

Prestigious award for Animal Health Team

The City of London Corporation's Animal Health team has won the RSPCA 2019 Innovator of the Year Award for developing a City and Guilds Level 3 Professional Programme in Inspecting Licensable Activities Involving Animals. The Licensing of Activities Involving Animals Regulations came into force on 1 October 2018. They require all local authority officers carrying out inspections of licensable animal activities to be appropriately qualified, but at the time no suitable qualification existed. Two senior Animal Health Inspectors achieved a 'City and Guilds Award in Education and Training' and used their knowledge to develop and deliver an accredited course to meet the requirements of the legislation. The course launched in October 2018 and is delivered over five days of taught sessions and practical exercises at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre. So far, 153 officers from 60 local authorities have undertaken the course and the sessions are fully booked until the middle of 2020.

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International airline fined for breaching animal welfare guidelines

Iberia Airlines has been fined £142,000 for failing to adhere to strict guidelines that govern the welfare of animals during flights – making it the largest fine for such offences in the UK. One of the offences was in relation to the death of several capybaras; a small animal native to South America, which arrived at Heathrow on 28 October 2018. They were taken to the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre and found to have no food or water resulting in the death of 11 animals due to emaciation, dehydration and heavy parasite infestation. An investigation began immediately and revealed that the capybara had started their journey in Peru and were destined for Beijing. They had also been left completely unattended for over 48 hours at Madrid Airport. The remaining animals finally continued their journey on 8 November 2018 when they were deemed fit to travel on to Beijing.

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Open Spaces

London Youth Games Cross Country Championship

The largest event in the London Youth Games calendar took place at Hampstead Heath on Sunday 16 November. The London Youth Games Cross Country Championship saw 1,700 young runners from all 32 London Boroughs take part. It was a fantastic atmosphere despite the cold weather and a great show of running.

New feature for wildlife at West Ham Park

The West Ham Park team have been busy creating an attractive feature for visitors and a haven for wildlife. Mounds (where the old pitch and putt area used to be) have been built up by use of soil excavated from the South Meadow area of the park. They have been planted with bee-friendly bulb mixes which will provide essential food for bees and butterflies, whilst providing a splash of colour from February to June. Thanks go to 16 corporate volunteers from L&Q Housing Trust who helped plant 30,000 bulbs needed to cover these embankments.

Newham's biggest leaf pile

Participants who joined the annual leaf pile event attempted to break the record at West Ham Park on 17 November. A pile big enough for 200 children and families to dive into was created. It forms part of The West Ham Park Friend's group activities of creating enjoyable outside experiences and introducing people to nature in the park. It also encourages those who do not have access to gardens or green spaces to enjoy the fresh air, do some exercise and socialise. The event has been running for over 10 years and is a great day out for families.

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Gresham College

Christmas Lecture Series

The first [Christmas series of lectures](#) starts on 10 December and includes how Finland marketed itself as the home of Santa Claus. A lecture on the year the Christmas Carol went viral (1928) is nearly sold out at the time of writing but overflow seats and returns are likely to be available on the door. A lecture on 4 December on [finding purpose in your career](#) by Alex Edmans is now returns-only.

Gardens of Empire: Kew and Colonial Botanic Gardens

Sydney's botanic garden, founded in the early 19th century, was expected to ship new plants 'home' to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, from where they could be transplanted to other [Gardens of Empire](#), to see if they could become valuable new crops to enrich the British Empire. Such plans had varying degrees of success, leaving botanists to question why specific plants would only grow in certain places. This lecture looks at how Kew addressed such questions, and the tensions between its role in the advancement of science, and as a public park. The lecture will take place on 2 December, 6-7pm, at Barnard's Inn Hall, and is unticketed.

Culture, Creativity and the Culture Mile: Lord Mayor's lecture

The Lord Mayor will be joined by four culture leaders including Sir Nicholas Kenyon from the Barbican, Sharon Ament from Museum of London and Lynne Williams from Guildhall School of Music & Drama, to discuss culture in the City of London focusing on culture and innovation for this year's Lord Mayor's lecture. The lecture will take place on 9 January 2020, 6-7pm, in the Old Library, Guildhall, and is ticketed.

Some of our lectures are ticketed, all are live-streamed online and are also made available afterwards on the [Gresham College website](#). Tickets can be booked for schools or colleges for all lectures.

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City of London Academies and School's

The City Family of Schools is comprised of the City Corporation's three independent schools, eight academies within the City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT), two co-sponsored academies and one maintained primary school in the City of London. The Family of Schools are committed to delivering exceptional education, cultural and creative learning and developing skills which link to the world of work. Recently, all schools were represented in the Lord Mayor's Show. Several schools also took part in the annual Music Day at the Museum of London which took inspiration from the Beasts of London exhibition. Some recent updates and achievements from individual schools are included in the sections below.

Education

Galleywall Primary Academy

On 6 November Galleywall held an open day open to everyone in the local community. On 12 November students held a Remembrance assembly, all the children were very respectful and appreciative, particularly during the two-minute silence.

Redriff Primary Academy

On 5 November, Redriff Primary Academy was featured in the Pride of Britain Awards as the place where the video for Makaton founder Margaret Walker was filmed! Makaton is a charity that uses signs and symbols, in conjunction with spoken language, to assist disabled people with communication. Social media users praised Redriff for being an "amazing school, total communication environment, total inclusion red hot on Makaton". On 21 November, following two days of observations by leading autism experts, Redriff has been re-accredited by the National Autistic Society! The school is proud of staff for their ever-present inclusive attitudes and the time they give to ensure that every child thrives.

City of London Academy Southwark

On 18 November three students from the Academy took part in the UK Senior Maths Team Challenge at Queen Mary University of London. They also competed in the British Mathematical Olympiad, with one of them receiving a Certificate of Distinction. On 19 November several high achieving Oxbridge applicants from the Academy attended a workshop run by Hannah Snell at St Anne's College helping prepare them for upcoming entrance interviews.

Cultural and Creative Learning

City of London Primary Academy Islington

City of London Primary Academy Islington has been selected to work with the Barbican as its Associate Primary School for the next three years, which will be a very special opportunity for the academy to sustain a close working relationship with internationally renowned creative professionals spanning all areas of the arts. The partnership will be reciprocal with expert creative specialists and outstanding teachers collaborating to fully integrate creative approaches throughout the school curriculum and raise attainment across all areas of learning including the development of Fusion Skills such as problem solving, collaboration and creativity.

Skills which link to the world of work

City of London Academy Southwark

On 18 October, students from City of London Academy Southwark did an excellent job assuming the roles of national ambassadors during their model UNAUK day. They debated resolutions about important global issues such as poverty, climate change and conflict, exercising their research, debate and oratory skills! On 21 November Barings Associates hosted 20 students from the Academy at their office in St Paul's. Students toured Barings Associates, met Managing Director Rob Knight and learned valuable lessons around financial literacy.

City of London Academy Islington

On 9 November, the City of London Academy Islington Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) Combined Cadets Force took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade in which services were held at Islington Green and Spa Green to commemorate those who died in armed conflicts since the First World War. Thirty cadets from both City of London Academy Islington and City of London Academy Highbury Grove were present and marched with serving members of the HAC, Volunteer Police Cadets and other veteran and community organisations. Wreaths were laid at each of the memorials in memory of the fallen by two of the academy's senior cadets.

Newham Collegiate Sixth Form (NCS)

On 23 October, students from NCS visited Princeton University. They had the chance to see its famous Room 302 where Albert Einstein lectured, leaving them very excited and inspired. On 31 October, students had the privilege of talking gene editing with Dr Nessa Carey from Imperial College and learn about 'hacking the genetic code'. NCS held its first ever open evening November tickets for which were fully booked up! The next open evening is on 5 December.

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City of London School (CLS)

On 24 November it was announced that CLS has been named London Independent Secondary School of the Year in The Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide 2020. We have also been placed 15th nationally in their overall rankings, which identifies the highest-achieving schools in the UK and is widely respected as the most authoritative survey of the country's best schools. Congratulating the staff and students on the achievement, Head Alan Bird commented, "I am obviously delighted by this award, and delighted further by the fact that the citation points so clearly to the values and ethos that make City such a special place." This accolade not only recognises our recent exam success, but our ethos outlined in our recently launched Strategic Vision, showing our commitment to academic excellence, our restless curiosity and desire to improve in everything we do. It means our pupils are equipped to leave us as kind, inquisitive and respectful young adults. Read the full review in the Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide.

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City of London Freeman's School

Freemen's students have been privileged to have been involved in a number of City Corporation events in recent weeks, much to their delight. The annual Silent Ceremony at Guildhall was enjoyed by 6th Form students, who witnessed the swearing-in of the 692nd Lord Mayor of London, Alderman William Russell. In contrast, some of our younger Junior School pupils enjoyed the Lord Mayor's Show where they proudly took part in the 'City Family of Schools' representation, holding aloft the Freeman's banner and soaking up the atmosphere of this auspicious occasion. In other City links, congratulations go to one of our Lower 6th Students who won first prize in the City Law Officers Essay Competition. Open to all Sixth Form students in greater London and run by the City Law Officers and administered by the Comptroller and City Solicitor's department, it is intended to promote an interest in legal history and its place in modern society, as well as encouraging greater access and awareness of one of the ancient Quit Rents Ceremony. Mr Richard Dolan, Head of 6th Form at Freeman's, commented on the importance of the competition. "Our close links with the City Corporation provide excellent opportunities for Freeman's pupils to play their part in preserving our rich heritage. Winning first prize in the City Law Officers' competition displayed our student's curiosity and determination to tackle an issue that is prevalent in Society today."

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City of London School for Girls (CLSG)

CLSG are delighted that two of our students have gained places in the prestigious National Youth Orchestra. Year 12 student Eloise and Year 10 student Ines took part in a series of auditions, including a group round where they each had to lead an ensemble. Ines said: "I was overjoyed to find out that I've gained a place in the violin section of the NYO and I am very much looking forward to meeting the rest of the musicians and spending the next year making beautiful music together. I am also excited about bringing orchestral music to teenagers around the country, as part of the NYO Inspire project. Most of all, I am thrilled at the prospect of performing in the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall this summer!" Earlier this month, the CLSG Junior and Inter Cross Country teams raced against the top 12 schools in the regional round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup. Whilst there was some strong competition, the teams worked hard to produce some fantastic results and both finished in second place, gaining an automatic place at National Finals on 7 December. This is the fifth year that the teams have made the finals.

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Barbican Centre

10th Anniversary of Barbican Guildhall Creative Learning

On 4 November, Barbican Guildhall Creative Learning marked 10 years of supporting more than 100,000 people of all ages and backgrounds to develop creative skills for life with the release of 10 Years in Review; a publication featuring highlights of Creative Learning's extensive work. Since 2009, when the Barbican and world-leading conservatoire the Guildhall School of Music & Drama came together to form Creative Learning, ground-breaking projects such as Young Poets, Barbican Box and the Chronic Youth film festival have helped thousands of people to access and engage with the arts for free.

Nosedive

The winners of this year's Oxford Samuel Beckett Theatre Trust Award, Scotland-based SUPERFAN, performed *Nosedive*, a Barbican co-production, in The Pit during November. The production used contemporary

theatre and circus to look at how cooperation, trust and security shift at varying stages of life, especially as people get older. Alongside a wide range of positive press reviews, *The Times* wrote of the production, 'There's an effortless profundity to this work that speaks to the core of what it means to grow up, grow old, and to be human. Beautiful'.

Los Angeles Philharmonic residency

As part of their first residency as the Barbican's International Orchestral Partner, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Music & Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel performed three extraordinary concerts in November. The orchestra celebrated its centenary year with a programme showcasing its varied programming, featuring European premieres and remarkable soloists: phenomenal pianist Yuja Wang and jazz legend Herbie Hancock. The residency also included a creative learning programme featuring an open rehearsal with an orchestra of over 100 young people from the UK and LA. The concerts received a sweep of positive press coverage across national newspapers and online music magazines.

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Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Honorary Fellowships

As part of this year's graduation ceremonies, Guildhall School awarded a number of Fellowships and Honorary Fellowships to high profile alumni and members of the music and drama industry in honour of their achievements. Actors Lesley Sharp and Art Malik, musical director and arranger Dave Arch of *Strictly Come Dancing*, casting director Anne McNulty and former chairman of the Board of Governors John Bennett MBE were presented with Fellowships. Whilst conductor Michael Tilson Thomas and artistic director of the Australian Chamber Orchestra violinist Richard Tognetti were presented with Honorary Fellowships.

Guildhall Live Events

Guildhall School has launched Guildhall Live Events: a new commercial department specialising in creating immersive and interactive digital experiences. It will act as a conduit between the professional artistic, creative and entertainment industries and the world class educational practices of Guildhall School. Led by award-winning director and designer Dan Shorten, the team draws upon expertise from the production arts, drama and music production departments at the School. Their celebrated work has been engaged by various nationwide clients in recent years including British Museum, Glastonbury Festival, Museum of London and Waddesdon Manor. All income generated goes back into supporting Guildhall School.

Alumni and staff success

Guildhall School staff and alumni composers have been nominated in a number of categories at The Ivors Composer Awards, previously known as the British Composer Awards. Those nominated are: alumnae Tansy Davies and Hilda Paredes (*Stage Works, Cave and Harriet - 'Scenes in the life of Harriet Tubman'*, respectively); alumna Emily Peasgood (*Community or Educational Project, Never Again*); jazz professor Mark Lockheart (*Jazz Composition for Large Ensemble, This Much I Know*); Professor Julian Anderson (*Small Chamber category, String Quartet No. 3*); and harpsichord professor Mahan Esfahani (*Mondrian, Chamber Ensemble category*). The awards will take place on 4 December.

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London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

Guildhall Art Gallery

At Guildhall Art Gallery, make the most of the last chance to see [The London That Never Was](#) exploring the collections of LMA plans and drawings of some of the most intriguing proposals that never made it far from the drawing board (until 8 December).

Current and upcoming exhibitions

London: Portrait of a City is a new exhibition which opens at the LMA on 9 December and runs until 8 July 2020. The exhibition will explore the formats chosen by artists and surveyors since the 16th century to create their images of the city, from the earliest Victorian daguerreotype photographs to intricate engravings, elegant watercolours to vibrant aquatints. In the [City of London Heritage Gallery](#) until 12 December there is another chance to see the [City of London's 1297 copy of Magna Carta](#). Also on show are items about the opening of the first Blackfriars Bridge in 1769 and its successor in 1869, as well as photographs and accounts by London school children of their evacuation in September 1939 at the outbreak of the Second World War. The display opening on 14 December 2019 will provide a further opportunity to see pages from the Great Parchment Book of the Irish Society together with items concerning the Boundary Estate, sometimes called Britain's first council estate, built between 1893 and 1900 in an area just north of the City, and about Oscar Wilde's incarceration in Wandsworth prison in 1895.

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London Symphony Orchestra (LSO)

Conductors and Concerts

The LSO celebrated Conductor Laureate Michael Tilson Thomas' 50 years of association with the Orchestra. An extraordinary achievement. He conducted contrasting concerts at the Barbican this month, including a performance with violinist Nicola Benedetti, a Half Six Fix – a more relaxed concert format which lasts an hour and aims to attract a younger audience – and in addition, with characteristic generosity and willingness to encourage emerging talent, he led a workshop-performance with Guildhall musicians at Milton Court Concert Hall. The month saw LSO Principal Guest Conductor Gianandrea Noseda continue his exploration of repertoire by Russian composers, giving two concerts at the beginning and end of the month with pianist Denis Matsuev and violinist Janine Jansen, respectively.

LSO Discovery and LSO East London Academy

LSO Discovery hosted many events in November, including a festive concert at the Barbican with the community choir; free Friday lunchtime concerts at LSO St Luke's (the Orchestra's concert venue and education centre on Old Street); Amir Konjani's showcase of final works from his time on the LSO Jerwood+ Composer scheme; and the LSO's new East London Academy showcased its first-ever cohort of young string players in a concert at LSO St Luke's. Launched in 2018 by Sir Simon Rattle, Music Director of the LSO, the LSO East London Academy seeks to identify and develop the potential of young East Londoners between the ages of 11 and 18, particularly encouraging musicians from backgrounds under-represented in professional orchestras, including those that experience financial, cultural and practical barriers. Regular BBC Radio 3 Lunchtime Concerts also continued at LSO St Luke's.

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Museum of London

Final Month to see of Beasts of London at Museum of London

The Museum of London's immersive show [Beasts of London](#) dubbed, 'an engaging way into history' by the Evening Standard and, 'a crazily enjoyable immersive experience' by the Daily Telegraph is in its final months and must close 5 January 2020. Beasts of London explores the fascinating role animals have played in shaping the capital. Be guided through time, from the Roman era through Medieval London and right up to present day, narrated by the beasts themselves. Inspired by objects in the museum's collection and created in partnership with Guildhall School of Music & Drama, Beasts of London is a fully immersive digital installation using video projection mapping. For further details and to book visit the [museumoflondon website](#).

Santa's Victorian Grotto at the Museum of London

It's time to get into the Christmas spirit! During the festive period, the [Museum of London's](#) Victorian Walk and the [Museum of London Dockland's](#) Sailortown gallery transform into wondrous winter walkthroughs where annually visitors come from across the City to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. This year, the Museum of London is also offering a special bundle offer with their immersive Beasts of London experience: A discount of £5 will be applied to any adult or concession ticket for each Grotto ticket purchased within the same transaction. For further details and booking please visit [whats-on page on the Museum of London website](#).

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Community Safety

London Drug and Alcohol Policy Forum (LDAPF)

On 20 November the LDAPF's Policy Adviser spoke at the Institute of Licensing's National Training Conference about how venues and licensed events can effectively manage drug problems. It is over 20 years ago that the LDAPF produced the first advice on this subject, with updates being produced in 2002 and 2010. These became the accepted best practice guidance for the UK and influenced developments across Europe and beyond. Support from the Late-Night Levy, has enabled this valuable advice to be updated into an easy to access digital format. With the UK seeing the highest ever rate of drug-related deaths, the new edition was well received by an audience drawn from all over the country.

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Safer City Partnership

Members will recall that last year the City Corporation, supported by the Mayor of London, ran a pan-London alcohol related Christmas campaign '[Three Wise Things – Eat, Pace, Plan](#)'. Following the success of last year's campaign and digital toolkit, the campaign will run again this year. The digital campaign will run from 22 November to 1 January on being safe and sensible, whilst enjoying the party season. The toolkit is supported by Greater London Authority, Metropolitan Police Service, City of London Police, London Ambulance Service (LAS), London Fire Brigade and Transport for London. The Community Safety Team is also working closely with the City of London Police to deliver crime prevention advice to those who work and socialise in the City over the Christmas period.

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In the News

- Extensive coverage of the Lord Mayor's Show including by [BBC One](#), [BBC News](#), [Observer](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Times](#), [Sunday Telegraph](#) [viewable internally], [The Sun](#), [This is Money](#), [Asian Express](#), [Daily Mail](#), [BBC 2 Radio](#) [earlier broadcast, viewable internally only], [LBC](#), [BBC Radio Solent](#), [City Matters](#), [MyLondon](#), [The Young Londoner's](#), [Evening Standard](#) (ii), [Time Out London](#), [The Londonist](#), [Evening Standard](#), [City Matters](#), [Londonist](#) (Youtube video), [Evening Standard](#), [The Metro](#), [BBC Radio 3](#), [City Matters](#) (ii) and in over 120 other pieces of coverage.
- Widespread coverage of Lord Mayor Elect William Russell taking part in rehearsals for the Lord Mayor's Show including [City AM](#), [The Daily Telegraph](#), [The Times](#) [all viewable internally only], and the [Daily Mail](#).
- The Lord Mayor was mentioned in [The Times](#), [The Telegraph](#) and [The Telegraph Scotland](#) following the Silent Ceremony. [All viewable internally]
- The Pageantmaster for the Lord Mayor's Show, was interviewed on [BBC Radio London's Breakfast Show](#) [skip to 2:51:23] and by [Evening Standard](#) about the Show and his role.
- [City A.M.](#) ran a column by the Lord Mayor on the Lord Mayor's Show and his mayoral theme 'Global UK: Trade, Innovation and Culture.'
- [BBC News](#), [Manchester Gazette](#) and [Business Live](#) reported that the Lord Mayor is urging firms in northern England to join his City business delegations to overseas markets to help boost ties between northern cities and the Square Mile.
- The Policy Chair was quoted in a [Financial Times](#) article about an announcement by European Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis at Guildhall that temporary equivalence for UK clearing houses will be extended [£]. Further coverage in [City AM](#), [Xinhua News Agency](#), [World News Monitor](#), [Markets Media](#), [Financial News](#) and [Investors Chronicle](#). [£]
- The Policy Chair was quoted in [The i](#) about the three-month extension to the UK's Brexit deadline. [viewable internally] Further coverage in [Financial News](#) [£], [BBC News Politics Live](#), [FT Brexit Live](#), [Law 360](#), [Exchange Rates](#), [SNL Financial](#) [£] and [Axios](#).
- There were over 100 pieces of press coverage for the royal proclamation for a new Parliament, read by the City Corporation's Common Cryer and Serjeant at Arms on the steps of The Royal Exchange, including in the [Daily Mail](#), [Yahoo News!](#) and [This Is Money](#).
- The Policy Chair was quoted in the [Economic Times](#) in relation to a report launched by the City Corporation promoting the growth of green finance in India. Further coverage in [Times of India](#), [Financial Express](#), [The Hindu](#), [Business Standard](#), [News18](#), [Money Control](#), [Outlook India](#), [Dividiscourse](#), [Business Line](#), [Capital Market](#), [Asian Voice](#) and [Business Standard](#).
- [Evening Standard](#) reported over 200,000 employees at companies that have signed up to the living wage campaign will enjoy a pay rise. The City Corporation was referenced. Further coverage in [FE News](#), [MSN News UK](#) and [Simple News](#) quoting the Policy Chair. The Policy Chair also wrote in [City Matters](#) about the rise.
- [City AM](#), [Architects' Journal](#) and [Estates Gazette](#) covered the approval of Aviva Investors' redevelopment of One Liverpool Street by the City Corporation Planning and Transportation Committee. The Chair of the Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [Construction News](#), [City Matters](#), [Civil Engineer](#) and [Building Design](#).
- The Policy Chair wrote in [City AM](#) on the need for business to prove their responsible business credentials to attract top talent.
- [South London Press](#) covered the City Bridge Trust's (CBT) funding of Jigsaw4u, a charity helping young domestic abuse victims. Chairman of CBT, is quoted. [viewable internally]
- Chairman of CBT, wrote in [City Matters](#) about the importance of CBT.
- [Horticulture Week](#) covered the grant awarded by the CBT to Islington-based Culpeper Community Garden for more than £100k to provide ongoing support to vulnerable and disadvantaged Londoners. Chairman of the CBT was also quoted in [Islington Gazette](#).
- [Financial Times](#) [£] ran a front-page story on the release of a City Corporation report showing record amounts of RMB, the Chinese currency, are being traded in the UK. Policy Chair was quoted. Further coverage in [Xinhua](#), [FT Chinese](#), [Yicai](#), [Sina](#) (All Chinese), [City AM](#). [viewable internally], [Yicai Global](#), [Reuters](#), [Yahoo Finance](#), [Sina](#), [World News Monitor](#), [Xinhua](#), [China Daily](#), [National Business Daily](#), [China Economic Net](#), [CGTN](#), [Asia Pacific Daily](#) and [Profit & Loss](#).
- [BBC London](#) reported on a City Corporation warning that commercial fungi pickers at Epping Forest could be prosecuted. Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [Evening Standard](#), [Sky News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Sky News with Kay Burley](#) [all viewable internally], [BBC Breakfast](#) [link unavailable], [The Times](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [The i](#), [The Sun](#), [Metro](#), [Express and Star](#), [LBC](#), [Talk Radio](#), [BBC Radio London](#), [BBC Radio London's Duncan Barkes Show](#) (available internally), [Evening Standard](#), [Epping Forest Guardian](#) and [MSN News](#). Superintendent of Epping Forest, was also interviewed on [BBC London News](#) (viewable internally), and [BBC Radio Essex](#) (skip to 2:33:39)
- [BBC Radio London's](#) Robert Elms Show (skip to 1:37:40) featured an interview with Nic Guerra, Gardener in the City Gardens Team.
- Chairman of the West Ham Park Committee, wrote in the [Newham Recorder](#) about the future of a former plant nursery beside West Ham Park.
- [The Stage](#) reported that Guildhall Art Gallery will present a major exhibition on Noel Coward.

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