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**MEMBERS'  
BRIEFING**

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# LORD MAYOR

## Digital Technology lunch

The Lord Mayor hosted a digital technology meeting on 24 May with the Permanent Secretary of the Department for International Trade, Antonia Romeo, along with other government and business officials. The key discussion points included (i) matching entrepreneurs and start-ups with capital funds and providing support to enable scale-ups to remain in the UK; (ii) introducing an innovation and creativity festival that can compete with other international festivals on the global stage; and (iii) encouraging more education and skills training in IT for young people, particularly in girls. A follow up meeting will be held on 30 July.

## Visit to USA and Canada

Between 31 May and 8 June, the Lord Mayor visited the United States and Canada. He was joined by Alderman William Russell and a large business delegation of UK-based firms, which was particularly representative of the UK's strength in innovation and technology. This visit was an important opportunity to build further the bilateral relationship between the UK and both these countries, in a week when the White House announced new tariffs on steel and aluminium. Meetings and engagements sought to enhance collaboration between the UK and North America in the areas of innovation (specifically FinTech and InsurTech), asset management, insurance and banking. In New York the programme focussed on philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility, with David Farnsworth, Chief Grants Officer of the City Bridge Trust, joining the visit for this leg of the programme. Meetings with leading non-profit organisations, funders and charities looked for opportunities for collaboration and shared-learning with the City Bridge Trust and the organisations it supports. In Toronto, meetings with a range of leading financial services organisations including the Canadian Banking Association, TD bank, which has a large presence in the UK, took place. The Lord Mayor also spoke at an event to discuss the future of financial services after Brexit. The delegation was joined by more businesses in Boston and Chicago. In both cities discussions focussed on London's strengths in FinTech, Cybersecurity, Blockchain technology, and responsive regulation, as well as opportunities for the UK firms, many of them tech start-ups, to pitch to US investors. In Chicago, the Lord Mayor addressed the Chicago Forum on Global Cities, a gathering of leaders from cities across the world. The visit highlighted the huge potential for UK FinTechs and InsurTechs in the USA and Canada, and the delegation amplified and demonstrated exactly why London is such a global centre for innovation, knowledge and skills. There will be further follow up with delegates to discuss how best to take advantage of the opportunities the visit identified.

## Meeting with Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific

The Lord Mayor met with the Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific, Rt. Hon. Mark Field MP, on 13 June to discuss the Lord Mayor's engagement with Asia and his upcoming visit to Japan and South Korea.

## FinTech Steering Board

On 14 June, the Lord Mayor chaired the Department for International Trade's second Fintech Steering Board meeting at Mansion House. The members reviewed its Terms of Reference and forward planning for future meetings. Members also discussed the current internationalisation strategies of UK FinTechs, and received an update on the governments review of its FinTech Bridges. The next meeting will be held on 6 September.

## Metro Mayors Environmental Deputies Conference

On 20 June, the Lord Mayor hosted the GLA Metro Mayor's Environmental Deputies Conference to discuss clean air strategies for the capital and other metropolitan areas. Attendees included the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Mayors of London, Manchester and the West Midlands. The issue of improving London's air quality has been highlighted as a key issue by the Mayor of London, and the City Corporation continues to implement its own measures as a major contribution to improving the situation. This includes working with City Businesses and schools, controlling emissions of pollutants from new developments, vehicles on the roads, and helping people reduce exposure through the smartphone app 'CityAir'.

## CASS and Chengdu Government sign agreement

On 20 June, the Lord Mayor witnessed the signing of an agreement between Sir John Cass Business School and the Chengdu Financial Holding Group. The agreement was to establish the Chengdu International FinTech Training and Development Centre, which the parties hope will become the preeminent provider of FinTech training in the Sichuan province of China. Also in attendance were government officials from Chengdu, including the Mayor of Chengdu, Luo Qiang. This signing illustrates the City Corporation's continuous engagement with China, with several visits from Chinese delegations and the Lord Mayor's visit to China in March.

## Bankers and Merchants banquet

On 21 June, the Lord Mayor hosted the annual banquet for Bankers and Merchants at Mansion House, with nearly 350 attendees drawn from banks and businesses in London. In addition to the Lord Mayor, The Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond and Governor of the Bank of England Mark Carney gave speeches focusing on their target Brexit outcomes, which were widely covered in the media. Common themes on mutual recognition emerged between both speakers, whose Brexit messaging had previously been at odds.

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# CHIEF COMMONER

## Guildhall

Members will be aware that I had a walk round the West Wing of Guildhall with the City Surveyor's team on 1 June with a view to remedying some of the defects which are all too apparent. Some of the basics such as replacing light bulbs have been implemented immediately and there are now newspapers and brochures to occupy our visitors waiting for meetings on the second floor. The Chief's flat has been redecorated and Members have been invited to view the results over a drink so I would urge you to find the invitation in your 'others' email file. It is intended that the fourth floor will be redecorated during the summer recess and other important issues, such as the lack of air conditioning, are the subject of on-going investigation but may take longer to resolve owing to the age of much of the infrastructure. I was delighted too that the new serving kitchen on the third floor has been installed, much to the relief of the staff, and I look forward to similar improvements being made to the main kitchen. As always I welcome comments from Members, especially regarding those areas which I would not normally visit.

## Past events

In terms of past events it gave me huge pleasure to host a dinner in honour of Wendy Mead which was notable for the length of applause from those present in recognition of her contribution to the City over many years. Along with the Lord Mayor I was invited to share centre stage in the regimental photograph for 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment against the splendid backdrop of St. Paul's Cathedral which followed neatly on from the Annual Defence Lecture at Mansion House. The City Giving Day breakfast continues to attract a growing number of corporate partners each year but it is still disappointing that only two Ward Clubs participate and I would urge Members to encourage their Wards to join up. The Pewterers lead the field of my favourite livery companies having generously invited both Claire and myself to their civic dinner. I participated also in the Annual River Inspection on a glorious summer day and it was fascinating to see what a modern container port looks like at London Gateway, as well as the efforts put in by our own staff to manage the safe importation of edible goods, with even the bird food from Brazil being sampled to avoid poisoning our robin redbreasts.

For those intrigued by the photo, I was asked to propose the vote of thanks to an American for his lecture on Benjamin Franklin. Since he was dressed in character I thought it only fair to take along the Chief's bicorn hat which was much appreciated by the audience and the reward of dinner at Alain Ducasse set a new benchmark for hospitality, others please note! As a footnote the kilted gentleman in the frame behind is the Earl of Crawford.



## Looking ahead

Looking ahead, my second civic dinner is on 11 July when my guests include Dame Janet Vitmayer, Professors Jo Delahunty Q.C. and Martin Elliott as well as the Master Arts Scholar. The Insurers, the Carpenters, the Chartered Accountants and the City Livery Club are all rising up the league table by kindly remembering the Chief Commoner in the next few weeks.

# CHAIRMAN OF POLICY & RESOURCES

## Meeting with Simon Smith, Thomson Reuters

On 6 June, the Policy Chairman met with Simon Smith of Thomson Reuters and discussed what the City Corporation is hearing from the Financial Services Industry and their main concerns and key asks from the Brexit negotiations as well as the City Corporation's influence over the EU (Withdrawal) Bill. This meeting was held ahead of the Thomson Reuters 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Services Forum Panel Discussion entitled "Legal Landscape and Potential Risks: What is changing and Why?" on 19 June. The Policy Chairman sat on the panel and spoke on the challenges the Financial Services industry faces, mutual regulatory recognition, regulatory cooperation and how the sector can continue to remain competitive globally after Brexit.

## Visit to Beijing and Shanghai

The Policy Chairman visited Beijing and Shanghai for a series of meetings with senior policymakers and business representatives from 12 to 14 June. Discussions focussed on recent economic reforms in China, RMB internationalisation and green finance. During the visit the Policy Chairman spoke at Shanghai's influential Lujiazui Forum and launched a publication highlighting London's role in the Chinese-led Belt and Road Initiative. Key points which emerged include:

- China is exploring the idea of pilot Belt and Road projects in countries where its strengths can be complemented. London, as a leading international financial centre, is well placed.
- The People's Bank of China believes it is important to partner with the City Corporation and UK government to continue to promote the RMB currency, through regular reports and a possible forum in London later this year.
- The Chinese government sees the UK as a natural partner, and hopes it will take advantage of the new financial reforms launched this year.
- Shanghai's Lujiazui Financial City and its Development and Reform Commission want to strengthen exchanges with the City Corporation in areas including fintech and green finance.
- The New Development Bank is interested in exploring how it can work with the City Corporation on a green finance forum.
- Pudong New Area requested introductions to asset managers and insurers in the Square Mile.
- Work on the London-Shanghai Stock Connect continues at pace.

## London Councils Reception for New Councillors

On 19 June, the Policy Chairman addressed and congratulated new councillors from across London boroughs, giving a brief overview of the City Corporation's role in London. In her speech, the Policy Chairman explained how the City Corporation supports a sustainable and successful London and acts in partnership with London Boroughs and the Greater London Authority. She also spoke of the challenges that face Local Authorities across the country and navigating Brexit.

## Resolution Foundation roundtable discussion

On 17 June, the Policy Chairman attended a roundtable discussion on how to strengthen and build links between Leeds and London. The discussion was chaired by Councillor Judith Blake CBE, Leader, Leeds City Council who invited the Policy Chairman to be part of the event. Key areas highlighted were the inclusion of Leeds as part of the City Corporation's regional engagement strategy and a keen willingness to work together to support areas such as export and investment. There were also discussions around national and local strategies, and the renewed focus on devolution across the UK.

## Conference on China and Britain

On 19 June, the Policy Chairman attended the Centre for Policy Studies' Margaret Thatcher conference on China and Britain. Key issues included the City of London's role in supporting UK exports to China, the Belt & Road Initiative, Green Finance, FinTech and Cyber Security. There was much discussion on the importance of gaining clarity on the future of the UK financial and professional services sector post Brexit, the absence of which will hold back the progress of trade deals elsewhere, and the importance of access to global talent.

## National Clean Air Summit with the Mayor of London

On 20 June, the Policy Chairman attended a roundtable session at Mansion House organised by the Greater London Authority on air quality, to discuss key messaging and the Clean Air Bill. The Policy Chairman outlined how the City Corporation was tackling air quality through the monitoring of traffic at over 100 locations. She highlighted how the City Corporation works with a wide range of stakeholders on air quality programmes and the support it received from Barbican and Golden Lane residents following the Low Emission Neighbourhood programme. She mentioned the research that is currently underway to measure the impact of urban form air pollution and options for reducing emissions from combustion plants. She also mentioned the information on air quality available via our free Smart Phone App CityAir and the [londonair website](#).

## Visit to Switzerland

On 26 and 27 June, the Policy Chairman visited Switzerland, to advance the City Corporation's mutual market access position and gain insight into the experience of Switzerland as an EU 3<sup>rd</sup> country.

## Looking ahead

In July, the Policy Chairman will visit Dublin where she will meet with the UK Ambassador to Ireland and the Minister of State for Financial Services.

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# PARLIAMENTARY / GLA

## Financial Regulation and Supervision

The House of Lords debated the EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee's report on Brexit and the future of financial regulation and supervision. Opening the speeches, Committee Chair Baroness Falkner (Lib Dem) noted that questions about the UK's access to the single market were a "highly contentious" component of discussions about the UK's future relationship with the EU. The Committee had been conscious, she said, of the UK's position as the pre-eminent financial services centre and the threat that Brexit posed to this "very special ecosystem." Highlighting oral evidence from City Corporation Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness, Falkner emphasised that businesses required "certainty, stability and proportionality" from the negotiations, and was disappointed that the Government had not yet produced a White Paper on the sector. Discussing future cross-border access for financial services, several Labour and Liberal Democrat Peers were critical of the IRSG's proposals for mutual regulatory recognition, although there was an overwhelming sense in the Chamber that the EU's current equivalence framework for third countries was inadequate for use by the UK. Responding, Government Minister Lord Bates re-iterated the UK's commitment to high regulatory standards and was dismissive of the EU's third country regime, which he regarded as "insufficient." The Government's vision for future trade in financial services with the EU, he outlined, was "grounded in mutual recognition of equivalent regulation, with a dialogue on setting regulatory requirements and having supervisory co-operation arrangements that are reciprocal and reliable, and an independent arbitration mechanism to provide durable dispute resolution."

## Green Finance

Alderman Sir Roger Gifford spoke to an audience of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change, providing an update on the recently published Green Finance Taskforce (GFT) recommendations. The panel event, chaired by Labour's Shadow Treasury Minister Clive Lewis, explored the challenge of delivering the green energy investment needed to keep global warming "to two degrees or below". Gifford, emphasising the financial risks of "getting it wrong", highlighted the importance of the culture shift needed to normalise the "greening" of individuals' lives and business decisions. The modern approach to green finance, he explained, encapsulated risks and opportunities, in addition to a "moral imperative" to take action. Running through the GFT's 10 recommendations, he noted that, while it was vital for international partnership and action on this matter, delivery would need to be localised.

## Withdrawal Negotiations and Financial Services

The European Scrutiny Committee held a one-off session into the perspectives of the financial services sector on the withdrawal negotiations. Mark Hoban, Chair of the IRSG, Ronald Kent from UK Finance, and Barney Reynolds of Shearman & Sterling LLP gave evidence. There was general agreement among the witnesses that a free trade deal with the EU, including a financial services chapter with foundations in mutual recognition, would be the preferred outcome from the Brexit negotiations. There were some differences between Hoban and Reynolds' statements on the exact detail of the mechanisms and the terminology, and also the consequences of a 'no deal' scenario, with Reynolds outlining his plan for "enhanced equivalence," in comparison to Hoban's IRSG model for "mutual regulatory recognition", supported by Kent. Both Hoban and Kent were critical of the possibility of using the EU's existing third country equivalence regimes as a "backstop" option for future EU-UK access for financial services. There were a number of problems with this option, Hoban explained the UK would become a 'rule-taker', the process for approval was unilateral and opaque, and access could be withdrawn with 30 days' notice with no dispute resolution mechanism available. Similarly, when asked whether UK membership of the EEA would be an appropriate mechanism, the automatic rule-taker status of such membership was a sticking point for the witnesses. Questioned on the EU response to the IRSG's proposals, Hoban acknowledged that the European Commission was at present pushing for the status quo. The UK could not be "complacent" in its efforts to persuade the EU27 to refresh the Commission's mandate in favour of a deal on financial services, he asserted. The publication of a White Paper by the Government setting out their position in more detail would therefore be helpful, not only for business, but also for the negotiations, he said. City Minister John Glen subsequently appeared before the European Scrutiny Committee. Asked by Committee Chairman Sir Bill Cash why the Government had not yet produced a detailed legal text on financial services for the negotiations, Glen replied that there were "deep preparations" to produce the UK's case which would be presented in the negotiations at the appropriate time. The Chancellor's HSBC speech, he said, had set out the UK's financial services interests, underpinned by three principles on the regulatory alignment of outcomes with supervisory cooperation. The details, including a process for "managing deviation and change," would be a matter for negotiation, he said.

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## Economic Development

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### Green Finance Summit 2018 update

The City of London's Green Finance Initiative will host the second Green Finance Summit "Mainstreaming Green Finance", on 17 July. This is a one-day event showcasing the latest in green financial policy, market developments and thought leadership. Confirmed speakers include: The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Charles Bowman; John Glen MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury; Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative; Lord Stern, Chair, LSE Grantham Research Institute; Nick Bridge, Special Representative for Climate Change, FCO and Rt Hon Claire Perry MP, Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth. With already over 700 delegates registered to attend this popular event, we invite members with an interest in green finance to take up the opportunity to [register](#).

### Cyber Griffin Initiative

The Court of Common Council approved a proposed pilot of a cyber strategy developed by the City of London Police and the Economic Development Office (EDO). A key element of the strategy is the Cyber Griffin initiative, an expert training and briefing programme designed to prepare the business community for cyber-attacks. While the pilot will be limited to the Square Mile, City Police and EDO anticipate the initiative will eventually be scaled up across London and beyond. It will help grow the City's brand as a global leader in cyber innovation and a safer place to do business.

### Social Mobility Employer Index - Results Event 2018

We are delighted to invite members to attend the Social Mobility Employer Index 2018 results event on 11 July from 8:30am-10am (breakfast from 8am) in the Old Library at Guildhall. The Top 50 organisations taking the most action to tackle social mobility will be published on the morning of the event. Speakers will include Catherine McGuinness, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee; David Johnston, CEO of the Social Mobility Foundation; and the Rt Hon Alan Milburn. Please [RSVP](#) to register to attend.

## Transport Strategy Consultation

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The City Corporation is currently consulting on the proposed vision, aims and outcomes for the City of London Transport Strategy. The consultation runs until 5 August. Further details and a link to the consultation survey can be found on the [City of London website](#). The Transport Strategy will outline how, over the next 25 years, the use and management of the Square Mile's streets will change and how improvements to the City should be made. The draft vision, aims and outcomes summarise our aspirations and will provide the basis for developing detailed proposals and targets that will be published for consultation later this year. The development of the vision, aims and outcomes has been informed by earlier engagement with the public, businesses and other organisations with an interest in transport in the Square Mile. This included a public survey that generated almost 2000 responses. A full report of the findings can be found on the [City of London website](#).

## City Bridge Trust

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### Philanthropy Strategy

The Philanthropy Strategy has now been approved by the Policy & Resources and City Bridge Trust Committees, and will be shared with the Court of Common Council this month. The Strategy focuses on role modelling excellent philanthropy across the City Corporation and City Bridge Trust, supporting the philanthropic infrastructure in London more broadly and raising awareness of high impact or high value philanthropy in London, the UK and Internationally. Fiona Rawes, Head of Philanthropy Strategy, will now embark on implementation planning and return to the City Bridge Trust Committee for approval of the implementation plan at your meeting in October. For more information please contact [Fiona Rawes](#).

### Visit to New York

At the beginning of June, David Farnsworth, Chief Grants Officer, accompanied the Lord Mayor on a visit to New York (see page 3). The primary aims of the visit were for the Lord Mayor to learn about best practice in philanthropy in New York and deepen connections and partnerships with relevant London areas of activity (focusing on cross-sectoral initiatives between the private, governmental and community Voluntary sectors). Visits were undertaken to three organisations: [Open Society Foundations](#), [Unbound Philanthropy](#) and the [Robin Hood Foundation](#).

## City Business Library

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On 14 June, City Business Library organised a conference focusing on FinTech. The conference was run in association with six speakers who are industry experts in law, branding, fundraising, start-up investment, blockchain and cryptocurrency. The aim of the event was to provide an informative evening of talks to those who are thinking about starting a FinTech business or want to invest in one. Attendees included FinTech entrepreneurs, blockchain businesses, investors and people who are generally interested in FinTech. Overall the event received exceptional feedback, there were 90 people in attendance and the event provided the Library with a very high return on investment. Our next big event will focus on [Franchising on 10 June](#).

## City of London Police

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### Servator roll-out

As part of the roll-out of Project Servator National - the innovative policing tactic that uses a range of assets to deter terrorism and other criminality piloted and launched by City Police in 2014 - members of the team (hosted by City Police as Centre of Excellence for Servator) oversaw Servator launches at Bristol airport, with Avon and Somerset Police, and at Luton airport, with Bedfordshire police. These follow successful launches, working alongside MPS, at Heathrow and London City airport earlier this year. Plans have been developed to deploy Project Servator across the country this year and into 2019.

### Money laundering operation

In early June a major operation saw CoLP working with Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), National Crime Agency, Border Force and other agencies, to arrest eight individuals on money laundering offences. Arrests took place across London and Bracknell and approximately £600,000 was seized. It is suspected, that the individuals, have been allegedly been working as part of an organised crime group to launder millions of pounds through high street banks in and around the City of London since autumn 2017.

### Tackling knife crime

Activity in support of Op Sceptre, a pan-London initiative to combat knife crime, featured in an episode of Panorama. City Police assisted MPS with rapid entry on a house where suspects involved in knife crime were thought to be staying. The activity led to two arrests for associated offences, with reference to City Police's involvement being raised at the Police and Crime Committee of the GLA.

### Subscribe to the City Police's Skyline email newsletter

Skyline, is the City Police's fortnightly business and community newsletter providing their latest news and updates. Topics covered include counter terrorism and security; crime prevention advice and crime trends; upcoming events in the City; and economic crime and fraud updates. This is the City Police's main channel of communication to local businesses, residents and community as a whole so it's the most effective way of keeping up to date with what is happening in the area. It tackles real-time issues and also helps forward planning by informing you, for example, of upcoming road closures or large scale events taking place in the Square Mile. To sign-up please visit the [City of London Police website](#). You can unsubscribe at any time.

## Open Spaces

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### West Ham Park

West Ham Park have confirmed their summer programme of events on the bandstand 'Summer Sunday's. Bands will perform from 1.30pm until 3.30pm and music enthusiasts will be entertained with a variety of music ranging from the James Brown influenced funk and soul group, Lickin Stick, the pop classic sounds of The Red House Rockers and the R&B and Reggae style from regulars, the Basil Hodge Quartet. Something for everyone, all events are free. Performance are on 1, 8 and 22 July. For more information please visit the [parks webpage](#).

### Hampstead Heath

Free summer concerts are running from June to August on Sundays at Parliament Hill from 3 June, and every second Sunday 3pm at Golders Hill Park Bandstand from 10 June. There are also special bandstand events throughout these months, please call us on 020 7332 3322 for more information. The concerts are great free community led outdoor events that showcase creative talent on the iconic bandstands.

## Community and Children's Services

### New youth service provision in the Square Mile

In February 2018, the Department of Community and Children's Services (DCCS) agreed two new contracts for the delivery of youth services in the City with the DCCS Grand Committee. Universal provision for all young people aged 12 to 19 years old, up to 25 years if they have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), is now being delivered by London Borough of Tower Hamlets Youth Services. Information, advice, guidance and youth participation is now being delivered by Prospects. DCCS officers are working with the new provider to review the effectiveness of the Youth Programme Board. During Easter and May half term, trips and activities were piloted by Newark Youth in Artizan and Portsoken Community Centres. Activities to be delivered in the Golden Lane Community Centre are currently being procured in preparation for the centre's re-opening. Dedicated swimming sessions for children with SENDs have also been secured. A

marketing strategy has been developed to ensure awareness of all new activities, which includes updates to Members, residents and the wider public. Service information can be accessed via the [Family and Young People's Information Service website](#).

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### Raising awareness of private fostering in the City

Private Fostering Week 2018 will be running between 9-13 July this year. Pat Dixon, DCCS Safeguarding Service Manager, will be raising awareness in various community settings, during the week. Private fostering is an arrangement made between a parent or a carer (who is not a close relative) to look after and provide accommodation to a child or young person under the age of 16 (under 18 if they have a disability) for a period of more than 28 days. Please email [Rachel Morrison](#) if you would like copies of the promotional materials. Our private fostering app can be downloaded via [Google](#).

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## City of London Academies and Schools

### City Family of Schools Arts Exhibition

The City of London Corporation will be hosting the City Family of Schools Art Exhibition from 2 to 5 July. The City Corporation's independent schools, academies and maintained primaries will be showcasing their pupils' art work by exhibiting them in the Ambulatory in front of the Great Hall. Groups of pupils from the City's schools will be visiting the Guildhall throughout the week to view the exhibition. A reception will be held from 6pm on Wednesday 4 July to provide an opportunity for teachers, parents and Members to enjoy the art work as well. If you would like to attend, please email [Jeanne Barnard](mailto:jeanne.barnard@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

### Rising Youth: Peace, Trust and Democracy dinner

On 20 June the City Corporation hosted a dinner for the sixth form students, with the theme Rising Youth: Peace, Trust and Democracy. Attendees included politicians, people from business, local government and City Members. The Lord Mayor opened the event, after which 10 speakers discussed their careers and how studying helped them on their path. The students appreciated the insight the speakers provided and enjoyed the evening.

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### City of London Academy Islington

Five Year 12 students from the Business and Economics Department entered the Deloitte TMT Challenge in January. The students were challenged to design an augmented reality mobile application and were keen to develop an application that would not only be commercially viable, but could also solve a social issue. With the NHS currently spending £300m a year treating patients who have taken the wrong medication, they designed an application to help elderly people take their medication. To make the idea commercially viable, the students recommended a partnership with Pharmacy2U, the UK's largest online retailer for prescription drugs. The students presented the idea on 22 March at the Deloitte head offices in London and won the competition. They were then invited to spend a day at the Pharmacy2U UK head office in Leeds. During the day the students met Daniel Lee (founder of Pharmacy2U), Naila Dad (Head of Pharmacy) and Phil Day (Pharmacist Independent Prescriber). On 14 June, some of our students attended a reception at the Guildhall to celebrate the achievements of Great Britain's Paralympic team at the Winter Olympics in South Korea earlier this year. The 2018 Paralympic Winter Games held in Pyeong Chang were officially the most successful in Team GB's history. Guests included athletes from the Games and members of the organising body, Disability Sport UK, along with others involved with disability sport. Students particularly enjoyed the keynote speech by Pippa Middleton who delivered an insightful view into the work Disability Sport UK does. However, without a doubt, the highlight of the evening was the opportunity students had to talk to athletes about their journey and achievements.

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### City of London Academy Highbury Grove

Year 12 Academy students enjoyed the privilege of attending a dynamic, provocative leadership conference at City of London School for Girls this month. The event explored various styles of leadership - from sunny, self-actualisation leadership styles to the hard-nosed, tough-love style beloved of the Alex Ferguson school of bellicose inspiration. Students reflected on the ways different leadership styles motivate and guide us, as well as our emotional reactions to the exercise of power. Putting this into action, it was time for students to get into teams and scavenger-hunt their way across the School in pursuit of cryptic clues, affording them an opportunity to put what they'd learnt into action!

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### City of London Freeman's School

Professor A Grayling gave the key note address to this year's Free Mind's graduates. Imagining a world without the Humanities, Professor Grayling used the philosophical tradition to answer existential questions from students. "The meaning of life is what you make it," suggested the academic from the New College of the Humanities. 73 lower six students graduated from the Free Minds programme, after studying five short courses in addition to their A Level subjects. Students enjoyed subjects such as: Six Key Moments in the History of Western Art, Contemporary Music Post Production, Mathematical Skills for Physical Science, The Anatomy of a Trial and Understanding Economics in the News. Tim Wright, who runs the Free Minds programme said: "The morning's discussion between Professor Grayling and our lower 6 graduates encapsulated the Free Minds programme in a nutshell. We ranged widely from topics such as human freedom to the ethics of colonising the universe and I am very pleased with the enthusiasm which our graduates have shown for their courses."

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### City of London School

From June 27-29, City of London School is proud to be hosting a number of events for City Pride Week. Prominent members of the LGBT+ community are speaking to the boys over a number of days. Events include the raising of the LGBT+ flag, talks from Human Rights Campaigner Peter Tatchell, Stonewall Champion representative Pierre Anton-Godefroy and Peter Laverack and Jason Jones, winners of the case for LGBT equality in Trinidad and Tobago alongside a week-long LGBT+ Society Stall in the School's courtyard. The Medical Society is hosting a conference for those applying to study medicine entitled 'Medicine: An Applicant's Guide' on June 30. The event will be a day of talks and panel discussions focussed on providing prospective medical students an insight into their potential careers and university admissions. Initiated by Sixth Former Rhaul, the event is aimed at students in year 11 and 12 from London schools, who are encouraged to attend.

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In the last two weeks of May LMA hosted its third cultural festival Word on the Street on the theme of freedom. On 12 May there was a day linked to the Digital Panopticon Crime and Punishment exhibition which explored how to discover victims and rogues in family history. The Politics of Race in Britain and South Africa attracted a large audience on 16 May as did a presentation on 22 May by Murray Craig, Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, on City Freedoms. A highlight was The Youth Symposium on 30 May which brought together a wide range of young people who discovered more about local history, joined in creative writing sessions, and participated in debates and presentations. Part of this day was an exploration of the Exhibition in a Suitcase created as part of the Aldersgate Community Festival. The suitcases were on display for the full two weeks and attracted a lot of attention and positive reaction. LMA has been awarded a substantial grant by the Wellcome Trust to catalogue and make more widely known the recently acquired archive of Mollie Hunte (1932-2015), one of the very few Black African Caribbean psychologists working with children in the Black community whose contribution in supporting their mental well-being and education is little known beyond those who knew her in West London. The funding will enable a qualified archivist to sort and catalogue the archive, as well as supporting packaging, digitisation, conservation and an engagement programme, enriching health-related research around the Black community.

## Barbican Centre

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### The Barbican becomes a J9 venue

On the 12 June the Barbican Centre became a J9 venue, with a pink logo now displayed in the Silk Street Reception, the Level G shop, Library Entrance, and Art Gallery Box Office. J9 is a national initiative that aims to provide safe and secure opportunities for people to disclose domestic abuse and access a full support system. The logo signals to the public that it is safe to talk, and also directs people to the Barbican's safe place (located at the Medical Room on Level 2 of the building) where victims can access information and use a phone to call for further help if needed.

### Two summer photography exhibitions open

A double bill of photography exhibitions opened in Barbican Art Gallery on 22 June, staging the work of pioneering documentary photographer and visual activist, Dorothea Lange, and award-winning contemporary photographer, Vanessa Winship. Dorothea Lange: Politics of Seeing is the first UK retrospective of Dorothea Lange, whilst Vanessa Winship: And Time Folds is the first major UK solo exhibition of the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Henri Cartier-Bresson prize. The opening received significant press coverage. Highlights include a centrespread in the Eyewitness section of The Guardian alongside an [online](#) photo gallery, a [British Journal of Photography](#) interview, inclusion in [Time Out](#)'s list of unmissable London events this summer, inclusion in the [Evening Standard](#)'s list of "The best art to see this week", a 4-page preview in Black & White Photography Magazine and 5\* star reviews in the [Guardian](#), [Observer](#), [Time Out](#), and [Evening Standard](#).

## Guildhall School of Music & Drama

### Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

The Guildhall School has been awarded a Gold TEF rating. The TEF ranking was created by the UK Government to measure the quality of teaching in the higher education sector. The Higher Education Funding Council for England commented that 'progression to highly skilled employment or further study is outstanding'. The TEF panel was impressed by the high contact hours and intensive one-to-one tuition Guildhall School students receive, the personalised nature of their learning, strong student representation and engagement, and outstanding physical and digital resources, as well as a strategic commitment to attracting students from diverse backgrounds.

### Guardian league table

The Guardian's University Guide 2019 has ranked the Guildhall School as the UK's top conservatoire and third among all UK higher education institutions for music. The Guardian's league tables reflect various aspects of both student experience and their career outlook.

### Alumni in the Queen's birthday honours list

On 8 June the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2018 was published with alumni, fellows and friends of the Guildhall School among those recognised. They include: composer, pianist and conductor Dr Thomas Ades; composer and conductor Professor Debbie Wiseman; mezzo-soprano Alice Coote; Chairman of the Board of Governors at the Guildhall School Vivienne Littlechild and Honorary Fellow Gillian Moore.

### Lutine Prize Winner

Violinist Sofia Gómez Alberto was awarded first place in the Lutine Prize with a winning programme of Greig's Violin sonata No.3 (movement I) and Pablo de Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen. The Lutine Prize is Junior Guildhall School's most prestigious award. The final was held on 2 June in Milton Court Concert Hall.

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**The Origins of Romanticism - Sir Jonathan Bate, Gresham Professor of Rhetoric**

The historian Isaiah Berlin described the Romanticism of the late 18th and early 19th centuries as “the greatest single shift in the consciousness of the West that has occurred” – what is the justification for this claim, what do we mean by “Romanticism” and when did it begin? In the first of a series of lectures on English Romanticism, Jonathan Bate will go on a journey from the Scottish Highlands to a teenage suicide in London to the Geneva of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, in search of the origins of Romanticism. The lecture will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 18 September at the Museum of London.

**In the News**

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- The Policy Chairman was interviewed on [BBC Radio 5's Wake Up To Money](#) about the need for the UK government to clarify its position on the trading relationship with the EU post-Brexit.
- [Bloomberg](#) interviewed the Policy Chairman about the growing mood of frustration in the business community about the clarity of Brexit.
- The Policy Chairman was quoted in [City AM](#) commenting on the delays in the publication of a Cabinet white paper on Brexit [viewable internally only]. Further coverage in [Financial Times](#) (£) and the [Evening Standard](#).
- [Bloomberg](#) interviewed the Policy Chairman about the growing mood of frustration in the business community about the clarity of Brexit.
- The Policy Chairman was interviewed by [Reuters](#), voicing concerns about the impact of current Brexit negotiations to the financial services industry.
- A [City AM](#) splash featured comments made by the Policy Chairman in response to the EBA, which stated that financial firms' contingency plans for Brexit were progressing too slowly.
- [The Times](#) (£) outlined the Policy Chairman's letter to Chancellor Philip Hammond, quoting comments on a 'near-universal' appetite in principle for a trade agreement between the US and Britain.
- The Lord Mayor was interviewed on [Canada's Bloomberg Business News Network](#) in Toronto explaining why the City of London will remain one of the world's top financial centres after Brexit.
- Extensive coverage of the Bankers' and Merchants' Dinner at The Mansion House including in in [BBC News](#), [Sky News](#), [The Times](#) (£), [The Times](#) (£), [Financial Times](#) (£), [The Daily Telegraph](#), [City A.M.](#), [Daily Express](#), [Reuters](#), [Daily Mail](#), [New York Times](#), [City A.M.](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Times](#) (£), and [Financial News](#).
- [The Mirror](#) and [Get West London](#) reported on the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Seven City of London Corporation figures were recognised for their contributions to education, children's services, community and social cohesion. Further coverage in [City Matters](#) and a number of local media outlets including [The Docklands and East London Advertiser](#) and [Southwark News](#).
- [The Telegraph](#) quoted the Policy Chairman in an article about UK banks playing a bigger role in financing China's push to create a trade corridor between East and West (£).
- The Policy Chairman's statement on the FCA's decision to change listing rules on sovereign controlled companies was covered in [The Telegraph](#), [The Guardian](#), [Financial Times](#) and [The Times](#).
- [City AM](#) reported on the recent announcement that the City of London Corporation will switch completely to renewable energy from October onwards. The Policy Chairman was quoted. Further coverage in [City Matters](#), and a number of trade media outlets.
- The Policy Chairman and Sheriff of London were quoted on the front page of [City Matters](#) in support of the City of London Corporation's debut at the annual Pride in London parade. Further coverage in [Pink News](#).
- The Lord Mayor was interviewed by [BBC Radio London](#) (listen at 1:39:50) about the Lord Mayor's Dragon Awards.
- The Chairman of the Hampstead Heath Management Committee was quoted in [Evening Standard](#) and [Ham & High](#) articles about a piece of privately owned land surrounded by Hampstead Heath, which was sold for auction. Further coverage in [ITV London News](#), [BBC London News](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Ham & High](#), [The Times](#) and [Camden New Journal](#).
- The Head of Conservation at Epping Forest appeared in the Queen's Green Planet on ITV 1 East Anglia, ITV 1 Wales, ITV1 East Yorkshire, STV North and STV Central East, profiling the ancient woodland. [links unavailable]

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