

# Partnership Strategy

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Both our schools (CLS and CLSG) share a strategic vision and commitment to working in collaboration with others. We view these partnerships as critical tools for tackling disadvantage and promoting equality of opportunity, enhancing social mobility, and both cultural and social capital. Partnership work also enables us to support social justice objectives within and beyond our wider school communities.

This document outlines our shared partnership strategy that aims to be collaborative, sustainable, and impactful.

## Context

- CLSG and CLS have impressive records of joint and individual partnership.
- We have developed an embedded strategic and joint model of partnership
- Impact evaluation is a key element of this work.
- The Partnership Forum meets termly to develop dialogue and engagement with partnership work across the City of London Family of Schools.

## Key objectives

To consolidate and extend meaningful partnerships.

To use partnership work as a tool for supporting social justice, diversity and inclusion, and equality of opportunity.

To understand the impact of our work and develop partnership work responsively.

## How our work tackles disadvantage

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- Primary Summer School enables pupils to consolidate and extend their learning
- Lauriston Lights Impact Days support high-ability pupils often from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Eastside Young Leaders use facilities weekly with some teaching support
- Both schools have made a public pledge to support Royal Springboard
- We give active support for the refugee community
- Regular CLSG-led teaching in state partner schools
- Both CLS and CLSG place charity and volunteering at the heart of our provision
- Both CLS and CLSG have a significant commitment to transformational bursaries

## Aims

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- To work in an open and collaborative way
- To work closely with partners
- To take advantage of economies of scale
- To celebrate partnership work and share opportunity with transparency and equal opportunity
- To garner high levels of support from staff across the schools
- To consider how partnership work can offer further opportunities for professional development
- To meet or exceed all statutory and regulatory obligations

## Detailed aims

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- To follow and play a leading part in developing best practice
- To evaluate the impact of partnership
- To maintain and develop existing partnership projects
- To further develop reciprocity and collaboration with the Family of Schools
- To further enhance offer for disadvantaged pupils and organisations challenging disadvantage
- To further expand the scope for our pupils and staff to work and learn with pupils from the Family of Schools
- To routinely share partnership work and opportunities with parents and alumni
- To widen the participation of staff in partnership
- To contribute to the recruitment of high-calibre pupils who receive means-tested bursaries

## Highlights from this last academic year

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- The termly Partnership Forum with representatives from the Family of Schools
- Creation of a Primary Summer School, co-led with a partner primary school
- Joint pupil events to support partnership provision
- The launch and co-chairing of Maths and Oracy networks
- A comprehensive impact evaluation system
- The contribution of alumni and parents to partnership work
- The engagement of new partners with applications for bursary places

## Contribution to Wider Strategy

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- Partnership is at the centre of both schools' strategic visions and ethos. [Appendix 1]
- At the heart of this strategy remains a commitment to the aims of the City of London Corporation's Education Strategy 2019-23 [Appendix 2]
- In doing so CLSG and CLS make a significant contribution to specific elements of the City Corporation's Corporate Plan for 2018-23. [Appendix 3]
- CLSG and CLS are committed to the development of 'Fusion Skills' through partnership work, skills which support life-long learning and success. Partnership activity has been evaluated against Fusion Skill outcomes.

## Appendix 1: Strategic Vision (extract)

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### Extract from CLSG Vision and Values:

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*We want to be a school which is not only known for its outstanding education, but has real influence and reach, which it uses to further wider educational outcomes and discourse. We want our school to be fun, pioneering and properly adventurous, leading the country in scholarly exploration, pastoral development, partnerships and co-curricular engagement.*

*Appreciating the difference we can make when we work with others, we will build partnerships with sustained impact on our wider communities. We will be pioneering in our collaborative work, establishing long-lasting relationships with the City family of schools, including a new and stronger bond with our brother school, City of London School.*

### Extract from CLS Strategic Vision 2019-2024:

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*We intend to be Aware:*

- *There is strength in difference.*
- *We nurture a deep-seated sense of social responsibility.*
- *We are active partners.*
- *Our wider community makes us powerful.*

*We continue to focus on:*

1. *Working collaboratively*
2. *Understanding social responsibility*
3. *Increasing access*
4. *Harnessing our location and diversity*

## Appendix 2:

### City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2019-23 (extract)

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- 1 Pupils in the Family of Schools have access to transformative education, enabling them to achieve their potential, flourish and thrive.
- 2 The Family of Schools deliver exceptional quality education that meets the challenges and skills requirements now, and in the future.
- 3 Education is safe, inclusive, supportive and empowering for all, regardless of age, background or circumstance.
- 4 Pupils in the Family of Schools receive high-quality exposure to the world of work at all stages of education, so they can make informed career choices.
- 5 Pupils in the Family of Schools receive an educational experience that enriches and inspires through access to the learning opportunities that the City's cultural, heritage and environmental assets offer.
- 6 The Education Strategy 2019-2013 has strong strategic oversight and delivery is focused on the impact.

## Appendix 3:

### Aims of the City of London Corporation's Corporate Plan 2018-23 (extract)

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- **Outcome 1:**  
People are safe and feel safe.
- **Outcome 3:**  
People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.
- **Outcome 8:**  
We have access to the skills and talent we need.
- **Outcome 10:**  
We inspire enterprise, excellence, creativity, and collaboration.