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KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

I am writing to you with a news update on the Foundation and the Bursary pupils we support.

Bursaries

As of the beginning of the 2017/18 school year, KSEF will be supporting five pupils at KS, three in Year 8 and two in Year 7. In addition, the KSEF are contributing towards the fees of four - soon to be five - other pupils who have left KS and are now at their senior schools.

Former KS pupils

For the pupil who left in 2015, now at St Catherine's, Twickenham, we gather all is going well. Our first ever KSEF sponsored pupil is about to start his final year at King Edward's, Whitley, having last year taken his GCSEs. His father says that he is doing well and is working quite hard and is enjoying his sport. He continues with his art - he received an Art Scholarship as well as a Bursary. In both cases, KS are contributing 40% of the fees.

The third pupil has just finished his third year at Shrewsbury. He is well settled and is making good progress academically. He received a Bursary and KSEF are contributing 30% of the fees. The fourth pupil receives an 85% Bursary from Leighton Park School and KSEF are paying the balance. The fifth pupil, who has just left KS, will be starting at Woldingham School this September. She has been awarded a 50% Bursary by the school, the balance being covered by KSEF and the parents of a former KS pupil.

Current KS pupils

This coming school year, KSEF will be supporting three Year 8 pupils; while Scholarships and KSEF Bursaries have been awarded to two pupils who will be joining Year 7 this Autumn. Of the three pupils entering Year 8, looking ahead to their secondary schooling, one has already been awarded a 100% Bursary, while the other two are awaiting news from a number of schools.

Eight candidates from local Primary Schools took the KSEF entrance papers earlier this year and we offered one Scholarship together with a Bursary. One further candidate was proposed to us by Harrow School, he sat the entrance tests in March 2016 and was awarded a Scholarship together with a Bursary.

Overall, a total of nine candidates applied for awards, one more than was the case last year. This rising trend is encouraging, but it would be good if we could see a sharper year on year rise in applications. Consequently, we continue to look for ways to do this.

As has been the case from the beginning, funding for all KSEF Bursary awards are matched by the Directors of KS for the duration of each Bursary pupil's time at KS.

The Trustees

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, who have all willingly given up their time to help with the smooth running of the Foundation.

The School

KS is thriving and currently has 400 children from the age of 3 to 13.

Donations

None of our work would have been possible without the support of our donors, most of whom are parents of past and present pupils of KS. Overall, since the establishment of the Foundation in 2007, a little over £900,000 has been donated to KSEF. In the last 12 months alone, we have received nearly £200,000, from the following sources: new parent partial deposit waivers, KSPA, corporates and individuals. As in previous years, we continue to be extremely cost conscious, resulting in total expenses over the last 12 months remaining below 10% of the value of donations received over the same period.

Looking ahead, with the pending additional support KSEF is to provide for KS alumni, our annual funding costs for the 2017/18 school year will amount to a little over £100,000, and forecast to rise by a little over 10% the following school year. Accordingly, we will continue our fundraising initiatives and, to that end, will once again be hosting a dinner this Autumn at the Royal Academy. If you would like to hear more about this event, do please contact me or Magoo Giles.

Anniversary Party

2017 is KSEF's 10th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate this landmark by hosting a drinks party and to invite all those donors - past and present - who have supported us. The intention had been for this event to take place this Summer, but that did not prove possible. Instead, we hope to hold the party in early February next year. In order for us to be able to get a rough idea of numbers, I would be grateful if you could email me - heddis@longwaterpartners.com - to confirm whether in principle you will be able to attend.

I hope the above information is of interest. Do please contact me if you would like to learn more. In any event, I very much hope you can come to our party, when I will be able to talk to you in person.

Yours sincerely

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