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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 2018/19 school year, KSEF will be supporting three pupils at KS: two in Year 8 and one in Year 7. In addition, the KSEF are continuing to contribute towards the senior school fees of five former KS pupils.

Former KS pupils

Our first ever KSEF sponsored pupil has finished his A-Levels at King Edward's, Witley and is hoping to go on to further education at Reading University. All the other pupils continue to thrive and, without exception, to be taking advantage of the wide range of activities available at their respective schools. One, at KCS Wimbledon, last year won a Modern Languages Prize; another, also at KCS, has represented the school in football, rugby and rowing. Of the two pupils who sat GCSEs in Summer 2017, one was awarded 7 A*s and 3 As and the other, 8A*s and 2 As.

Most importantly, all pupils appear to be flourishing and making the most of the opportunities on offer to them.

Of the three Year 8 pupils who left KS at the end of this Summer Term: one was promoted from the reserve list at St Paul's and later awarded a 100% bursary; the second has been awarded a 100% bursary by Uppingham; and the third has won a 75% bursary and music and drama scholarship at Prior's Field School, in Godalming. KSEF will be making up the 25% shortfall. Overall, this is an outstanding achievement by these three pupils.

Current KS pupils

This coming school year, KSEF will be supporting two Year 8 pupils and one Year 7 pupil; the latter will be joining KS from Marlborough Primary School.

We did not have any candidates for our January assessment day, but another day was organised and four candidates were called up: three from local primary schools and one through Harrow School. We were promised recommendations from another school, but they did not materialise.

Thus, we have only appointed one pupil for entry in September 2018. There were some delightful candidates, but they did not have the academic ability or a special interest in some area, such as music.

As has been the case from the beginning, funding for all KSEF Bursary awards at KS are matched by the Directors of 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 continues to thrive and currently has 400 children from the age of 3 to 13. There has been one significant change during the year, in that the School was bought by Dukes Education, a collection of UK based schools and education organisations. However, KS will remain unaltered in spirit and direction, Magoo will still be very much involved and KSEF will continue as before.

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 £1,000,000 has been donated to KSEF. In the last 12 months alone, we have received just over £100,000, 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, having only made one new award to a KS pupil for the forthcoming school year and with the two 100% Bursary awards for the pupils who left KS this Summer, combined with our first ever KSEF sponsored pupil having finished his A-Levels and left senior school, our annual funding costs for the 2018/19 school year will be less than last year, dropping to approximately £80,000. However, over time we anticipate our costs rising again and we will therefore continue our fundraising initiatives. To that end, will once again be hosting a dinner at the Royal Academy (on 17 October). If you would like to hear more about this event, do please contact me or Magoo Giles.

I hope the above information is of interest. Do please contact me if you would like to learn more.

Yours sincerely

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