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# KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Dear KS Families and KSEF Supporters,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Knightsbridge School Education Foundation. I am honoured and thrilled to have taken this challenging role.

## WHO WE ARE

KSEF has been governed by a diverse group of Trustees coming from the enlarged KS community. Currently, I am privileged to be part of a great team of volunteers who are dedicating their time to work on this amazing cause:

- **Magoo Giles**, KS Founder and Principal
- **Robin Badham-Thornhill**, KS Head of Development
- **Valentina Pan**, KSEF Chair, KSEF Trustee since 2013, KS parent from 2007-2013
- **Christiane Elsenbach**, KSEF Treasurer, KSEF Trustee since 2015 and KS parent from 2008-2015
- **Matthew Jordan**, KSEF Trustee since 2014 and KS parent from 2010-2017
- **Keira Townsend**, KSEF Trustee since 2017 and current KS parent
- **Caroline Cartellieri Karlsen**, KSEF Trustee since 2018 and current KS parent

## OUR MISSION

KSEF's mission is to provide support to **2 talented children, every year**, from local families where the fees would otherwise be an insuperable barrier to entry. Pupils will typically enter KS in Year 7 and continue in Year 8. Former KS bursary pupils are also supported through their journey at their secondary schools if required. KSEF students have been immensely successful at gaining bursaries and scholarships to secondary schools, including St. Paul's, Uppingham and Kings College School, Wimbledon. Nevertheless, with the expansion of KS to Year 11, KSEF pupils now have two choices. Either they can leave KS at the end of Year 8 (the current practice) or they can be re-assessed in Year 8 to be considered for a place at KS in Year 9 until Year 11



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### ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY

Since 2008, KSEF has been able to provide means tested bursaries for **13 bright and able children**. These pupils invariably make a significant contribution to life at KS enriching the experience for both pupils and teachers. They enhance the diversity in our school community and thereby reflect more fully the wider world in which our children will eventually live and work.

### FUNDRAISING

Since inception, KSEF has raised a little over £1,200,000 and we continue to be extremely cost conscious, with expenses remaining below 10% of the value of donations. KSEF funds come from:

- **KS parents**, current and past
- **Corporates**, as many companies in the UK match the donations their employees make to charities
- **KS Parents' Association**, as every year a percentage of their annual contribution to charities is donated to KSEF
- **KS Directors** as funding for all KSEF Bursary awards at KS are matched by the Directors of KS

We believe it is vital that our School remains accessible to children from a wide range of backgrounds. We are passionate in what we are doing and we plan, with your help and generosity, to continue on this great journey. You can learn more about us and make donations online by visiting [www.ksfoundation.org](http://www.ksfoundation.org). Also, we are currently looking to add a **new member to the KSEF Trustee board** from the current KS parent community. Please be in touch if you are interested.

I would like to thank KSEF's current and past donors for their generosity and for believing that **'Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world' (Nelson Mandela)**. I also would like to express my gratitude to the current Trustees and all those who went before us, for the considerable work which they have undertaken and their unwavering commitment to the KSEF's interest.

Your sincerely,  


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KSEF Chair