



KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Dear KS Families and KSEF Supporters,

I hope you and your families are well and have found a new sense of normality despite the pandemic and its current restrictions. I am writing as I would like to give you some updates on what the Foundation has been up to since the beginning of 2020.

OUR BURSARIES

This year we have had an unprecedented number of applications for our Bursary Programme. Not only has the academic level of students been of a very high standard, but also the number of applicants has been larger than ever before. **We are proud to say that three students will begin KS in September 2020.** For the first time we have also offered partial bursaries – something that will increase the Foundation's flexibility when selecting students.

ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY

KSEF has continued to work closely with KS to find ways to **broaden educational experiences for children in the local community.** In these difficult circumstances, we have been able to help both **Ashburnham Community School** and **Marlborough Primary School**, both in Chelsea and only a short walk from KS, with some basic needs for their home-learning.

Both schools have seen families in their community struggling with weeks of living in close proximity in a shared space with lots of people. The challenges are many: limited or no internet connection and a lack of devices means relying on a pencil and paper, with little alternative option. Facing even more weeks of isolation, home-learning resources are proving to be instrumental in every family. KSEF has therefore been able to provide **home-learning text books and stationery** for older pupils, with which teachers are able to set tasks. For Nursery and Reception, KSEF has managed to provide an **Early Year learning box of resources**, with equipment to help parents with the learning. This has proved **crucial in households where children need to share a device or do not have access to a strong broadband connection** – thus working away from a screen would be the most successful endeavour.

Both schools were incredibly grateful as this will make a **huge difference in preventing a backslide of learning in households where it is most crucial.**



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FUNDRAISING

Since its inception, KSEF has raised almost £1,300,000. This year, we intend to hold our main fundraising event on **Wednesday 4th November at the Royal Academy**. In the past we have had a curated tour of the main exhibition followed by a seated dinner. Due to COVID-19, we will be able to confirm our event only at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2020. Nevertheless, **please do not hesitate to get in touch if you are interested in participating**.

You can learn more about us and make donations online by visiting www.ksfoundation.org. We are also proud to be part of the London Fee Assistance Consortium with other 28 top schools in London, please visit <https://feeassistancelondonschools.org.uk> for more information.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valentina Pan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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