

Newsletter Autumn 2023

Dear KS Families and KSEF Supporters,

We trust the new academic year has started with old friendships rekindled after the summer break and those joining Knightsbridge School are enjoying the next step in their school career.

OUR OBJECTIVES

If you are unfamiliar with KSEF, we are an entirely independent charity founded in 2007 that works closely with Knightsbridge School with the following key aims:

- Provide Scholarships and Bursaries to talented pupils without the financial means to receive the opportunities available at Knightsbridge School;
- Support children throughout their academic career at Knightsbridge, secondary school and up to higher education;
- Outreach programs and support to local schools to bring a positive impact in the wider community.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

► Bursaries

- 3 new bursary students started in September 2023
- 12 bursaries within Knightsbridge School currently
- Total of 28 students supported from year 7 up to higher education.

The children were selected on academic ability and were means tested via an independent organisation to ensure transparency and fairness.

► **Community**

- Grant to Marlborough Primary School to provide Art Therapy to 15 children aged 4-11. Please see <https://www.lcat.org.uk/>
- Grant to Ashburnham Community School to fund West London Zone which offers specialist support to 40 children for the full academic year. Please see www.westlondonzone.org
- Grant to Ashburnham to provide Sing Education to 180 children. Please see <https://www.singeducation.co.uk/>

Both schools are within a short walk of Knightsbridge School .However, they have some of the highest levels of social deprivation in the United Kingdom (for instance, Ashburnham has 72% of children qualifying for free school meals – more than 3 times the national average).

► **Beyond Knightsbridge**

- 3 Bursary Students started university in September 2023
- 1 Bursary Student has started on a graduate program with JLL
- 7 Students receiving continued bursary support during secondary school, including Kings School, St Pauls, Charterhouse, Woldingham, Prior Field's, and Shrewsbury.

We aim to support all bursary students beyond Knightsbridge, this involves applying for scholarships and grants to secondary schools.

► **Beyond University**

The success of the KSEF has seen our first bursary students coming to the end of their academic career and starting work where we will continue to support them. We welcome and encourage existing parents to support and provide career advice, internship opportunities and mentoring.

WHY WE DO THIS

Knightsbridge School is unique in the way it delivers education to our children, but it is also part of a wider community. Education does not discriminate and is the most powerful weapon for changing the world in which we live which is why we reach beyond the Blue Door to change the world one child at a time.

HOW WE ACHIEVE THIS

This is only possible with donations from supporters of KSEF, we raise money through appeals and events. We would like to encourage not only financial donations but also donations of time from both new parents and those who have left the school.

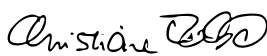
Since its inception, KSEF has raised just over £2,000,000. However, we haven't yet reached our set target of £240,000 for the year. Dukes Education, KS's shareholder, has been supporting us by financing 50% of school fees for those bursary students at KS. The KSPA has been one of our most generous supporters and for this we are immensely grateful.

Each year we have a fundraiser. In the past we have held it in wonderful locations: The Royal Academy, The Tower of London. This year, following on from King Charles III's Coronation, we will be going to **Westminster Abbey, where we will hold a guided tour of the grounds followed by sit-down dinner in the Cellarium. The event is on Thursday 29 February 2024. Please look out for details about this event through your class rep** or do get in touch should you be interested to join us.

Your sincerely,



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