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Dear KS Families and KSEF Supporters,

I hope you are all well and had a good summer break and your children are happily back at school. I am writing to give you some updates on what KSEF has been up to in the last Academic Year 2021/2022 and share some of our plans for the new school year.

KSEF BURSARIES

The total number of children who receive or have received support from KSEF has jumped to 25. For the third year in a row, we have had an unprecedented number of applications for our Bursary Programme, with 25 children sitting our means-tested assessments last January. As in the previous year, the academic level of the students was high and it was not easy to assign the KSEF awards. Whilst in the past we have typically offered 2 places, last year we awarded 4 places (with 100% support of fees), and all offers have been accepted. Four new students will start their new educational journey at KS in September 2022, taking the total number of bursaries currently at KS to 11. In the new academic year, we are planning to maintain our offer of 4 free places to start in September 2023.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Broadening educational experiences for children in the local community remains a central part of the work of the Foundation. We have continued to work and strengthen the relationship with 2 local maintained primary schools, Ashburnham Community School and Marlborough Primary School, both a short walk from KS.

Marlborough was looking for help to fund a school trip as well as a school team kit. KSEF's support with the school trip has allowed them to take all pupils, including new families from Afghanistan and those on the Free School Meal Register, to participate to the week-long school trip. The new team kits, also for their new families from Afghanistan, have helped to develop confidence, self-esteem, motivation to join in and work hard as well as to represent the teams. Both projects have helped to promote good mental health and wellbeing, improved health and fitness, developed resilience and perseverance and increased the children sense of belonging to the school. We are in the process of discussing what priorities Marlborough has for 2022/2023.

At **Ashburnham** the priority is to make sure that every pupil, family member and member of staff have the right support for their mental health. Life is tough right now and supporting young people and those adults living and working with them has never been more important. KSEF is funding a 2-year programme, starting in September 2022, with West London Zone <https://www.westlondonzone.org>, a charity that helps children and

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young people build the relationships and skills they need to get on track socially, emotionally and academically, in order to thrive in adulthood. WLZ will provide specialist support to 40 children and will join up each child's support system, including families, schools and local organisations, to deliver a personalised 2-year support plan for each child.

Both schools are incredibly grateful for KSEF continued support as this will make a huge difference to their children's learning and to the overall well-being of their enlarged community.

FUNDRAISING

Since its inception, KSEF has raised over £1,800,000. This year, we have received a substantial donation from the KSPA as well as several very generous gifts from parents who attended the KS Street Party in May for which we are immensely grateful. However, we haven't yet reached our set target of £240,000 per year and for this we will hold a fundraising event in October. This year we will be going back to the **Royal Academy and will hold a guided tour of an exhibition of South Africa's most celebrated living multi-sensory artist, William Kentridge. This will be followed by dinner. The event is on Wednesday 12 October 2022.**

Please do get in touch should you be interested to join us.

KSEF AND THE LONDON FEE ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM

This week, we launched our annual campaign on the London Underground. Together with 30 other top London Schools, KS is advertising our Bursary Programme for those talented children who cannot afford a fee-paying education. Please visit <https://feeassistancelondonschools.org.uk> for more information.

You can learn more about us and make donations online by visiting www.ksfoundation.org

Our new website will launch soon, hopefully by the end of the term, so watch this space!

Your sincerely,



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