
KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Dear KS Families and KSEF Supporters,

It is hard to believe that one year has already passed since the beginning of the pandemic in the UK. Despite the current restrictions, I hope you are all well and your children are joyfully back at school. I am writing as I would like to give you some updates on what KSEF has been up to since the start of the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

KSEF BURSARIES

KSEF has supported, so far, 17 children. For the second year in a row, we have had an unprecedented number of applications for our Bursary Programme, with 19 children sitting our mean-tested assessments. The academic level of the students was, once again, high and it was not easy to assign the KSEF awards. Whilst in the past we have typically offered 2 places (with a 100% support of fees), last year we awarded 3 places.

Given current conditions, this year we are proud to say that 4 students (and one student wait-listed as KS is oversubscribed now in Year 7) will begin KS in September 2021, taking the total number of bursaries supported by our Foundation to 21.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Broadening educational experiences for children in the local community remains a central part of the work of the Foundation. In these difficult circumstances, 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.

One of **Marlborough's** first priorities has been the teaching of reading and having access to a wide variety of high quality texts, with the ambition to have a copy of each of these books available in school so that all children could access and read them. Through your donations, KSEF has managed to finance a book list of 100 books for each year group from Nursery to Year 6, including Autistic Provision.

Ashburnham's priorities have been not only to ensure that children had home-learning resources, which again have proved to be instrumental in every family during lockdown, but also to make sure that every pupil, family member and member of staff have the right mental support during these extremely challenging times.

Life is tough right now and supporting young people and adults living and working with them has never been more important. KSEF has worked closely with the KSPA and, through your donations, a one year fully funded counselling, through Place2Be, has been guaranteed to Ash's community.

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

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FUNDRAISING

Sadly this year we were not able to hold the KSEF Fund Raising event at the Royal Academy as we have done for the past several years. Nevertheless, thank you to the KS parents generosity, we were able to meet our set fund-raising targets and, since its inception, have raised over £1,600,000. This year, we hope we will be able to safely hold our main fund-raising event in October and we will let you know more details in the coming months.

KSEF VIDEO

Last but not least, we have just released the first **KSEF video** which will give you a better idea of our work. 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,

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