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## KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world*

London, 5 May 2020

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.**

## 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](http://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, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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