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## KNIGHTSBRIDGE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

London, 3rd September 2019

Dear KS Families and KSEF Supporters,

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer wherever you have been. I am writing as I would like to give you some updates on what the Foundation has been up to since the beginning of 2019.

### TRUSTEES

I am delighted to announce that **2 new Trustees** have joined the KSEF board. **Claudia Nahrath and Dominic Clive** are current KS parents and they will be an exciting addition to the team as we continue to strengthen our relationship with the KS community. KSEF's other Trustees who have been with the Foundation longer, **Caroline Cartellieri-Karsen, Matthew Jordan and Christine Elsenbach (Treasurer)**, remain part of the team with the exception of Kara Townsend who sadly resigned from the board and moved on to fulfil other commitments.

### OUR BURSARIES

Whilst we are thrilled to welcome **a new student starting in Year 7 at KS in September 2019** on a full bursary, we wish all the best to two pupils who are moving on from KS to their next journey in secondary school. KSEF students have been immensely successful at gaining bursaries and scholarships at secondary schools, and this year is no exception as **Charterhouse** and **Bedford School** have awarded our leavers respectively an 80% and a 93.5% bursary. KSEF is proud to continue supporting both pupils for the small shortfall.

### ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY

In the last few months, KSEF has worked closely with KS to find ways to **broaden educational experiences for children in the local community**.

More specifically, we have worked closely with **Ashburnham Community School** in Chelsea and, by launching a special appeal, have raised an incredible **£10,143**. These funds have contributed to Ashburnham's Year 6 residential trip which took place in July. For many of the children, it was their first time outside of London, as large numbers of the families struggle financially.

I would like to share with you a few words from Ashburnham's Headmaster after the KS football fund raising event last June.

*'Yesterday was a great success. All of us felt so invigorated by the experience. We have been totally overwhelmed by the support KS have extended to Ashburnham. I, personally, greatly admire the drive, commitment and energy behind what you all are doing.*

*The amount that you have raised is staggering, and will make such an incredible and immediate difference to the pupils. I have been able today in fact to notify all families who were otherwise not able to go that they will be able to go, thanks to the money you have raised. Such a great feeling to be able to offer these invaluable opportunities .*

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*I really enjoyed meeting KS parents and kids yesterday, and it was a delight seeing them playing together on the pitches.*

*We are super keen to offer anything in return and I look forward to us working together.*

*Thank you all so much.'*

In the future, we intend to continue supporting the local community through small projects which will be approved by KSEF Trustees working closely with KS.

### FUNDRAISING

Since inception, KSEF has raised a little over £1,200,000. Our funds come from **KS parents**, current and past, **Corporates** (many companies in the UK match the donations their employees make to charities), **KS Parents' Association**, (every year a percentage of their annual contribution to charities is donated to KSEF) and **KS Directors** (as funding for all KSEF Bursary awards at KS are matched by the Directors of KS).

This year, we will hold our main fund-raising event on **Thursday 17th October at the Royal Academy**. Here, we will have special access to **Antony Gormley's exhibition**, one of the UK's most celebrated sculptors who, this Autumn, will transform the RA's Main Galleries. A seated dinner will follow. **Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you are interested in participating.**

### KS SENIOR SCHOOL

Finally, I am sure you are all aware of the exciting project to extend KS to Year 11. KSEF pupils will now have two choices. They will be able to either leave KS at the end of Year 8 (the current practice) or they can be re-assessed in Year 8 to be considered for a place at KS in Year 9 until Year 11. With the extension of the Senior School, KS and KSEF have agreed to continue supporting these students, each funding the bursaries in equal part. This is a milestone which further underlines the **importance KS places on the diversity of its community**.

You can learn more about us and make donations online by visiting [www.ksfoundation.org](http://www.ksfoundation.org).

Your sincerely,  


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