



# KSEF Newsletter Autumn 2025

## Foundation Update on Bursary Programme & Community Outreach

Dear Members of the KSEF Community,

On behalf of the Trustees of the Knightsbridge School Education Foundation (KSEF), we are pleased to provide a formal update on the Foundation's activities, impact, and current position. As an educational charity, KSEF remains dedicated to expanding access to high-quality education and strengthening the wellbeing of children across our community. Your generosity and continued engagement make this work possible.

### Bursary Programme Update

KSEF's bursary programme remains our central charitable mission, providing life-changing opportunities to children who would otherwise be unable to attend Knightsbridge School.

Around 90% of donations to KSEF is spent on supporting our bursary students, and Duke's Education, owner of Knightsbridge School, matches donations by discounting the KS school fees by 50%, meaning that our donors effectively double the contribution that they provide.

- Since inception, 30 children have been supported through the bursary programme.
- 12 bursary pupils are currently enrolled at Knightsbridge School, from Year 8 to Year 11.
- This year, 4 bursary pupils have progressed from Knightsbridge School to respected secondary schools, namely:
  - Charterhouse
  - Latymer
  - Uppingham
  - Wyndham College

These outcomes reflect the academic and pastoral excellence provided by KS and the profound, long-term impact made possible through donor support.



## Community Outreach

Whilst the Bursary programme is our primary objective, we have also been able to support two local state schools over many years, funding highly-valuable programmes for the children at those schools.

### Ashburnham Primary School

Since 2019, KSEF has supported Ashburnham Primary School, funding its mental-health provision in partnership with AllChild, a specialist children's mental-health charity.

- A dedicated AllChild link teacher is based at Ashburnham full-time, providing therapeutic and emotional support.
- The programme directly benefits 40 children, while indirectly enhancing the wellbeing and learning readiness of many more—children across the school, their families, and their teachers.
- As a result, the school has seen significant improvements in emotional regulation, behaviour, and overall engagement in learning.

Ashburnham families experience disadvantage at levels nearly three times the national average, making this support both urgent and essential.

### Marlborough Primary School

Since 2019, KSEF has also supported Marlborough Primary School by funding its art provision.

This longstanding partnership has strengthened creative learning and ensured that pupils have continued access to high-quality artistic education, materials, and enrichment activities.

The programme has contributed to improved creative confidence, broader curriculum engagement, and enhanced opportunities for self-expression across year groups.

## Current Challenges & Funding Environment

Although the Foundation's mission remains critical, this is an increasingly challenging period for fundraising.

The wider economic climate has affected donor capacity and charitable giving across the sector, and KSEF is facing similar pressures.

Sustaining our bursary commitments and outreach partnerships requires consistent and long-term funding. We therefore deeply appreciate the support of all donors and partners and continue to rely on your engagement to ensure the stability and future growth of our programmes.

Funding remains essential to:

- maintaining current bursary placements;



- supporting future bursary pupils;
- sustaining mental-health provision at Ashburnham;
- continuing art provision at Marlborough;
- meeting operational, accounting, and regulatory responsibilities.

## Conclusion

The work of the Knightsbridge School Education Foundation is fundamental to the ethos of KS. By advancing educational access and supporting children's wellbeing and creative development, KSEF plays a vital role in shaping confident, fulfilled, and resilient young people.

Thank you for your ongoing trust and generous support. We look forward to sharing further updates as the year progresses. For any further information, please contact [info@ksfoundation.org](mailto:info@ksfoundation.org)

Yours sincerely,

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Valentina Pan  
Knightsbridge School Education Foundation (KSEF) - Chair

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