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Chair of Governors: Mr Richard Evans

16th April 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Fees 2024- 2025

Although the last few years at Kingswood House have been challenging ones, positive leadership and forward-looking strategic thinking has resulted in our successfully achieving security with regards to the school site. Kingswood House is now in a strong position and looks forward to the years ahead with much confidence.

As is usual during the Easter break, the Governors have completed a detailed annual review of the school budget for the next academic year. As part of this process, and with regards to potential political implications ahead, we have also considered when setting our fees for the next academic year the proposal by the Labour party to introduce VAT to independent school fees. The Governors are extremely aware that many parents make sacrifices in their own lives in order to invest in their children's education and, as such, we appreciate that this is likely to be an additional worry to consider.

The school has proven itself to be forward looking. The proactive decision to move up to aged 16 has been highly successful, while the subsequent introduction of co-education has also been very well received both locally and further afield, pleasingly girl numbers continue to steadily increase. The recently announced change of the point of entry into the school to Year 3 is partly as the result of additional regional demand for places into Year 7. This is most encouraging and will provide the school with an even stronger footing for the future.

Alongside this strategic development, the school continues to plan for, and invest in, its future, and by doing so ensure that the Kingswood House offer for your children, and indeed to you as fee paying parents, is both appropriate, attractive and highly competitive. We have continued to do so, making essential investments in facilities, resources and the academic staff in order to maintain these important objectives.

All in the school community are fully behind these developments and continue to work together and go to extraordinary lengths to provide the best possible high-quality education for the pupils. We do value greatly the trust and confidence parents have placed in us to provide the very best, highly individualised and supportive

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education for every pupil in the school. In this respect, the parents have been quite magnificent in continuing to support the Kingswood House Way, and for this I thank you most sincerely.

In reviewing the school's budget for the forthcoming academic year, we have been prudent and continue to closely manage expenditure as much as we possibly can, while also maintaining high quality and still achieving the school's key objectives and values. Yet, as I am sure you will also appreciate, some cost increases in the current economic climate are both inevitable and unfortunately are also out of our control.

The arrival of our new Headmaster, Matthew Bryan, is another positive factor. As well as already being a successful and experienced Headmaster with a firm knowledge of the local market, he also brings new ideas, enthusiasm and renewed determination to build on the many successes of recent years. Behind the scenes, Matthew has been working very closely with the staff and especially with Liam Clarke, who quite rightly, for the superb job he has done as interim Head, has been appointed as Deputy Headmaster. Between them, they are a very strong duo, and I already know the staff are supportive of, and confident in, what they will bring to the school. Exciting times ahead!

Taking everything into account, and attempting to achieve the fairest balance between the effective running of the school, affordability and delivering the highest quality and value for money education we can for our parents, the Governors have settled on the attached 2024-2025 Fees List for the academic year starting in September 2024:

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of Governors

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