



GETTING READY FOR TAKE-OFF

Investing in your children's futures at The Kingsley School



Thank you to the many parents who took part in the survey undertaken by the respected consultancy firm, RSAcademics.

The survey was designed to understand better your priorities as parents, the priorities of those considering joining the school, and the reasons why parents whose children were offered places chose not to join the Kingsley community.

Highlights of the feedback included the importance current and prospective parents placed on the school's welcoming, nurturing environment and strong pastoral care, with Kingsley having a deservedly strong reputation for empowering and supporting the individual.

High academic standards are also valued, and there was a desire for this academic ambition to be continued, alongside the development of facilities and co-curricular activities, including sport. We want to support the school's many strengths, as well as developing educational opportunities for all its pupils.

This brochure outlines a number of important developments for the school, both in response to feedback from the survey, and also the ambition we have for our school community. It is a demonstration of our commitment to ensuring the fulfilment of the exceptional potential of each and every one of our pupils.

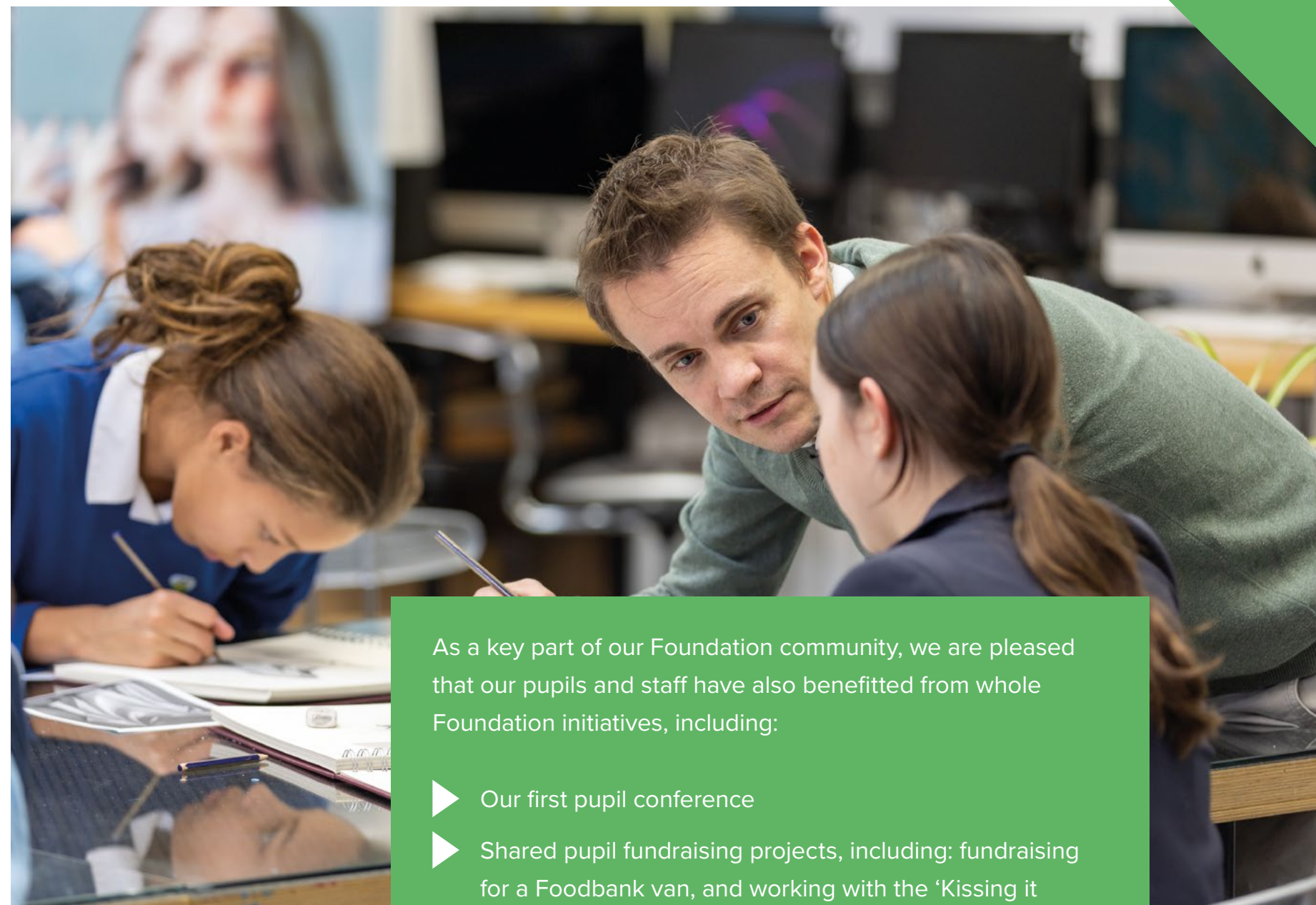
James Mercer-Kelly

Head Teacher, The Kingsley School

FINDING OUR WINGS

Since Kingsley joined Warwick Schools Foundation in March 2021, we have been busy laying the ground for a significant programme of investment, both in the short and medium term. The following have already been implemented:

- ▶ Space audit and full survey of building conditions
- ▶ Demographics survey
- ▶ Cleaning and repainting of the exterior of Prep, Sixth Form, and the Main School building
- ▶ Re-branding exercise and refreshed marketing and promotional materials
- ▶ Relaunch of pre-school as 'Little Aviators'
- ▶ New catering provision by Foundation Professional Services catering team
- ▶ IT: new phone system, faster Broadband, new web filtering solutions, refresh and upgrade of the network to improve connectivity, server upgrades



As a key part of our Foundation community, we are pleased that our pupils and staff have also benefitted from whole Foundation initiatives, including:

- ▶ Our first pupil conference
- ▶ Shared pupil fundraising projects, including: fundraising for a Foodbank van, and working with the 'Kissing it Better' charity
- ▶ Participation in Foundation Symphony Orchestra
- ▶ Production of Little Shop of Horrors at Bridge House Theatre
- ▶ Encounters Speaker programme
- ▶ Pastoral forum workshops
- ▶ Shared staff training



STRETCH AND CHALLENGE

DESTINATION ANYWHERE

The responses from the RSAcademics survey, gave us a clear runway to set our ambitions for the school and our pupils. Entrepreneurship and enterprise are areas we will continue to develop over the coming months.

CURRICULUM PARTNERSHIP: 8BILLIONIDEAS

We are mindful of the need to ensure that your children are as well-prepared as possible for the future. We have therefore entered into a partnership, unique in this area, with '8billionideas', an education company with the mission to give every student on the planet the skills and belief to change the world. The whole school programme runs from Prep to Sixth Form, including:

- i. Prep activity events
- ii. Enrichment curriculum course
- iii. Year-group focus days
- iv. Community outreach

This will also support the ISI recommendation from the recent inspection report.

“We’re so excited to partner with the school and work with the students to focus on critical areas of learning such as entrepreneurship and careers education. We’re living in such an exciting world of opportunities but a world moving so quickly that it’s vital partnerships like this are formed to inspire our students to think big and dream big about their futures. We can’t wait to get started and kick off this exciting new partnership with your wonderful school.”

David Harkin,
8billionideas CEO

“This partnership offers our pupils a fantastic opportunity to engage with a range of projects that will focus on the skills necessary to succeed in the ever-changing world of the future. Alongside 8billionideas, we will be able to offer a curriculum that looks beyond the classroom and will have a real impact on the future of our graduates”.

Peter Bucknall, Deputy Head



NEW ROUND SQUARE DIPLOMA

Harnessing the unique position of Kingsley as a 'Round Square' school and introducing a whole school award programme. 'Round Square' IDEALS will be a greater focus of the Kingsley Enrichment Programme and include the new speaker series 'Round Square Talks'. Our first guest is Mr Gian Clare of the United Nations Association.

YEAR 7 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME

Giving all those in year 7 the opportunity to learn a new instrument in curriculum music time.

All of these will commence this term - Autumn 2023.

SHAPE OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We will be reviewing the shape of the school day to both maximise learning time, co-curricular opportunities, and whole-Foundation collaboration. Any changes will be implemented for September 2024 and communicated in good time.

“Being a Round Square school and ensuring that our school experience is built around the IDEALS of Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure and Leadership is hugely important to the pupils and staff at the Kingsley School. These themes are introduced early in the pupils’ journey through the school, and revisited on numerous occasions to ensure a depth of understanding and an appreciation of our unique and important place in the global community.”

Jennie Philips, Head,
Kingsley Preparatory School

NEW YEAR-ROUND ‘HOLIDAY ACTION’ PROVISION

Extended holiday provision, initially for Years 2 to 7 from February half-term, ahead of a roll-out for 'Little Aviators' too.

SPORTS

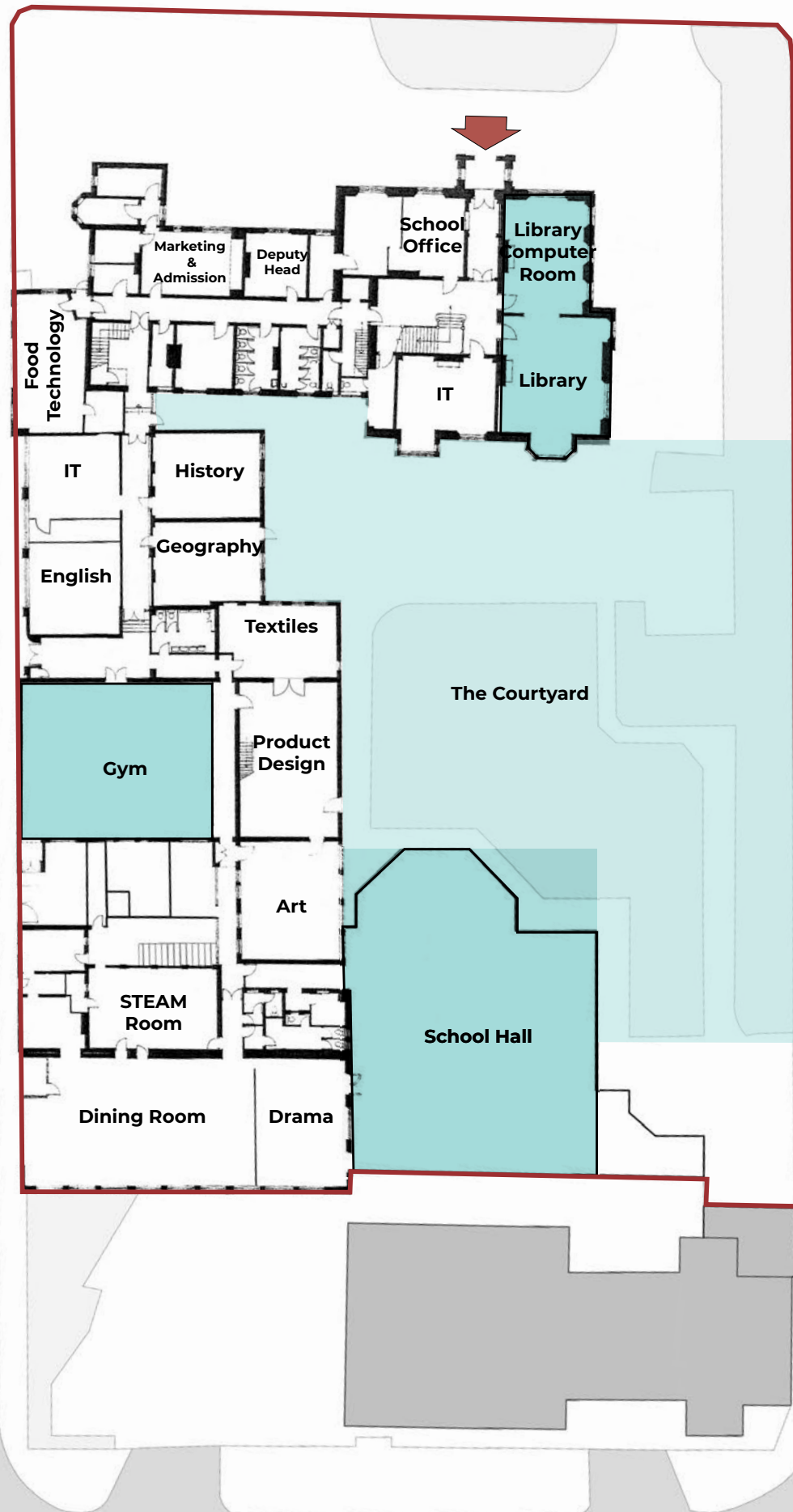
We know how important sports are to many of our pupils and their families. We will be developing both the fields and the Gym and Hall.

- a. Kingsley Sports Fields: as part of a whole Foundation review of sports provision, these will see significant investment, outlined in the Foundation Sports Development brochure.
- b. On-site facilities: the Gym and Hall will be refitted and equipped to enable maximum sports opportunities and engagement; the development of the Garden will also take sporting opportunities into account.



“We are very excited about the imminent developments at The Kingsley School fields and the opportunities this will provided both now and in the future. This is a huge stepping stone for our vision to raise the standards and the profile of Physical Education and Sport at The Kingsley School and enable us to host more events particularly in netball and tennis.”

Allison Warrillow
Director of Sport, The Kingsley School



LEARNING SPACES

We are focusing on facilities development highlighted in the adjacent plan, working with the respected firm of Noble + Eaton in the development of the library areas and the Garden. This term will see workshops with pupils and staff ahead of the redevelopment of these spaces.

We also want to develop our facilities so that the sixth form can have greater visibility in the main school, whilst maintaining the right autonomy for our most senior pupils, and that our specialist subjects are as well-provided for as possible.



IT

The development of the Wi-Fi network to enable a 'bring your own device' programme from September 2025.



‘FOUNDATION PLUS’

Music: a focus of Mr Stuart Thompson as the Foundation Executive Music Lead will be to work with Mr Dan Chambers in developing music provision, including the new Year 7 instrumental programme, and ensuring access to Foundation music activities, and benefitting fully from the residency with Orchestra of the Swan.

Futures: the new Foundation International Universities Counsellor, starting this September, will be working with pupils across all our schools to enable a better understanding of studying internationally.

Co-curricular: it is our intention that from September 2024, the joint Friday activities for pupils in Year 9 and above at our Myton Campus schools will be extended and embrace Kingsley pupils from Year 9 upwards.

Pupil engagement: building on the shared charity fundraising activities.

As a whole, these developments respond to the priorities of our Kingsley community, and will significantly enhance the already outstanding education at our very special school. We look forward to updating you on the progress and impact of these significant and transformative initiatives.