

Our Impact



2020
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Introduction



Established in the wake of Grenfell, the KAA Intrepidus Trust (KIT) funds a range of exciting and ambitious enrichment programmes which aim to broaden the horizons of all students at Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA) and, in so doing, narrow the attainment and social mobility gap with their more privileged peers.

In the aftermath of the 2017 fire, which tragically took the lives of five of our students and displaced many families, KAA was rated 'Outstanding in all areas' by OFSTED. This has been sustained, with over 23 applications for Oxbridge and 41 per cent of conditional offers from Universities outside London this year.

All of this has been achieved in a disproportionately disadvantaged community in which 45% of pupils are eligible for Free School Meals. This is over double the national average of 21%.

Vulnerable young people were among the hardest hit by the pandemic - and this was reflected in the 40 per cent increase in students at KAA claiming Free School Meals, and a threefold increase in students presenting with incidences of anxiety, depression, and with thoughts of self-harm.

In the face of this, our school rose to the challenge of providing a high-quality academic curriculum remotely and in the toughest of circumstances. Our teachers continued to find ways to adapt to remote learning, giving up holidays, mornings and evenings to help stretch our students' learning and support the most vulnerable. We have a thriving free breakfast club, mentoring for at-risk students, subsidised music tuition, a rowing squad which has doubled in size and much more.

None of our programmes would be possible via the school budget, or without the support of our incredibly generous donors. We hope that our friends, both new and old, feel moved to join us in support of the Trust and our students, who, this year, need us more than ever.

Lucy Morris
Chair, KAA Intrepidus Trust

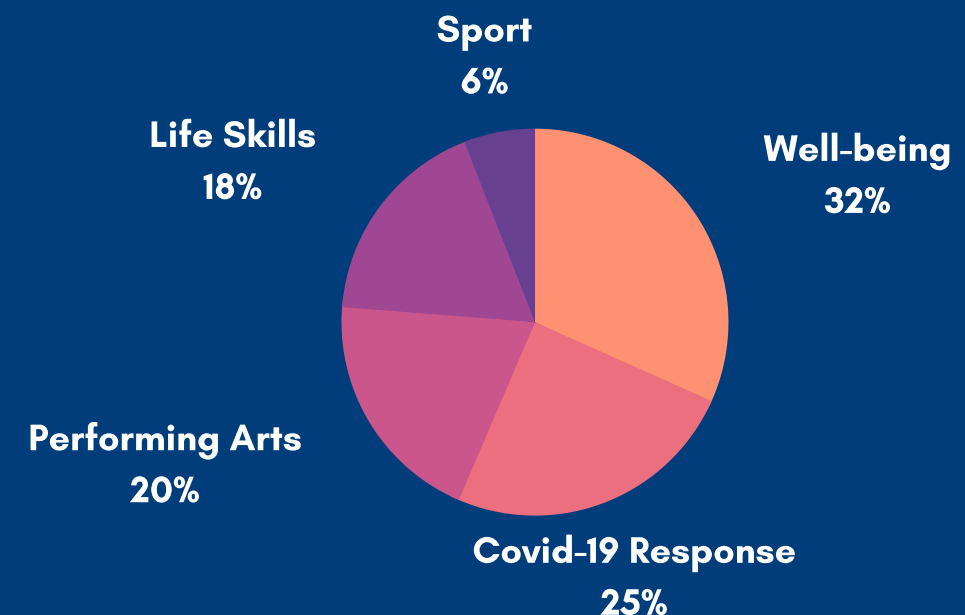
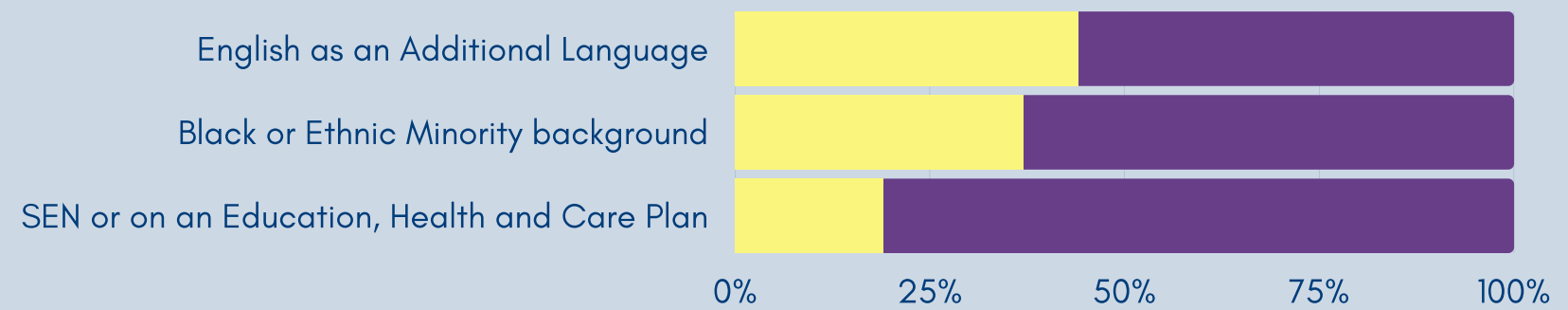


Our Numbers in 2020-21

690 (two thirds of) pupils took part in at least one KIT programme



45% eligible for Free School Meals (double the national average)



£167k invested in **29** programmes

Covid-19 response

Funded 6 **holiday camps** attended by 37 students, including the most vulnerable, at a Wellbeing camp. Over 80% said they felt happier by the end of the programme than when they had started.

Provided **100 Chromebooks** supporting 400 students each day during lockdown and beyond – over the year that equated to thousands of hours of learning time.

Appointed a **specialist English language teacher** supporting 26 Early English learners, who were able to make at least one level improvement in language proficiency – progress which typically takes 2 years.

200 students were awarded **learning and achievement awards** during lockdown which boosted motivation and encouraged high attendance at a challenging time.



"These three days passed so quickly! I had so much fun and learnt so many things. I wish this camp lasted longer."
Mahak



Life skills

14 Yr 13 vulnerable students received coaching support to prepare them for the **transition to university**.

Four sixth formers receiving 1:1 **mentoring by 7BR Chambers** have progressed to study law or plan to do a law conversion course.

30 Year 10 students participated in a **'Mock Trial'** gaining valuable insight into the legal profession and justice system.

32 students were supported to take part in the **Duke of Edinburgh Award** Bronze award programme. 78% said they had become more resilient, and 72% said they had become more independent.

[Narjis has just returned from her Duke of Edinburgh expedition](#)

"I think that the rowing lesson was really fun – it was nice to be on the Thames on a boat during a PE lesson and I felt like by the end that a lot of people had gained confidence on the water."

Sport

78 students completed a 6-week **Introduction to Rowing** programme – 94% said they had learned to work as part of a team and 90% wanted to keep rowing.

Between 12-18 students trained weekly as part of our **rowing squad** and demonstrated progress in technical skill and engagement (and the squad has since **tripled in size**).

A fifth of the 43 Year 7 students who attended **swimming tuition** were previously unable to swim confidently – 99% said that their swimming had progressed.

Three talented **student athletes** advanced in their careers with support from the Trust.

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Tutdel's Story

Tutdel joined KAA in December 2020 as a new arrival to the UK with refugee status. He is a Looked after Child and arrived with very limited English. Tutdel's language barriers were further compounded by his inability to read or write in his home language

Funded by the Intrepidus Trust, an English as an Additional Language (EAL) specialist was appointed in February 2021, and immediately began intensive work with Tutdel, who was attending KAA's Contingency School over lockdown. Her work, through 1:1 and small group sessions, provided a crucial bridge between the GCSE curriculum and Tutdel's developing English.

Following this support, by Easter 2021, Tutdek was acquiring conversational language very quickly and became increasingly confident using language to communicate his needs and express his opinion. He also began to demonstrate a drive to learn which seemed to be unlocked through this support.

He regularly sought out (and continues to seek) additional opportunities for learning, and was extremely keen to learn academic vocabulary and the grammatical structures needed to complete class work with increasing independence.

It is a testament to the impact of this support that it has been possible for a student who had no English and no literacy in his home language less than 6 months previously to have advanced to 'C' (Developing Competence) on the language proficiency scale and is currently on track to achieve a range of GCSEs, most notably in History, for which he is predicted a Grade 4 (equivalent to a 'C' in the old grading).



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Tutdel whose confidence in spoken English grew to the extent that he was able to deliver a short presentation to his peers.

"I work with many of the most vulnerable students in the school. They are often hungry which affects everything, from mood to confidence to sense of self. Giving them breakfast is a small act which makes a huge difference to their whole day.."

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[Our film from Jamie's Farm](#)



Well-being

Around 80 students enjoyed a nutritious breakfast at our free **Breakfast Club** each day. 86% agreed that eating a proper breakfast helped them concentrate at school.

22 students benefited from therapy and life on a working farm at **Jamie's Farm**, with feedback evidencing positive impact on self esteem, behaviour and school engagement.

30 students at risk of being **excluded from education** received **1:1 and group mentoring** around street safety and the challenges of adolescence. The number of students who said they understood the risks outside school grew from 40% to 80%.

Performing Arts

91 students received free or highly subsidised **music tuition** (30 half hour 1:1 lessons over the year).

13 students benefited from weekly **instrumental and vocal coaching** and opportunities to perform as part of the newly formed **KAA Band**.

30 Year 7 students took part in a **creative writing workshop** with author Dan Simpson.

Two **performing arts camps** delivered over the holidays supporting over 60 students.



"The music lessons I had at KAA were unbelievably helpful. I attended every lesson to make the most of the opportunity.

My teacher was the key as they helped me enormously and helped me achieve many goals in music, both in grades and personal development.

Thanks to this support, I was able to go from a grade 2 to a grade 4 in just 1 year."



The KIT Endowment Fund

In September 2018, we launched an appeal to establish a £2 million expendable Endowment Fund, that would support students at Kensington Aldridge Academy in the long-term, in commemoration of Grenfell.

The objective of the KIT Endowment Fund, once established, is to provide a stable and lasting source of income so that future generations of KAA students can benefit from the highest-quality enrichment opportunities.

Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, including attendees of our our May gala dinner in 2019, we have now raised over £1.4 million towards this target.

In May 2022, we will be hosting a final 'School Dinner with a Difference', to help close the gap on our £2 million target.

"At a time when there is much talk about "levelling up" and "closing the gap", the Intrepidus Trust translates these sentiments into action. Anyone who knows North Kensington will appreciate the adversity many young people in our community face.

As this Impact Report shows, the Trust is giving these students a helping hand, and providing a range of opportunities that go well beyond the normal state school experience. This, in turn, is helping them overcome the barriers they face and go on to achieve great things."

David Benson, KAA Principal



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