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Dear Supporters,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Although it has been awhile since our last newsletter much has happened.

Those at Imprezza continue to achieve often against great odds!

How Catherine and her fabulous team of staff around her and the hardworking students manage to keep achieving great results and moving forward is testimony to their commitment, ingenuity and resilience.

FIRE!

Earlier this month we received devastating news of a fire which gutted two classrooms, the staff room and store room where most of the school's foodstuffs were stored. Thankfully no one was injured and already repairs are underway made possible by the generosity of neighbours who although themselves on the poverty line have donated some building materials and food. There was also an immediate donation from bikers back here in the UK.



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Once again the students earlier this year exceeded expectations with a great set of examination results. Overall the school achieved it's highest ranking to date reaching 8th out of all the other state and private schools across Western County in Kenya. Many congratulations to the staff and students for their hard work.



NEW KITCHEN AND DINING HALL

Our new kitchen and dining hall are almost complete and our sincere thanks go to the CERN Staff Association in Switzerland who have made this possible.



TEMPORARY GIRLS DORMS

Towards the end of 2017 a third temporary girls dorm was built from funds raised solely from Torquay Girls Grammar School. They are currently raising funds this year, 2018, to enable two, possibly all three dorms to be made permanent which would be a fantastic achievement. We will update you on this in our next newsletter. Thank you girls!!



SPORTS

The school has been asked to provide enhanced sports facilities which would include a soccer pitch, running track, athletics, etc,. This is a monumental task requiring significant investment including land purchase. Initially we, as trustees felt this was beyond our scope. However, much to our surprise and delight two new benefactors, Tom Maclure and James Tolputt decided they wanted to help with this project and ran the Geneva Marathon! To date their efforts have raised over £3500 with a promise they will try to raise even more. Our sincere thanks to them. Our next objective, once we have secured sufficient funds,



is to purchase 4 or 5 acres of land near the school so that when additional funds become available we can start to prepare the ground for the different sports. If anyone has any ideas how we might quicken this process please get in touch.

Upcoming Events:

River Cruise from Totnes to Dartmouth (return) - Saturday 4th August 2018

Join us on our river cruise, departing Totnes at 7.15pm (boarding from 7.00pm) and returning to Totnes by 10.30 p.m. There will be a band and buffet on board inclusive of the ticket price with a separate bar. Spaces are of course limited so please book in advance to make sure you don't miss out. Tickets are £25 per person and are available from The Whistlestop Cafe, Teignmouth Train Station, Ashleigh Way Post Office, Teignmouth and Torquay Girls Grammar School (main Office) or you can contact us on 07887383020 (Bob) or phone Chris on 01626 777419.

<http://www.operation-imprezza.org/events.html>



Dance Band - Saturday 6th October 2018

The Lipinski Band pictured below will be performing for us in October, more details to follow but in the meantime check them out for your selves on Youtube!

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=The+Lipinski+Band

For more details please visit our website, see our facebook page or reply to this email.

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Our Mission is to enable students, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise have any access to secondary education to succeed.

----- How You Can Help -----

Did you know you can help raise money for Imprezza when you shop online? Or when you want to get rid of your car? To read more about these easy ways to support Imprezza, please visit <http://www.operation-imprezza.org/donate.html> and scroll down to 'Other ways to donate'

- Online: We have several ways to donate online, including PayPal and Virgin Giving. Visit our website at www.operation-imprezza.org and click on the 'donate' button for more information.
- Cash Donation: Make a cash donation to one of the Trustees or Operation Imprezza collection boxes around South Devon. Please do not send any cash in the post. If you know an establishment that would be willing to have a collection box on display, please get in touch.
 - Standing Order: To set up a standing order please contact info@operation-imprezza.org
 - Cheque: Send a cheque payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA
- Legacy: If you would like to leave a gift in your will, please visit our website and click on 'donate' to read more about your options, or get in touch via email or post.

We are also open to any fundraising idea or event, please visit our website at www.operation-imprezza.org and click on the 'donate' button for more information, or contact info@operation-imprezza.org.

Thank you!

Operation Imprezza is a UK charity which supports Imprezza Academy, a secondary school in Western Region, Kenya that provides education for children in poverty. Click our facebook link below to see the latest news and photos, or visit our website using the green link icon.