

Dear Supporters,

We are thrilled to announce that Catherine will be visiting the UK in just a few weeks time! She'll be here from November 5th – 26th so please put the dates in your diary. We'll be arranging some opportunities for Catherine to meet supporters which we'll publicise as soon as possible. We'd also love to hear from you if you would be interested in arranging or hosting a gathering for e.g. your school, church, rowing buddies etc. Catherine would love the opportunity to meet you in person and update you on the school's progress! Please contact [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org) to find out more.



## Student stories

**TRIGGER WARNING:** The second story contains brief details of a distressing assault, so you may prefer to only read the first. The photo included is of a group of Imprezza students.

Charles Kallory

*I am a boy from Imprezza Academy Secondary School. Some people are boarders but a few are day scholars. I am a day scholar. The challenges, there are too many of them. Number one is the walk from home to school because the school is too far from home, the road is not narrow and not clean, it is full of dust and small rocks. It is dangerous. There are big bushes and long forestry, the road is more than 7 kilometres [just under 5 miles].*

*My parents are gone, dead when I was too young. I have first to do education but I came across problems. Early in the morning I wake up before the birds are singing their song, every day at 4.30am and I start the journey to school. I leave the school at 5.30pm to start the evening journey home. But this is my goal that I have set if I am sure of success in the future. It is the Glory of God how I start my life and my dream. I am thanking Madam Director and all the Imprezza teachers and workers. God Bless them.*

*Thank you.*



"Lucy"

*I want to thank all the well wishers and all the people who have been on my side since I lost my parents and ...Madam Catherine came to my rescue. I had been studying in a day school since Form one till Form two when one day I was attacked on my way by someone I did not know. He assaulted me and unfortunately I got pregnant. But I thank God that I gave birth safely and I am back in school, ... Imprezza Academy, as a boarder.*

*Having passed through all this pain of losing my parents and being assaulted, I was granted another chance by God, of getting to school and doing something which will make people happy and appreciate my efforts. I therefore promise to do better in my education. So that by next year when the results will be out I will be somewhere higher. Thanks in advance to you all who care about our living and education. The England people. God Bless.*

## **New toilets and showers for Imprezza's boys...**

The Rotary Club of Dartmoor Vale have pledged to donate £10,000 to build much-improved toilets and new showers for the boys at Imprezza. This amazing sum will enable us to bid farewell to our remaining unsanitary long-drop toilets and to meet the hygiene requirements for Kenyan boarding schools. The toilets will also have the potential to produce bio-gas in the future, contributing to the self-sustainability of the school. The Club will be presenting Catherine with the first instalment of their gift during her November visit so keep your eyes peeled for updates.



## **...And a new dormitory for Imprezza's girls!**

Do you remember our Christmas campaign last year to improve boarding facilities at Imprezza? Many of our pupils like Elizabeth and Charles face exhausting and dangerous walks to school. Not only does this jeopardise their safety, but it compromises their education. They are tired and under-nourished and struggle to concentrate. For pupils who live far away, the chance to board can mean the chance to continue with their education and transform their own and others' lives. We are therefore extremely pleased to announce that the Torquay Girls' Grammar School Summer sponsored walk raised £6,000 towards another dormitory for the girls! As you can see from the photos, this has now been built. We still need to equip the dormitory with beds, mattresses and mosquito nets but the dorm is already providing relief for students who live far from the school.

## **Upcoming Events:**

*Friday 10th November*

*It's time to don your yellow jackets for our Hi-de-Hi dining experience!*

Hello campers! Our next interactive dining night is at 7pm on Friday 10th November at the Trade Winds, Teignmouth. All being well, Catherine will be our star guest! Tickets are £25 pp and include a two course meal, tea/coffee and plenty of laughs courtesy of the Moonstone Theatre Company – with proceeds to Operation Imprezza. There's limited space so get your tickets from the Whistlestop Café, Ashleigh Road Post Office or by emailing [info@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:info@operation-imprezza.org) Oh and we promise we won't rig the raffle...

