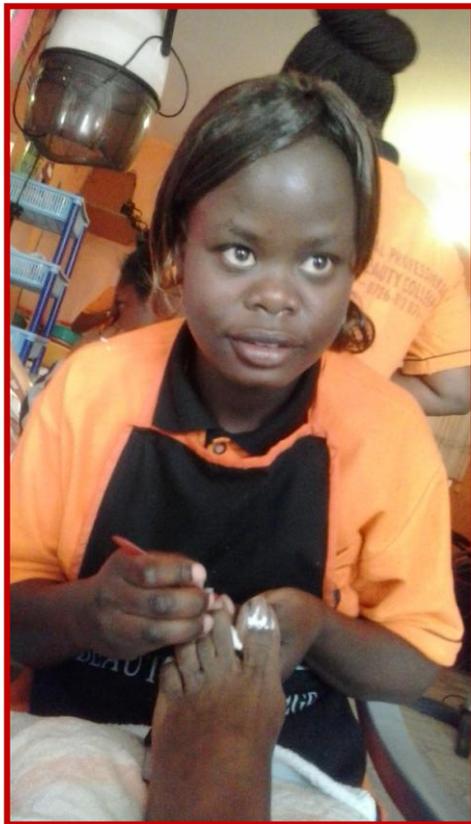


**Past Students**

Margaret Awino is a student who has been supported through Imprezza. Catherine sent a message and photo to show her taking part in her practical exam for beauty therapy.

Catherine wrote, 'She has all it takes to make it. Thank you all for making her dream come true, college fees have been the biggest challenge, but at least three will graduate. xxxx'



Margaret Awino taking part in her practical exam

**News Updates**

We are currently building a block of 3 classrooms and an office and we have started the foundations for our permanent kitchen. One of our current grant applications is with Rotary International and various Trustees and volunteers are selling raffle tickets as is the Whistlestop Cafe at Teignmouth Station. With match funding we have the opportunity with this grant to raise at least US\$70,000, so the more we sell the more we benefit. This will fund various needs at the school, ranging

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

**Fundraising Event**

Wine, Dine -  
and Solve A Crime!  
**Murder**   
At The Riviera  
Den Crescent, Teignmouth  
Saturday 11th October @ 7:00 for 7:30  
Tickets £25.00 from the Tourist Office  
 01626 215666  
Advance Booking Essential  
Charity No.1148240  
Enjoy a 2 Course Dinner  
a welcoming drink  
and a thrilling  
A Whodunit Dinner Date  
  
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John Wilkie?  
by Jackie Wesley-Hark.com  
A Murder Made to Measure Presentation

from secure fencing to bio gas toilets which will supply the new kitchen and save using charcoal. Also expanding the agriculture and reintroducing the dress making which was very successful when in Nairobi. These will give our students additional business training and/or skills opportunities as well as generating funds for Imprezza. If you would like some tickets then please do get in touch.

We are now starting to think of 2015. In October 2015 we will have 41 students sitting their national exams, who all need total support throughout their school life. In addition we have to pay £1,640 by end of November 2014 to allow them to take the exams. Also by the end of February 2015 the school has to pay £14 per child/student to the government. My understanding is it is a contribution towards the running of the education system. The current year's students are now working hard on revision as their exams start shortly. This month we will be sending £1,620, this is to purchase the chemicals needed for the 3 practical science exams plus practice. Chemicals are and always have been extremely expensive to purchase.

I hope you have found this brief update informative, thank you for your ongoing support, without it none of the above would be happening.

Chris Hulme



## Student Stories

# Vincent Barasa

*I have collated a collection of students' stories from the school which will feature in newsletters. They are typed as they are written.*

I am Barasa Vincent, 17 years old, sponsored by Imprezza community, now in form two at Imprezza Academy.

I am taking this humble time to write for you this letter while informing you that my father died a long time ago, three months before I was born. I was still in my mothers womb. After my mother cared for me for 6 years, she left because life had become difficult at home. For her to survive she left me with my grandparents.

After a long time, while having problems, I ran away from home and started walking at the markets, while eating rotten food from drums and streets.

One day when I was at a certain hotel, I saw Teacher Catherine coming out towards where I was. When I greeted her, she said, "you know how to speak English?" she proceeded, "it is surprising, but are you learning?" Then I answered her and told her more about my life. She was surprised to hear as tears were coming out of her eyes.

My hair was sluggy, as if I was living in a hole. From that day she took me and started paying for me the school fees. I started changing in my studies to avoid hard work in my life. I really appreciate as I am now at Imprezza Academy at Form One from 2013.

I request that you continue with the same spirit because I am now sponsored by you handsome and beautiful people.

In my future life I would like to be a professional doctor or an Engineer so that I help others who will be suffering as how I suffered. I will help the whole country as through having faith in god.

Thank you so much, I love you people.

As with all the students featured in previous newsletters, I had the privilege of meeting them during my visit to Imprezza last year. They all have left a lasting impression, leaving me humbled as I heard their stories.



Vincent Barasa

As I have re-read Vincent's story I recall talking to Catherine and her 'version' of how they met. It is certainly heartbreaking to hear, but a story of great courage under extreme adversity. To our donors, Vincent is the outcome of your generosity. He was constantly studying, even late at night and early morning, while I was there.

Every penny raised goes towards supporting the school, and even though 'self-sufficiency' is not imminent and medical costs and food prices are meaning we have had to reduce the amount we send over for a time, the determination and attitude of all at the Imprezza School and local community, give us encouragement and drive to keep going to raise the money needed. I have seen first hand what your money has achieved so far, and all I can say is that it is awe inspiring. Regular giving (no matter how much) is the most useful way to support the school. Please get in touch if you feel you can help.

Lesley Smith

### **Run Jonny Run!!!**

Jonny Gurr is running again this year for Imprezza Academy in the Great West Run! Lend your support as he takes on the challenge and remember to donate to his fundraiser by using the link below!

<http://operation-imprezza.believe.in/fundraising/i-am-running-in-support-of-the-children-at-imprezza-academy-in-western-kenya/>

### **How You Can Help**

- **Donate online** at [www.operation-imprezza.org](http://www.operation-imprezza.org)
- **Donate via Believe** at <https://believein.org.uk/operation-imprezza/>
- **Make a cash donation** to one of the Trustees or Operation Imprezza collection boxes around South Devon, (if you know an establishment that would be willing to have a box on display, please get in touch)
- **Set up a standing order** – contact our treasurer Lesley Smith [lesley@operation-imprezza.org](mailto:lesley@operation-imprezza.org) for details
- **Send a cheque** payable to Operation Imprezza to 14 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SA.

