



From Strength To Strength

Starting from a greenfield site we now have classroom blocks, two laboratories with a third under construction, one large boy's dormitory and three smaller girl's dormitories. We have showers and all our toilets are flushable. There are no longer unsanitary and unsafe 'long drop' toilets on site.



Clean water is now available from an on-site borehole. We are also the base of a community solar electricity scheme and as a result have electricity throughout the school site.

Imprezza Academy is Home for the majority of students.



We currently have 320 students, the vast majority boarding. Living at the school site is essential for many of our students for a variety of reasons, including their safety, allowing those from further afield to attend school and to protect girls from forced marriage.

We supply nutritious balanced meals for both day and boarding students. A good diet is essential to improve health and concentration.



In January 2024 government reforms will be made to the education system, resulting in additional students at Imprezza Academy.

The top two years of Primary school will become the lower two years of Secondary school, and the top two years of Secondary school will split into three new areas of study; Academic, Vocational and Humanities.

The academy has over 15 acres of land and will acquire more as finances allow to become self sufficient in food production.



• Conservation Agriculture is taught as part of the curriculum and in the local community. It will help the school become self sufficient, with surplus produce sold for extra funds.

• A sewing workshop is on site which makes a contribution to school funds from its profits.



Well over 2,000 students have successfully passed through Imprezza. Join us to give thousands more the same chance and to continue to develop the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet



Operation Imprezza is a UK charity which helps support **Imprezza Academy**, a school in Western Kenya that aids the education of those in poverty.

Donations cover the majority of the running costs of the school. Student fees also make a contribution, and other sponsors currently cover teachers salary costs. Fair and equal opportunities for boys and girls from all backgrounds is the underpinning philosophy of the academy.



Catherine Omanyo, founder and director started Imprezza in her early 20's. She could not afford to go to school, and snuck into classes so try to learn. After gaining sponsorship through Nairobi University, she later started Imprezza to help prevent other impoverished children from experiencing the same hardships.

Why Western Kenya?

Imprezza Academy was first opened in a Nairobi slum in 2001. Starting with about 80 students, it had grown to 220 when the post-election violence throughout Kenya at the end of 2007/08 saw the school destroyed. Catherine, along with 35 orphans, were forced to flee to her home area in Western Kenya. The local community - one of the poorest in Kenya and home to many children too poor to afford state school fees - asked her to remain in the area. This was agreed, and initially 6 ½ acres of land was purchased and money raised to start to build the school. It opened as Imprezza Academy in January 2011.

How You Can Help



There are many ways you can give to Operation Imprezza, including setting up a **standing order** and **leaving a legacy in your will**. We also support on-line giving via **VirginMoneyGiving** and **PayPal**. Or donate now via our QR code below.



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Operation Imprezza is a UK charity which helps provide education for Kenyan children who can't afford to go to school.

The charity supports Imprezza Academy, a secondary school with boarding facilities for orphans and those from far afield located in Western Kenya. Fees are only paid by those who can afford them.

Catherine Omanyu, Director of Imprezza Academy founded the school in 2001. Her aim was to give children in Kenya who could not afford school fees the chance to learn. Pupils who could afford to pay would help fund the education of those less fortunate. A chance encounter with a Torquay Girls' Grammar School pupil in 2003 led to the formation of the charity Operation Imprezza, and we have been growing ever since!



Every penny you donate goes directly to Imprezza Academy.

We also regularly hold fundraisers where you can get involved. We welcome any ideas you have; if you would like to run your own event, take part in a sponsored activity or raise money another way, please get in touch at: info@operation-imprezza.org

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