

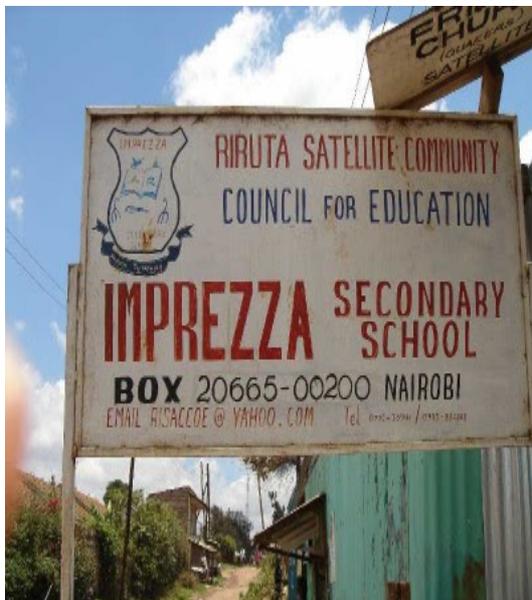


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Dear Supporters,

There is much to report even from our last newsletter which you received in October, much of which relates to our 15 Year Celebration which occurred last evening, November 1st 2018, at Torquay Girls Grammar School where it all began 15 years ago! For those of you who do not know the history of how the school started in Nairobi and how TGGGS became involved you can learn about it by going to our website.

Former school in Nairobi – 2003



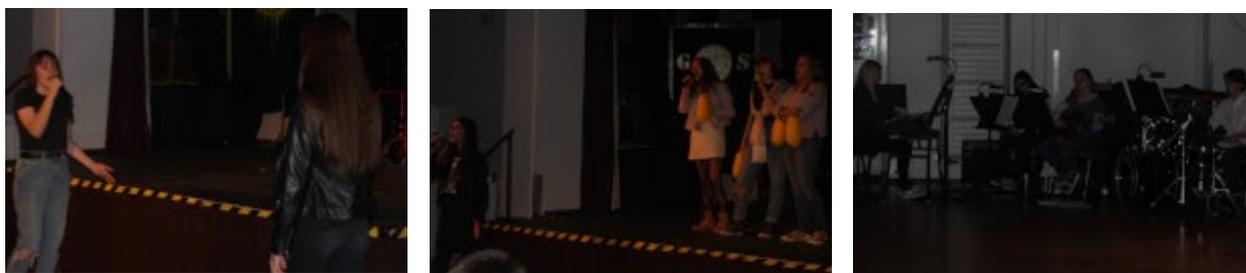
Present school campus (below) 2018



Operation Imprezza - Celebrating 15 Years!!



The evening began with guests arriving to be greeted by trustees of Operation Imprezza (UK) and invited to partake in light refreshments and nibbles before taking their seats. The major part of the event was a slide presentation punctuated by the very talented efforts of some of TGGs students performing songs from their recent very successful WE WILL ROCK YOU concert, ably supported by teachers Naomi Shaddick and Patrick Lydon.



The slide presentation concentrated on challenges the school has faced over the intervening years and then finishing with the many successes achieved by the academy.



This was then followed by video messages from the founder and director of Imprezza Academy, Catherine Omanyo, and former TGGs student Sarah Hulme. Back in 2003 Sarah met Catherine in Kenya and saw what she was trying to achieve - her dream of running a school for the poor, destitute children in a slum area of Nairobi. Upon Sarah's return to the UK, she immediately set about persuading the then Headteacher Mrs Sue Roberts to devise ways in which TGGs could help Catherine achieve her dream. Unfortunately due to ;dangerous political circumstances in the years following, they would have to repeat it all again in Matayos, Western Kenya forcing a change in Catherine's plans!

We were lucky that one of the three main protagonists, Sue Roberts, was able to attend and speak at the event. Her speech has been included on our website and facebook page, and we highly recommend this to any who were not able to attend the event.



Eventually we ran out of time but not before we heard from two TGGs students (Charlotte and Alex - Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl respectively) who spoke of their determination to raise as much money as they could under their watch so that the temporary girls dormitories at Imprezza Academy could be made permanent. Needless to say they accomplished and indeed exceeded their target of the previous year by another £2000 raising in total over £16,000 - a phenomenal achievement ably supported by all the students at TGGs and key personnel including Headteacher Dr N. Smith and Deputy Head Teacher Mr James Gregory. Dr Smith and Mr Gregory also spoke very eloquently during the evening, essentially saying that the two schools had a symbiotic relationship where everyone benefited and hoped it would continue. At the very end of the evening the audience watched a video clip of an Imprezza student who came third in a national poetry/drama competition reciting her winning poem, helping to demonstrate that students from both schools have an abundance of talent. There is talent everywhere but sadly not the opportunity, and this is what Imprezza is all about, ably supported by our generous donors, supporters and organisations such as TGGs, Trade Aid, CERN staff association, South Dartmoor School and Dartmoor Vale Rotary Club to name but a few.

The evening finished with a vote of thanks from our treasurer David Dupont to all those who had made the evening such a success. There was a short Q&A session followed by the usual raffle.

N.B. The remaining food was donated to some of the homeless in Teignmouth and the special cake was handed to Mr Gregory for the TGGs staff to enjoy which seemed the fitting thing to do given all their support over the years!

Other News



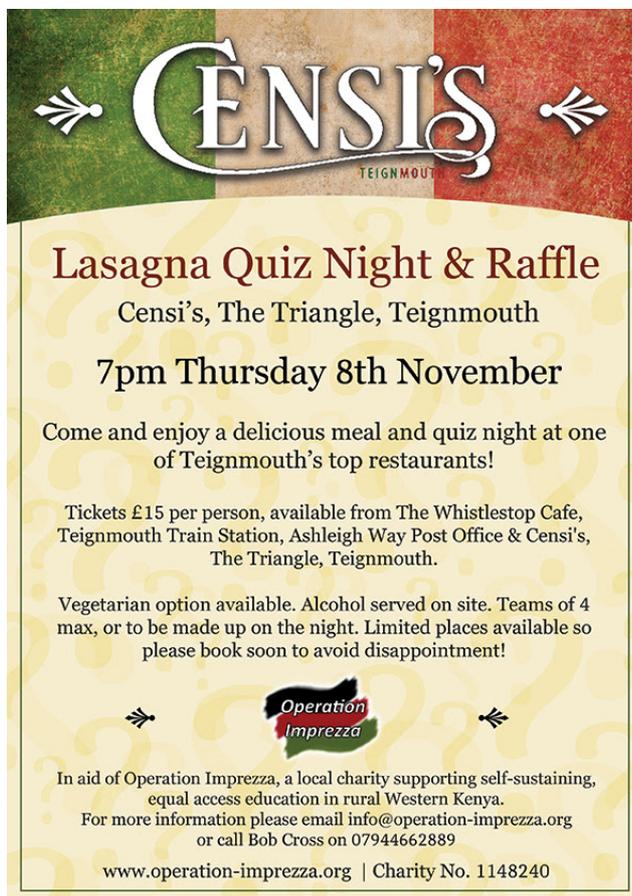
Beginning of November and the Exam Invigilators on site as the exams begin!



End of October and the solar plant people have arrived on site to start erecting beacons!
Exciting times!

Upcoming Events:

There are still a few tickets available for our next fundraiser at Censi's. See poster below and contact details to reserve or purchase tickets but you will need to hurry!



The poster features a decorative header with the word 'CENSI'S' in a large, white, serif font, with 'TEIGNMOUTH' in smaller letters below it. The background is split into green, beige, and red sections. Below the header, the event title 'Lasagna Quiz Night & Raffle' is written in a dark red font, followed by the location 'Censi's, The Triangle, Teignmouth' and the date '7pm Thursday 8th November'. The main text describes the event as a meal and quiz night at one of Teignmouth's top restaurants. It lists ticket prices (£15 per person) and availability from three locations: The Whistlestop Cafe, Teignmouth Train Station, and Censi's. It also mentions a vegetarian option, alcohol served on site, and a limit of 4 team members. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'Operation Imprezza' and contact information for the charity, including an email address, a phone number, and a website URL.

CENSI'S
TEIGNMOUTH

Lasagna Quiz Night & Raffle
Censi's, The Triangle, Teignmouth
7pm Thursday 8th November

Come and enjoy a delicious meal and quiz night at one of Teignmouth's top restaurants!

Tickets £15 per person, available from The Whistlestop Cafe, Teignmouth Train Station, Ashleigh Way Post Office & Censi's, The Triangle, Teignmouth.

Vegetarian option available. Alcohol served on site. Teams of 4 max, or to be made up on the night. Limited places available so please book soon to avoid disappointment!

Operation Imprezza

In aid of Operation Imprezza, a local charity supporting self-sustaining, equal access education in rural Western Kenya.
For more information please email info@operation-imprezza.org or call Bob Cross on 07944662889

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Pig racing (not real ones of course!) on Friday 8th February 2019 at Teignmouth rugby club. Further details to follow.

Murder mystery meal at the Trade Winds, Teignmouth on Friday 8th March 2019. Further details to follow.

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

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

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

THANK YOU!

