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## Meet the Students Emmaculate Wanga

**News From Kenya and Home** 

We thought you would like to hear first hand from some of Imprezza's students in the new school.

Emmaculate is a talented student with a keen sense of humour. She works very hard in her school work and in tasks at the bungalow.

Emmaculate was born on the 26th August 1996 in the district of Mumias. Her father had four wives, and she is the youngest with 2 sisters and 4 brothers.

After her parents separated, they moved from Mumias to Busia having to walk barefoot all the way (around 56km and taking 14 hours). On arrival they found that her mothers' parents had all died and had to stay with her father and stepmother under difficult circumstances.

Life became very difficult after leaving the home they shared with their father and trying to search for to be able work to themselves. After rejection by an uncle they were able to find a neighbour who allowed them to sleep in their kitchen, having to go to sleep hungry with no work or money and persecution from locals.

The chance arose for a school place, but could not be taken due to lack of money.



Students working in the new classroom.



Emmaculate Wanga

In 2007 Emmaculate joined the equivalent of year 8 but knew that through lack of money she would not be able to continue through to complete her secondary education. Two of her brothers had left after gaining their KCPE (Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education) and tried to find work in the city to support the family, but to no avail.

Determined to gain her KCPE, she worked hard and during the holidays worked for a teacher for 80p per week. This money she gave to her mother for food and fuel, and through borrowing books from friends was able to study. She passed with 58%.

Emmaculate is now a supported student at Imprezza Academy and in her own words

'Now I thank God for his mercy because I am learning at Imprezza Academy. Firstly and foremost I thank God for the presence of Madam Catherine for the kindness which she is showing to me.'

It is vital that she is able to finish school as this would give her the independence to make a better life for her and her family

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#### **Emergency Appeal**

Over the last few months food prices have increased due to the worst drought in Kenya in over 60 years. The latest increase in August was 24%.

This has put a great strain on the day to day running of the school as they try to maintain the provision of at least one meal per day for the students.

We know this is a difficult economic time globally, but if you are able to donate any amount to our emergency appeal or would like to host a fundraising event then please contact us at the email address

info@operation-imprezza.org or telephone. 01626 777419

You can also text your donation to 70070 and use the code OINS01 and the amount you wish to donate ie OINS01 £5

Thank You

**Great News** Imprezza Academy is now a Partner School with the Eden Project's International Gardens for Life Programme.



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'even those without hope can excel given the opportunity.'

#### Sky Diving and Bike Ride for Imprezza!!

We are very grateful for ALL who raise the much needed funds for the school....no matter how crazy they may seem!

Bob Cross is a retired headteacher and is bravely raising money by jumping out of an aeroplane, 3 miles up; and sky diving. You can donate via Bob's Just Giving page, and find out more.

http://www.justgiving.com/Robert-Cross1

Guy Jones will shortly be riding 35 miles from Okehampton to Stokeinteignhead to raise funds. Go to the Just Giving page to donate.

http://www.justgiving.com/GuyJones69

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

# Torquay Girls' Grammar School visit with World Challenge

Torquay Girls' Grammar School have been valued supporters of Imprezza since the beginning. Recently a group of students visited the Academy with World Challenge. In the next update we will publish details of the girls' visit, and more photos.

Titus, Imprezza and TGGS students by the new school sign donated by "The Sign Shop" Union St. Torquay

