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After a busy first few months of 2013, the children are now well into their new courses. *Affirmation* is once again supporting several of the children and intends to provide many of them with quality reading material and a rewards system to encourage a high standard of English, essential to strong progress beyond primary school.

### Academic Courses

Twenty students are studying secondary school courses as a direct result of BTP sponsorship. They range from Chacha in Form One to Mazera in Form Five. Marco (pictured here) is now in his sixth year of BTP sponsorship and is aiming for a Division III in his Form Six exams (equivalent to a C grade in UK exams). He will sit mock exams at the end of 2013 leading into the national exams in February 2014. Donald



(pictured below) has now finished his Form Six exams and will receive his results in July. While he awaits his grades he is completing a work experience placement in Dodoma for an architect and engineering company which



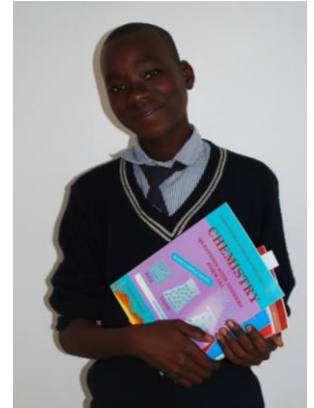
will help him choose his next step. Donald was a highly respected student at Lake Secondary. He was appointed a senior prefect with a heartfelt commendation from the Headmaster. Yuseph (pictured below) is now well-settled into his new boarding school on the outskirts of Mwanza. His new setting gives him the friendly, caring, social environment that he was missing last year. This

can only help him prepare for his important national Form II exams at the end of 2013. His main academic weakness is the quality of his written English as, like many children, he missed parts of his primary education and was taught in classes of over 100 children. There is no

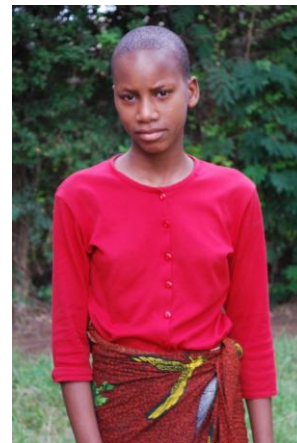
doubting that his confidence has grown over the months. His regular school meals, funded by the BTP, have also seen him double in size!

### Vocational Courses

VETA courses provide 1-3 year's training for young people in a range of skills from carpentry to electrics and from tailoring to



cooking. From its inauguration, the BTP funded several children through tailoring and mechanics courses with Yakobo now fully self-sufficient working at a garage in central Mwanza. In a similar vein, Edward, Shija, Godfrey, Kulwa, Severino and Brail are being sponsored



by the BTP through VETA courses at colleges on the outskirts of Mwanza. Jennifer (pictured here) has now completed her Form IV national exams and is embarking on a secretarial course while Witness, sponsored for four years through Sunrise Secondary, is starting a 3 year nursing course. These qualifications should lead straight into good jobs which should see

children, once living in very basic orphanages in Mwanza, employed in respected and well-paid posts in the community... exactly what the BTP aims to achieve.

### Thank you

All the sponsorship provided by the BTP is only possible with the continued generous support of many individuals across the world, and the interest and fundraising of hundreds of UK school children. In 2013, Plymouth College Year 7 students once again worked hard to raise funds (in particular many thanks to Jack for his sponsored bike ride). Thanks go to Neil Warnock (Manager of Leeds United FC) for donating a signed shirt. Thanks also to Brian in the US, Val in the UK and Kathryn & Cameron in Australia for their continued support.

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