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I have just returned from my latest visit to Mwanza to talk through reports and results with the sponsored children and their teachers. The heavy rains failed to dampen the excellent results that the children have achieved through their hard work, and the support they have received from BTP sponsors and donors. The students received new books and stationery, as well as new clothes, donated by UK students, which they were keen to show off.

Form IV National Exam Results



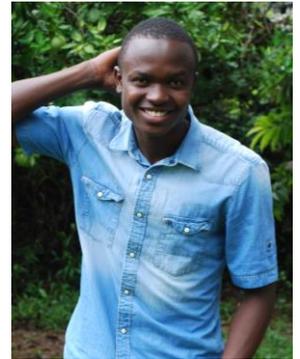
We had five students entered for their Form IV national exams (similar to GCSEs in the UK). The promising results they achieved in their mock exams in late 2014 suggested that their hard work was paying off. The highest achiever was Sadicki with an impressive Distinction (Division I), which included strong grades for History, English, Swahili and Biology. This allows him to study History, Geography and Economics in Form V, starting in July. Stephen gained a strong Merit (Division II) with his best grades in English, Biology, History and Swahili. He is now looking to start Form V courses in History, Geography and English in July. Ngusa (right), Julius and Ferderika all achieved good Credit results (Division III). Ngusa shone in English and Swahili, Julius in English



and History, and Ferderika in Swahili and English. The students have now embarked on their pre-Form V courses before their Form V starts in July. Not to be outdone, Chacha (left) performed strongly in his national Form II exams, with a Distinction (Division I). His best results came in English, Swahili and Civics. He is now studying his Form III course in Mwanza in preparation for his national Form IV exams next year.

Top appointment for Yuseph

Many congratulations to Yuseph Jumanne on his appointment as the Academic Prefect at Lake Secondary. This is effectively Deputy Head of School and is an appointment made in conjunction with both staff and students. His role is to act as a liaison between students and staff concerning classes, academics and exams. He wears a distinctive white shirt and black tie uniform and meets formally with the Headmaster on a regular basis.



The final school days for Mazera

Mazera is making final preparations for his Form VI exams in May which will see him leave school and, if all goes according to plan, start a prestigious Medicine degree at university in Tanzania. Mazera will need the highest grades, but his Distinction in the mock exams bodes well, particularly the high grades in Chemistry and Biology. It is unlikely that he will need to complete National Service when he leaves school as the government is consolidating its resources in preparation for contentious elections in November. Mazera is sponsored by UK students and he has written to thank them for their continued support over many years that may see his dreams of being a doctor come true!

Thank you

The students are very aware of the support they receive from overseas and are always interested to hear about the people who support them. Their results and school reports make clear that they are seizing the opportunity they have been given and they are keen to ask whether they will be supported again next year. Each year there are students who cannot be supported owing to limited funds, so all the donations are stretched as far as they will go to help the children realize their ambitions. Thank you to all children and adults in many countries who have contributed towards the success of these young people.

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