



The School of St Jude
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

St Jude's News

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Introducing our new School Director

We've got some exciting news to share with you – Jon Ford, with more than 30 years of educational experience and who served the past ten as a Head Teacher in England, has been named School Director of The School of St Jude!

Over a three-month period, St Jude's selection committee interviewed potential candidates who possessed a certain background and experience to be the leader of the school, provide professional leadership, shape the program and quality of life of the school community and be responsible for the achievement of the school's mission. After an

exhaustive search, we found the most qualified candidate in Jon.

"Jon has a passion for teaching and education that will fit in perfectly here at St Jude's," says Gemma. "Over the past eleven years I've watched this school grow from one classroom into three campuses, three students to over 1,600 students – I'm now incredibly excited to work with Jon and fill in the next chapter of the St Jude's story."

Jon has served as Head Teacher of Imberhorne School, a large secondary school in West Sussex, England, for the past ten years. Jon brings a wealth of educational knowledge that will help St Jude's grow into a centre of academic excellence in Tanzania.

To learn more about Jon, read our Q&A with him on page 2.

"I'm excited about joining the team at St Jude's. When I heard of the school and its mission I immediately felt I must apply to become part of it – I want to help make a difference to the lives of the children and to Tanzania."

Jon Ford



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Learn more about our new School Director

Get to know Jon Ford by reading our Q&A with him below.

Q&A

The School of St Jude: *Karibu* (welcome) to St Jude's, Jon! Can you tell us a little bit about yourself so our supporters get a sense of who you are?

Jon Ford: I am 52 years old and have been married to my wife Sandra for more than 30 years; she is also a teacher. We have two children, Rachel and Andrew. My Christian faith is important to me and we have been part of St Andrew's Church in Crawley, West Sussex for more than 20 years. Professionally, I started teaching in 1981 in the East End of London and I am now in my third school which I joined in 1996 as Head of Science. I was promoted to Head Teacher in 2003.

SOSJ: You've been an educator in England for more than 30 years, most recently serving as Head Teacher at Imberhorne School in West Sussex, England – how do you think your experience will prepare you for St Jude's?

JF: St Jude's has developed rapidly over the last 11 years and has a large number of students over the three campuses. As the Head Teacher, my priority has always been to maximise the learning of the students and provide the best educational experience possible for the students so that each of them can fulfil their potential. At the same time I have gained a lot of experience of managing what is inevitably a complex organisation with all the practical issues associated with buildings, staffing, budgets, kitchens and personnel issues. All of this experience will be invaluable, but only by working together will we help lead the school through its next phase of development.

SOSJ: You've been to Tanzania before to work with a secondary school. Tell us about that experience.

JF: Minaki High School is a selective school for Form 5 and 6 students, and Imberhorne has developed an exchange programme with Minaki. Each October, 12 Imberhorne Form 6 students and two teachers travel to Dar es Salaam for two weeks. They live in the homes of the teachers, attend lessons in the school and get involved with a range of other activities. The following March the partner group come to visit Imberhorne which is paid for by the fundraising activities of the Imberhorne students. They stay with the students' families and follow a similar programme of lessons and other activities and trips.

I went to Minaki in 2007 and 2010 as part of this exchange and every year since 2005 I have hosted a Tanzanian teacher in my home. I have seen from this that young people from very different cultures and backgrounds nevertheless have a great deal in common. I have seen the value and importance of education to young, bright Tanzanian students.

SOSJ: What are your hobbies and what do you like to do on your spare time?

JF: I enjoy time with the family, reading fiction, especially science fiction which probably comes from my fascination for Physics which is my degree subject and also my main teaching subject. Sandra and I have also been part of a pub quiz team for the last three years.

To read an extended Q&A with Jon, head to our blog!

http://www.schoolofstjude.org/blog/School_of_St_Jude's_Blog/post/Meet_Jon_Ford,_St_Jude's_New_School_Director/



Experimenting at the St Jude's 3rd Annual Science Fair

In a day filled with experiments, creative thinking and technological innovation, St Jude's Smith Secondary Campus hosted its 3rd Annual Science Fair with the mission to promote a love of science and technology through hands-on skills.

Over 700 students, staff, visiting schools and invited guests gathered to see over 60 unique science projects based upon seven different subjects: maths, biology, physics, chemistry, ICT, geography and art.

"We have achieved our purpose of promoting a love for science and technology by linking knowledge, skills and technology to more than eight secondary schools, institutions and visitors who came," says Mr Mcharo, Head of Secondary Science and ICT.

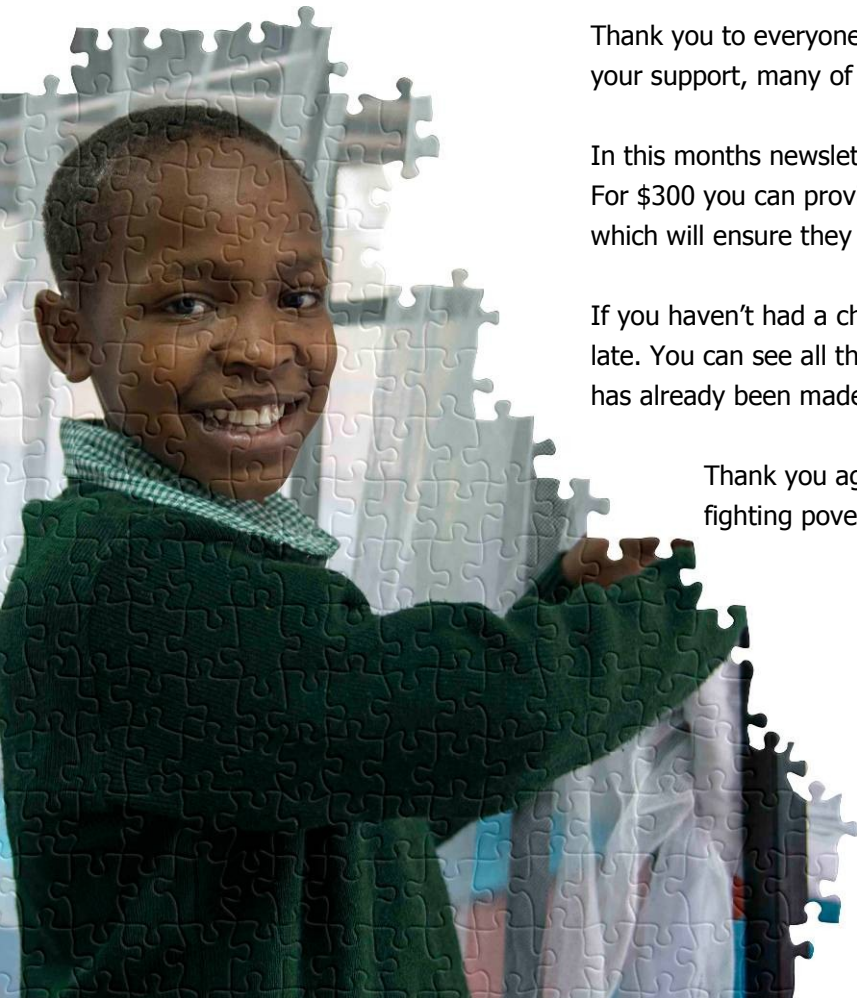
St Jude's new A-Level, senior science block, funded by donations from Global Immersion in Australia, was also officially opened. This new building will be home to our new Form 5 students whose A-Level subject combinations focus on the sciences and maths, using these new labs to learn through practical, hands-on classroom experience.

This year's, first place was awarded to Liston in Form 3 who built his own generator, which included an internal combustion engine. This was the second consecutive 1st place finish for Liston, who won in 2012 for his homemade mobile phone.



St Jude's Annual Appeal

Every Piece Counts



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Every Piece Counts Appeal. With your support, many of the items St Jude's urgently needs have been purchased.

In this month's newsletter we're featuring our 'bed and mosquito net' package. For \$300 you can provide students with a safe and comfortable place to sleep, which will ensure they are alert, healthy and ready to learn each day.

If you haven't had a chance to see all the items you can purchase, it's not too late. You can see all the pieces of the puzzle below and how much of a difference has already been made.

Thank you again for your support, and remember, every piece counts in fighting poverty through education.

NEWS FLASH!!!

We are excited to announce that a very generous St Jude's supporter has agreed to match every donation made until we reach \$150,000! Give today to double your gift to St Jude's.

www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/appeal.html

\$50 buys

2 square meters of our new block of land
1000 needed, 778 remain

\$100 buys

nutritious meals for 400 students
1000 needed, 831 remain

\$150 buys

a desk and chair for our senior students
150 needed, 135 remain

\$250 buys

internet for one class for an entire year
72 needed, 63 remain

\$300 buys

a bed and mosquito net
150 needed, 135 remain

\$500 buys

a computer for our new student computer lab
50 needed, 23 remain

\$1,000 buys

music and art supplies for one year level for a year
13 needed, 6 remain

\$1,500 buys

a seat on the new 'colobus' bus
17 needed, 13 remain

\$3,000 buys

a new kitchen water heater
4 needed, 2 remain

\$5,000 buys

play equipment for a campus
3 needed, 3 remain

\$5,000 buys

a section of a multipurpose court
10 needed, 9 remain

\$10,000 buys

a visitors van
SOLD OUT

\$25,000 buys

a 'Samaki' school bus
SOLD OUT

\$50,000 buys

a health and physical education pack
SOLD OUT

\$50,000 buys

a 'Flamingo' bus
SOLD OUT

\$115,000 buys

a level of a boarding house
3 needed, 2 remain

\$350,000 buys

a whole student boarding house
1 needed, 1 remains



Gemma and Kim Continue to Spread the Word



Gemma's Australian tour has come to a successful end. She's had a wonderful time meeting so many St Jude's supporters and was very humbled by how hospitable people were, welcoming her into their businesses, churches, schools, and community groups. Kim's still on the road—after visiting friends of St Jude's in the US she's now travelling New Zealand and Australia sharing the story of St Jude's and meeting many of our amazing supporters.



Upcoming Events... we'd love to see you there!

For a full calendar of public events go to: www.schoolofstjude.org/supportUs/fundraising-events

For a round up of events, photos and more, go to the St Jude's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/schoolofstjude

Form 5 Begins

Before the Form 5 secondary class returned to St Jude's to begin their A Level studies, they participated in a two-week "Induction Programme," challenging them to think outside of the box and to engage their minds. It consisted of various elements: physical activities, social interaction, mental challenges, learning about study skills, developing life skills and an introduction to study at A Level.

The first component was the P.E. Challenge. This three-part programme challenged the students' mental and physical capacities, whilst also asking them to work successfully as a team. This was followed by the team

building afternoon. The premise was to encourage students to work positively with each other, to communicate effectively and to challenge themselves to find their hidden strengths and talents. Engaged in a range of activities, from a blind-maze to a rope challenge to a shark-infested water race, each group excelled and embraced each challenge with gusto and determination. The students engaged in several sessions on Career Guidance to think about their skills, values and inner strengths and try to match these to potential career paths.

We also had 17 new students who were accepted into the Form 5 class – these students have all performed wonderfully in government school, and now have the chance to study at St Jude's!



Find out how you can purchase a desk and chair for our senior students:

<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/donations/appeal.html>

Meet the Team!

We introduce you to Ms Nemburis, a senior member of our IT department!

There are over 500 computers across the three St Jude's campuses. There's a wireless network that extends from wall to wall, enabling our academic and business staff to work remotely throughout the school. We have a radio tower that connects the Sisia Campus in Moshono to the Smith Campus in Usa River, allowing staff to share information across the campuses.

Needless to say, it's a massive undertaking that's a lot of work for our IT department. Luckily, they have Ms Nemburis to help them lead the way. She's a System Administrator who has been with St Jude's since 2008, who initially applied to become an IT teacher. With no open positions available, Kim Saville, Director of International Relations, offered her a position in the IT department as an IT technician. She's flourished ever since.

"While I was working in Usa River at the secondary campus for a few years, students would come up to me all the time," Ms Nemburis says. "They were Form 3 at that time. Most of them were coming to me to ask about IT, how do you manage to connect all our computers to the network. Some of them were so eager to learn how we manage our network."

Ms Nemburis has an advanced diploma in information technology from the Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) and is from the village of Ng'iresi in Arusha. She got married in 2010 to her husband Omema, who is a teacher in another school. Ms Nemburis is heavily involved in her local church and enjoys spending downtime with family.

It takes a high degree of intellect and know-how to do what Ms Nemburis does, which at the moment is helping to revamp the school's entire network to make it run more smoothly and efficiently. She helps support a team of six IT members and is a leader amongst her peers.



Find out how you can purchase a computer for our new computer lab or a year's worth of Internet for an entire class:

<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/donations/appeal.html>

Sports at St Jude's

Students compete all over Tanzania!

March was an exciting month in the world of sports at St Jude's, with the Kilimanjaro Marathon, beginning of the National Secondary School Games (UMISETA) competition and a "sports bonanza" for primary students.

Situated in Moshi, a town a few hours east of St Jude's, eight of our students participated in the 5k Kilimanjaro Fun Run, while seven volunteers completed the Half-Marathon of 21 km! While the older students were running the marathon, lower primary students competed in a field day of events at the Stadium in Arusha, winning competitions in netball and football.

The aim of the UMISETA competition is to identify the best young budding sports talents in Tanzania, in hopes to grow their skills to perform at the national level. It's a year-long competition that begins with games at the inter-school level and works its way to the District level, Regional level, 2 Regions level and then the final National level. Games are played normally, but at the end the best players from each side are chosen to form a combined team for the next level.

St Jude's is competing in five sports for boys and girls: football (soccer), basketball, volleyball, netball and athletics. We expect to have over 40 students playing at the District level, which takes place in early May! So far our students have won both their boys and girls football matches.

By purchasing a section of a Multipurpose court you can help our students learn valuable skills like teamwork:

<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/donations/appeal.html>



Join the St Jude's October 2013 Tour!

Come experience Tanzania and see the school for yourself!

The October 2013 Tour offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves with St Jude's and explore the wonderful country that is Tanzania!

You'll spend time at St Jude's with the students, including everything from eating lunch with them, attending an extracurricular class and seeing where they live. Outside of the school is a world of wonder, from local Maasai tribes to a safari to see the animals—you'll do it all!

This tour is particularly special because it includes our "St Jude's Day," where we gather all of our students, staff and guests to celebrate the school. It's a fantastic day with singing, dancing, and performances from our students.



Find out more about the October Tour!

<http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz/VisitUs/tour.html>

