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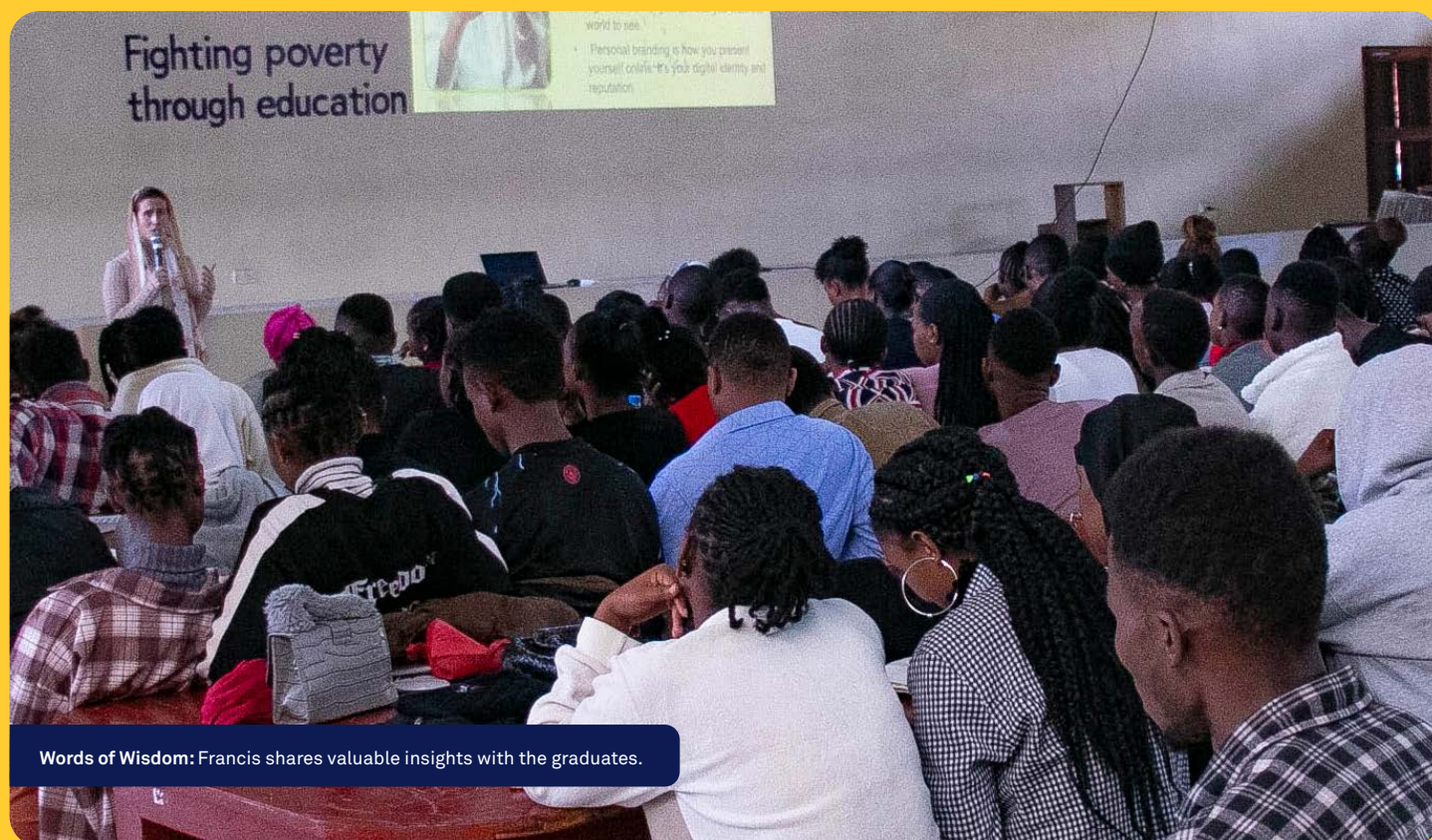
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Bridging the Gap to Excellence

St Jude's graduates receive key training ahead of their university studies.



Words of Wisdom: Francis shares valuable insights with the graduates.

In a world that demands both academic excellence and holistic personal development, students at The School of St Jude excel at both thanks to pre-university training hosted and facilitated by the Beyond St Jude's (BSJ) team annually.

The training aims to prepare secondary school graduates for a journey of self-discovery and growth.

"A pre-university training program like this gives students a much-needed perspective and preparation as they venture into their next stage of academic life," shares Francis, one of the facilitators of the training.

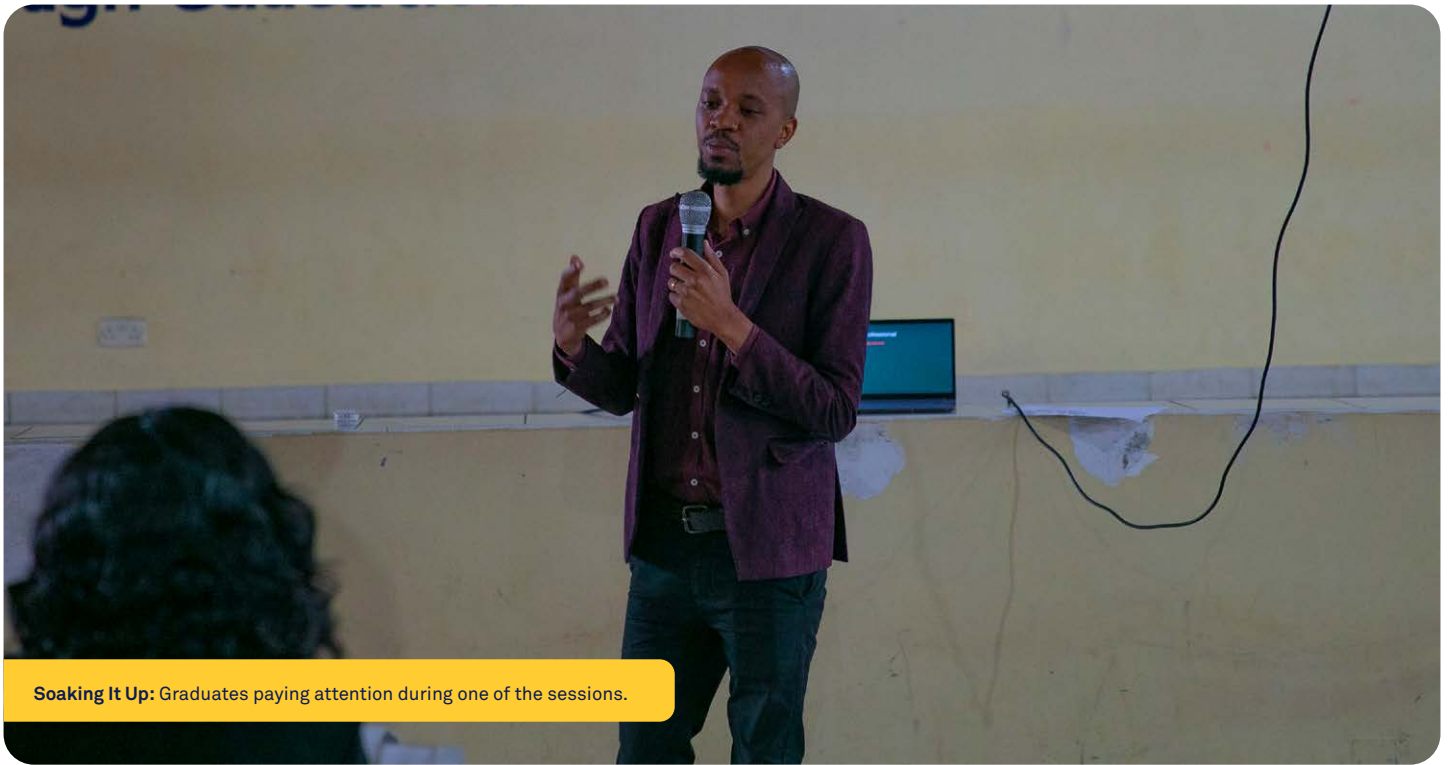
"I remember when I was at university, such programs were not provided. Nobody guided me on what to study, which university to go to, or how life was going to be," says Francis.

At St Jude's, the majority of secondary school graduates opt to join BSJ ahead of their university studies. In the program, they undertake a year of community service where they volunteer to teach at different

understaffed government schools or at various non-teaching placements within the school. This further equips them with real-life experiences and skills such as public speaking, time management, patience and resilience.

"Our students have been well guided throughout their time at St Jude's," reflects Francis, adding, "We have a trained psychologist who mentors them remotely, providing invaluable support for their emotional and psychological well-being while they are at the university."

The training covered a wide array of topics, addressing the multifaceted challenges and opportunities that await these students at university and beyond. Topics ranged from understanding the structure of universities and grading systems to fostering healthy lifestyles and relationships in the university environment. Graduates also delved into issues like mental health awareness, financial literacy, and personal branding in the age of social media.



Soaking It Up: Graduates paying attention during one of the sessions.

"I am grateful for the training I received, which has prepared me for a successful university experience," says Saraphina a St Jude's graduate attending the training.

"My favourite part was the self-awareness activity that we did," shares Saraphina. "It helped me realise the importance of personal branding and how other people can describe me outside my room," she adds.

Also sharing his views is John, another St Jude's graduate, soon-to-be a university scholar. John believes the training serves as a useful orientation to life at university and complements his research at different universities. "We reviewed the prospectus of different universities and studied their rules and regulations," says John. "This has helped us to know which environment we can be in; how can we study and how can we choose friends. So, the training is very useful and I'm excited to take on the challenges of university life," he adds.

The training also involved external mentors such as university lecturers, psychologists, St Jude's alumni currently at the university, and St Jude's staff who offered a broader perspective on crucial topics.

Pre-university training plays into the school's commitment to shaping well-rounded, confident, and capable leaders who are not only academically proficient but also equipped to tackle life's challenges head-on.

As these graduates embark on their next academic journey, they bring a wealth of values and skills to help them make a lasting impact on their communities and beyond.



Learning from The Best: Gloria, Head of St Jude's Marketing Team shares her experiences with graduates.

Thanks to your generous support, St Jude's equips its graduates with real-life skills that prepare them to be leading professionals through special training and mentorship programs.

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Kabula's Journey at St Jude's



Embracing growth through the years.



Radiant Connection: Kabula maintaining transparent communication with supporters.

Meet Kabula

As a cherished member of the St Jude's community, Kabula's journey reflects growth and hard work, contributing tirelessly to St Jude's for the past three years. "I've learned a lot about leadership and teamwork in the time that I've been here."

Early Days

Her adventure at St Jude's began as a Communications and Editorial Specialist in 2021. She then was promoted into the role of Team Lead in Supporter Relations. In her current capacity, she oversees a team of nine people who look after St Jude's wonderful supporters.

Life at St Jude's

Throughout her time at the school, Kabula has acquired valuable insights into leadership and teamwork, which thrive within the St Jude's community. "We're fortunate to work with very dedicated people at St Jude's from whom I learn a lot. Everyone is doing their best to contribute to the vision of fighting poverty through education," she says.

Furthering her Impact

Kabula's impact extends beyond her professional role. She actively participates in extracurricular activities, sharing her skills, experience, and passion with students. "I routinely take part in Reading and Spelling Club at St Jude's Primary School and in sports like Netball and Athletics with our secondary school students" says Kabula.

Outside the Office

Kabula loves to explore. She enjoys taking long walks and going on culinary adventures around Arusha and in typical Kabula fashion, uses her free time to study for her Masters!



Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders: Kabula sharing her skills with the students

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Empowering Voices Through Public Speaking



St Jude's Students shine in Public Speaking, shaping tomorrow's leaders.



Future Leaders: Members of the Public Speaking Club and their mentor, Mr Edmund

One of the most awaited days at The School of St Jude, Sisia Campus is the Public Speaking Grand Final Competition. Talented members of the public speaking clubs at primary school compete fiercely to get the number one spot.

Tami, a confident Standard 6 student is one of the finalists in this year's competition. "I believe if one expresses his or her thoughts without fear, they can be a source of change for their community," she says.

"I began to realise my talent for public speaking in Standard 6, which provided me with ample opportunities to hone my skills further. During my free hours, I avidly read and learn from influential speakers, leading me to join the Debate Club," reflects Tami.

St Jude's has been at the forefront of nurturing students' talents through a wide range of skills and activities, including public speaking. Public speaking competitions are typically conducted across all three campuses, allowing students to share their perspectives and expand their horizons.



A Champion: Tami holding a recognition certificate and a trophy for winning the top spot



A Proud Mentor: Mr Edmund guiding students preparing their speech

earned her the position of Head Girl at St Jude's Primary School and the first spot in the public speaking competition.

With aspirations of becoming a teacher, Tami hopes to teach subjects like science, English, and art. She envisions guiding the next generation to seek opportunities, much like her educational experience at St Jude's, which helped her discover her public speaking talent and will enable her to inspire future generations.

Agape, another competent public speaker at St Jude's, reflects on her journey, "I never expected to stand in front of people and speak to them without fear."

Agape, who is currently in Standard 3, aspires to become a doctor and recognises the importance of public speaking skills in achieving her dreams. She joined the Public Speaking Club to develop this skill and appreciates the guidance and mentorship of her teachers.

"I love that our teachers at school guide and support us. They give us a chance to bring out our talents," says Agape who came in second to Tami in the competition.

Right from the early stages of primary education, students are encouraged to cultivate their speaking skills in front of their peers.

To guide these young minds is Mr Edmund, a teacher at St Jude's Primary School who is particularly keen on developing students' public speaking skills. He mentors and coordinates the Public Speaking Club at the primary school.

"In the club, we take pride in having incredibly talented students who consistently bring forth new and creative ideas during our regular meetings and club sessions," says Mr Edmund.

"Witnessing this young generation's determination to nurture their talents motivates me, and I have no regrets about choosing a career in education," he adds with a smile.

Public speaking is a powerful tool for students to effectively articulate their thoughts and ideas, build confidence and practice leadership. St Jude's remains committed to providing quality education to students like Tami and Agape, the future leaders of Tanzania, eager to bring about positive changes in their communities and make a difference in the world.

With your support, St Jude's is developing confident leaders.
Donate Today!

Creating fair access to education through our scholarships

Ever wondered how we offer scholarships? Let's dive into our Scholarship Application Process for primary!



Listening closely: Potential student paying close attention during one of the classroom sessions at St Jude's.

classroom sessions at St Jude's Every year, over 3,000 high-achieving students from government schools apply for a scholarship at The School of St Jude. The scholarship process is rigorous to ensure that our limited spaces are fairly awarded to students are on a transparent and consistent basis.

Allocating scholarships is a delicate balancing act as we want to ensure those in the most need received fair opportunity. Each applicant must pass through three phases including the Scholarship Application Day, Poverty Assessments and the probation period.

These stages are carefully designed, providing plenty of aspects to explore. Today we will take a deeper dive into the third stage – the probation period. This part of the process spans a two-week period where potential students enter a St Jude's classroom to be closely assessed by St Jude's Primary School's academic and leadership teams.

Academic assessments

After each week of St Jude's classes with our primary teachers, students participate in assessment on three subjects; arithmetic, health and environment and English language. These tests help St Jude's to select students who outperform their peers and demonstrate a high level of academic promise.

Behavioural assessments

Two teachers are selected to observe and record the student's behaviour, discipline and attitude during these two weeks at school. This assessment contributes to the decision-making as we look for students who demonstrate the school values of Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Responsibility.

Further poverty assessments

After Probation classes are complete, successful students and their families undergo further poverty assessments, which are conducted by our Community Relations team and Parents Committee. A student is finally offered a scholarship on the one of the most special days of the St Jude's Calendar, Uniform Day!



Our scholarship processes ensure fair access to those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Sponsor a scholarship today!