

Newsletter

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Foreword from the Vice-Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter.

I had a wonderful trip, to the TWK Campus, at the end of July. It was a great opportunity to meet new staff, catch up with old staff and evaluate teaching and learning across the Primary and Junior Secondary. I also delivered training on Fire Safety, Inclusion, Positive Behaviour Management and Differentiation. It was a very busy visit!

I am delighted to report how impressed I was with the progress in just 7 months. Pupils are happy, engaged, focused and well-behaved, teachers are enthusiastic and committed and there is a very strong management team in place. There is a really positive ethos at every level – inspired and led by our CEO, Daniel.



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Further good news is that we have received funding for our Inclusion Programme from the charity, March to The Top. Work is already underway to identify local children with special educational needs and to raise awareness amongst our own staff. We'll keep you posted.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who generously contributed to our Lego Appeal – it was much appreciated. Hopefully, donations will be on their way to Kenya later this year.

Warm regards,

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TWK Positive Destinations - Supporting every school leaver beyond secondary school

At TWK, our commitment to our students does not end when they leave secondary school. We want every learner to move on to a positive destination—whether that is university, TVET (Technical College), employment or starting a business. We recently launched this programme and have received a very positive response from both parents and young people. The programme is not mainly about paying college or university fees.

Its main purpose is to prepare school leavers for success by providing guidance, skills and practical opportunities.

- Bringing in specialist trainers and speakers
- Running career guidance and CV workshops
- Providing digital skills training
- Mentoring and interview preparation
- Supporting university, TVET and scholarship applications
- Helping school leavers to develop business ideas and, where appropriate, provide small start-up grants or equipment





Support will be available for school leavers following academic, vocational and entrepreneurial pathways. We want every TWK school leaver to develop the confidence, skills, knowledge and support to build a successful future.

Kitchen garden update

Teachers, pupils and support staff worked together to clear and prepare the ground for planting. Everyone contributed – even the CEO's cows, who provided the manure! Vegetables grown include kale, spinach and nightshade and will be ready for harvest this term. They will be used to supplement school lunches. It has been a great team effort



Computer skills graduation ceremony

A total of 28 young adults (9 men and 19 women) successfully completed the program. The average participant age was 20 years. The intensive training ran for 8 weeks in our computer hub, wrapping up on the 25th of last month. The curriculum followed a certified ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) format and the course comprised four core modules:

- Basics in Computer and Online Essentials
- Artificial Intelligence
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel

Senior Teacher Charles, supported by Teachers Lamwell and Catherine, led and delivered the training on Saturdays, on a voluntary basis.



Charles commented, “It has been an incredibly rewarding experience transforming absolute beginners—many of whom had never interacted with a computer before—into confident, digitally competent individuals.”

TWK UK board members in Kenya this September

Jim (TWK UK Chair) and Suzanne (TWK UK Treasurer) head to Kenya, at the end of September, to visit some of our water projects. They will be accompanied by Ambassador Lemarron (TWK Kenya Chair) and Daniel (TWK CEO.) We look forward to updating you on their trip.

Success story



Irene is a former pupil who completed Form 4 in 2024. She is studying Maths and Chemistry with Teaching at Kirinyaga University. She applied and was given an intern position, at TWK, for 3 months. Irene assisted in the teaching of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects in Grades 4-9. All of our teachers were impressed with her knowledge, skills and work ethic. She was also a very positive role model for our Junior Secondary girls and inspired them to focus on their studies and aspire to further education no matter how humble their background. It was so lovely to hear the positive impact of supporting her education.

TWK Community Learning Centre (CLC) event



A KUCCPS (Kenya University and Colleges Central Placement Service) Workshop was held in the CLC. In attendance were 39 school leavers (17 from TWK and 22 from the wider community) and 3 representatives from Kajiado West TVET. A further 5 students who did not attend were able to be assisted the following day.

It was a transformational event. Around 90% of the leavers had completed college and university applications incorrectly, chosen the wrong course or chosen the wrong institution (some of which attract no government funding). None of them had applied for loans or grants.

Mannaseh, from KUCCPS, assisted all of them to a positive outcome. He advised us that the TWK CLC facility was going to be transformational for the community. It ensured that everyone would be given the correct information and guidance to apply for appropriate further education and funding.

He predicted huge community advancement within 5 years, as a result of this opportunity. The representatives from Kajiado West received 9 applications for courses. This is the largest intake they have ever had from the local community.