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# Tanzania Trust

Tanzania is a big part of life at Derby Grammar School and we are keen to share what is happening with you all after the hiatus of Covid-19!

## How did we get involved in Tanzania?

Originally, our Junior School were asked to raise money for mosquito nets for two orphanages (Hisani being one of them and who we still support) through Kids Aid Tanzania, a local charity based in Etwall. We raised enough money to fund nets for children in the poor settlements on the outskirts of Mwanza too. Our Junior pupils were given a Smarties tube, they ate the Smarties then filled it with 20p pieces and raised over £1000! It was reported that incidence of child mortality due to malaria reduced by 72%. We then wanted to make a sustainable link to the area and KAT helped us set up the link with Gedeli school through Fred at Hisani in 2012. Since 2012 over 120 DGS pupils have visited Tanzania and each one has made a difference!

## A fond farewell to Gedeli School

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*Our lasting legacy on  
Gedeli School is life-  
changing for the pupils*

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DGS supported the Gedeli school for 10 years. In this time, we built five new classrooms, installed electricity, toilets and fresh water by building two water towers, made desks and cupboards, provided books, laptops, teaching and sport equipment. Our DGS pupils worked, played and taught at the school and our legacy means that now Gedeli school is the best school in Mwanza!

We committed to Gedeli for 10 years and were thrilled to see the impact we have all had on the lives of the pupils, the opportunities opened up to them by allowing them to attend school regularly and safely, with the resources they need to have a wonderful experience.

After Covid we decided to visit Mwanza this year, formally sign off our involvement with Gedeli and begin the search for a new school to partner with for the next 10 years.

## The search for a new school – introduction to Amani

After a very successful visit to Mwanza in June we were thrilled to re-launch the Tanzania Project. Having visited a number of schools our focus will be on Amani School. Initially our priority is to raise money for school desks to get the 38% of children who currently sit on the floor at a desk. This will provide all students with an equal opportunity to learn. We aim to further their learning by providing basic equipment and textbooks.



The staff at Amani were positive, engaging and enthusiastic about the difference Derby Grammar School could make to the physical environment as well as the quality of teaching and learning. It was inspiring to see such a positive team led by the head Boniphace (who we know from Gedeli) working to educate vast numbers of children in a very challenging environment.

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*Our focus for 2023/24*

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In the medium term our aim is to repurpose the outdoor space from a boulder field to a fit for purpose sports field. For this to happen we will need to employ heavy machinery and labourers.



## Period Poverty

Period poverty remains a significant problem in Tanzania where girls often miss a week per month of their education. Derby Grammar wants to support the girls of Amani in a sustainable way so that we create a lasting legacy not just short-term gain. We are investigating two types of washable period pants, supported by a generous donor, Cosy Direct. Once we have a reliable product that the girls can use, we will then start to investigate ways to make the products in Mwanza with local materials. Our long-term



aim is to remove the students from period poverty and empower women in the community to create their own small-scale business.

## Fencing

Fred, a long-standing friend of Derby Grammar, without whose help our trips to Tanzania would be impossible, has asked for some help with Hisani Orphanage. We are looking to replace a dangerous fence within the grounds of the orphanage and decorate the outdoor space. He also discussed the challenges of having enough money to feed the orphans which we would like to support him with. In Fred's words when the bellies of the children are full, they are happy and learn better.



## How can you help?

We have six pupils from Y12/13 going out to Tanzania in July 2023. Anything you can do to support their fund-raising during this academic year would be greatly appreciated.

With the launch of Charities Week in November we are hoping to raise funds and we have set an ambitious target to raise over £3000 during this week. Your money can make a huge difference and every penny counts.

Here are some examples of how your money can help so please support us:

<b>Feed an orphan for a week</b>	<b>£2.50 per week</b>
<b>Purchase of washable period pants</b>	<b>£2.00 would buy one pair of pants</b>
<b>Desk and bench to seat 4 children</b>	<b>£35 would buy one desk</b>
<b>Picket fencing at Hisani Orphanage</b>	<b>£20 would buy one metre</b>
<b>Cost to renovate outside sport space</b>	<b>£2000</b>

