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Student Profile

Name: **Abram Chima**

Gender: Male

Date of birth: 9th January 1993

Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother: Ronica Phiri

Profession: House maid

Father: Trywell Chima

Profession: Bricklayer
Young Tsjiang Company

Primary School: Chibelo Basic School

Secondary School: **Leopards Hill Secondary School**

2011 Level: **Grade 12**



Family Background:

Mr. Trywell Chima, Abram's father, started his education at Chibelo Basic School in 1967 and completed Grade Seven in 1982. He passed Grade 7 but did not continue to secondary school due to lack of funds. He started work as a landscaper with Salisbury Company in 1985. He only worked there for two years then he joined a security company where he worked from 1988 through 2003. He then became a bricklayer with the Young Tsjiang Company in the Chelstone area of Lusaka.

Abram is the oldest of five children. All five children live with their parents in the Kalikiliki compound in Lusaka. Abram's mother works as a housemaid in a nearby area. Abram's parents struggle to meet the financial needs of their family and would not have enough money to continue Abram's education into secondary school if it were not for the KF scholarship program. Since being part of the program, the Chima family has enjoyed many improvements. It is easier for them to afford food and water, and they are better able to send the young ones to school. Abram is a role model for his siblings, who all work hard to be like him.

Abram's Educational Background:

Primary – Chibelo Basic School

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Abram did his primary education from Grade 1 through 7 at Chibelo Basic School, just as his father did. He steadily rose from near last in his class to first through the years he was there, a clear sign of his natural ability to succeed.

At Leopards Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

Abram entered Grade 8 with a determined attitude to do his very best.

Grade 8 Achievements:

- Excellence in environmental science, religious education, office practice, and geography
- Second overall in the grade 8 class

Grade 9

In grade 9 Abram's favorite subject changed to science. He worked particularly hard to improve his results in geography, history and French. As Abram continued to work hard he also continued to maintain and improve his standing in the class.

Grade 9 Achievements:

- First position in the grade 9 class
- Second position on the Grade 9 National Exam, which won Abram a LHS scholarship.

Grade 10

In Grade 10 Abram continued his record of outstanding academic achievement and leadership amongst his classmates.

Grade 10 Academic Achievements:

- 1st Position in Mathematics
- 2nd Position in French and Environmental Science
- Chosen as a prefect for the following year

Grade 11

Abram has continued to perform well at LHS throughout grade 11, both in the classroom and on the soccer field. At the end of term one, he finished number three in his class. Continuing to progress, Abram rose to number two in his class, and at the end of term three, he earned fourth position (competing with other KF students!) Abram is a leader in the grade 11 class, enjoying his role as a prefect. He receives consistent praise from his teachers: "Excellent performance," one teacher wrote. "He must continue working hard. He is a pleasant leader as a

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perfect too!" Abram is working hard to prepare for the essential IGCSE exams next year.

Grade 12

It was been a successful start to Abram's final year at Leopards Hill. He maintained 2nd position in his class for both Term 1 and Term 2 (no small feat with the competition he faces in Grade 12). He has proven his commitment to achieving the best scores possible on the IGCSE exams at the end of Term 3. He continues to be an all around leader. He is Head Boy at school and provides support and encouragement to KF and non-KF students alike. On the soccer field he recently played in the Interschool Competition and scored a goal. At home he is proud that his siblings look up to him, and is passionate about ensuring a better education for them as well.

Abram's Interests

Abram belongs to the JETS club (advanced math and science after-school club). Abram is also a member of the Leopards Hill football team where he plays striker and is one of the top scorers on his team. He takes the sport very seriously and has pushed his school to organize more games with other teams because he believes the team needs to be exposed to other schools to develop their skills. On the LHS team, Abram has been part of many important wins, including a 4-0 victory against Lusaka East where he scored a goal as a striker.

Community Service

"In my community, I came up with a project with two of my friends that involved teaching young children how to read and write. These children come from poor families where their parents could not afford to take them to school. The amount of their parents' monthly salaries was so little that they can barely manage to provide food for their children. From my own experience the children are academically promising, and I believe they can do it for as long as someone is willing to sponsor them. I gave all the children a test, and they all passed! Coming to myself, I was really impressed with their performance." During his final year at LHS, Abram's project continues to function well. He has seen many people join the project and overall feels that the "teaching has been successful."

Career Interest and Work Experience:

Abram aspires to be an electrical engineer because of his strength in math and the challenges of the profession itself. Abram thus did a week of work experience with a local engineering firm, Civilstruts Consulting Engineering. During his visit, he was able to see just how busy civil engineers with multiple building projects are, learning how plans are put together and how buildings are constructed.

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Abram's Role Model:

“Obama is my role model. I admire the way he addresses a crowd, even the way he walks with confidence.” He says he aspires to be like him—to act as a strong leader and inspire others with his voice.

What the teachers think of Abram:

Abram's teachers have always been impressed with Abram's quiet confidence and impressive leadership skills among his classmates.

Abram's Thoughts:

“I admire the passion of Kucetekela to sponsor us. KF has changed my life and my family. It was hard for them to raise money for my school fees. It has brought hope to my family that I will be educated, and I will try to work hard to support my other siblings. They look up to me. My young sister tells me, ‘I want to follow you to your school.’”