

# KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION

## Student Profile

Name: **Dalton Munkombwe**

Gender: Male

Date of birth: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1995

Place of birth: Kalundu compound, Lusaka

Mother's name: Acless Michelo

Profession: Deceased

Primary School: Mumana Basic School

Secondary School: **Pestalozzi Education Centre**

2012 Level: **Grade 12**



### Family Background:

An only child, Dalton was raised in female-headed household. His parents were divorced and he grew up in a home with his mother and aunt. Dalton's mother sold second hand clothes, called 'salaula'. The business, however, did not fare well and it was difficult to provide for Dalton's education. In December 2009, Dalton lost his mother to illness. The loss has been very hard on Dalton; however, we are confident that in the face of adversity, he will continue to work hard, motivated by the memory of his mother who so much wanted him to succeed in life. He continues to live with his Aunt, who, unable to find steady employment, struggles to support Dalton in addition to her own two children. She only reached grade 4, so finding a job has been difficult for her. Dalton also lives with his cousins Vincent (studying to become a lab technician at UNZA) and Jacqueline (starting grade 12).

### Dalton's Education:

#### **Primary - Mumana Basic School**

While at Mumana Basic School, Dalton was described as a very intelligent student who never disappointed his mother when it came to schoolwork. He maintained first or second position in class since he was in nursery school.

#### **At Ibex Hill Secondary School**

*Grade 8*

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Dalton continued to produce excellent results. He obtained high scores in his end of term tests. In term 1, he achieved the second position in his class with 478 overall points. In term two he maintained the second position, attaining 526 points.

## *Grade 9*

In grade 9, Dalton continued to rank at the top of his class, finishing in the top 3 students—in term 3, he was number 1 in his science class and number 2 in his math class.

## *Grade 10*

Though he had a tough start to the year, Dalton has worked very hard and has gotten his grades back up to where they usually are. He finished the term in 4<sup>th</sup> position in his class and earned top marks in physics/chemistry and history. Dalton continues to be a star athlete at Ibex, playing football and competing in track and field during Interhouse Athletics Days. He is hoping to continue improving during grade 11 and return to his normal self.

## *Grade 11*

Dalton has continued to search for his old academic stride in Grade 11. In Term 1 he achieved high marks, earning 5 A's and 1 B and rising to 3<sup>rd</sup> position in his class. His improvement wavered slightly in Term 2. His results were not as good and he dropped to 5<sup>th</sup> in his class. However, after an eye opening and educational trip to South Africa with the Grade 11's, he recommitted himself to achieving his past successes again. His Term 3 results remain to be seen but we are expecting marked improvement.

## Dalton's Interests:

Before enrolling at Ibex Hill Secondary School, Dalton enjoyed playing football, reading and watching movies. There are now some new additions to the list, and some great achievements as well.

Dalton is an active member of both the drama and scrabble clubs. In drama, they put together small sketches to perform which, according to Dalton, helps him improve his confidence and public speaking. While he sometimes becomes nervous performing in front of his classmates, he overcomes the fear and is proud of his past performances. In grade 8, he was captain of the under 13 boy's soccer team, scoring 12 goals in 10 matches. In grade 9, he continued to be a leader on the field—scoring goals in 2 out of every 3 games he played as a midfielder. He helped lead the Ibex Hill soccer team to the Independent Schools Association of Zambia cup. In grade 10,

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Dalton continued to perform on the athletic field. Some sports highlights for Dalton from grade 10 include participating in Interhouse Athletics, helping lead the Ibex team to the quarter finals at the volleyball festivals in Central Province, and scoring a goal to beat Created Crane Academy at the Lusaka Olympic Stadium.

During last year's August break he also had the opportunity to complete two separate work experience weeks, one at CIDRZ, a local health consultancy and research firm, and INZY, a hip, innovative photography studio.

## Community Service:

With the help of friends in his community, Dalton has started a football league. There are two teams—under 15 and under 11. Dalton coaches the under 11 team, organizing practices, working on foot skills and setting up games with other local teams. He says it has helped him to improve his leadership skills because the boys on his team truly look up to him. You can find him during the holidays on Kaunda Square Basic Ground, either on the side line coaching, or on the field, leading his team! Dalton is hoping to add two KF students, Joseph and Elijah, to his project.

## Career Interests:

Dalton is very sharp and wants to be a doctor or economist in the future. It upsets Dalton to see disabled children, and he hopes to focus on that practice when he is a doctor. His interest in economics is from a desire to help his country—"you get to know how to balance the economy."

## Dalton's Role Model:

Dalton looks up to Iwell, another KF student, as a model of hard-work and leadership. He admires that he is always willing to lend a helping hand, and Dalton always knows that when he needs advice, he can look to Iwell. "He is a good leader, he understands people, he is caring, and lastly and most important he is a great footballer."

## What others say of Dalton:

"Dalton is a cheerful young man who brings happiness to the family. Dalton's mother taught him the value of hard work and being respectful to everyone. He strongly upholds these values daily."

## Dalton's Thoughts:

"At Ibex I have become more social and learned to choose better friends, ones who don't drink but help me become a better person. I have learnt to be a responsible

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person and care for other people. K.F. has changed me to a better person who understands people and I have learnt to tell the truth.”