

# KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION

## Student Profile

Name: **Edna Phiri**

Gender: Female  
Date of Birth: 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1994  
Place of Birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Father: Mr. Phiri  
Profession: Businessman  
Mother: Mrs. Phiri  
Profession: Housewife

Primary School: Kaunda Square Basic

Secondary School: **Pestalozzi Education Centre**

2012 Level: **Grade 12**



### Family Background:

Edna used to live with her aunt and uncle who took over as Edna's guardians because Edna's father was unable to care for her. Edna has since moved back in with her parents. Her father is an informal businessman who brings in about K 800,000 a month. Her mother does not work. Mr. Phiri says that the help the family as received from KF has allowed them to better afford food and water and send the youngest son to a nursery school. The Phiris are also thinking of sending Edna's mother back to school to finish grade 12. Edna has two siblings, Manuel who is 7 and Dorcas who is 3. Edna still stays in touch with her aunt and uncle, but she is happy to be living back at home with her parents.

### Edna's Educational Background:

#### **Primary - Kaunda Square Basic School**

Despite her difficult background, Edna's academic performance at primary school was exceptional. Her teachers described her as intelligent and bright in her school reports. Her primary school teachers felt that behind her reserved personality was enormous academic potential that would be drawn out in a stable schooling environment.

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## At Ibex Hill Secondary School

### *Grade 8*

As predicted by her teachers in primary school, Edna fulfilled her potential in grade 8! She maintained the first and second positions in class in the various tests throughout the year.

### *Grade 9*

Edna found grade 9 to be a challenging year especially with added afternoon and weekend classes in preparation for her grade nine Zambian examinations. Edna, however, proved she was more than up for the challenge. She described the grade 9 Zambian examinations as fair and was proud of her outstanding results, attaining the second highest marks on the English section in her class.

#### Grade 9 Academic Achievements:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Position in Term 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in Term 2 and 3

### *Grade 10*

Edna has worked very hard during grade 10, earning the top spot in her class across terms one, two, and three. On her most recent grade report, Edna received top marks in four classes: maths, biology, physics/chemistry, and principles of accounts. She continues to excel in math and science and is hoping to keep improving in all of her subjects. At the graduation and prize-giving ceremony at the end of the year, Edna received prizes for the best overall student in grade 10 and the best student in French. She hopes to remain determined during grade 11 and sustain her impressive academic success.

### *Grade 11*

Edna's historic academic success has continued into Grade 11. She has come in 1<sup>st</sup> position in both Terms 1 and 2, earning 5 A's in both terms. She has established herself as a leader at Ibex Hill both in and out of the classroom. She is a school prefect as well as a KF prefect and continues to set a great example for the rest of the KF students.

#### Edna's Interests:

At Ibex Hill, Edna is active in sports and clubs. She is a defender on both the Ibex Hill basketball and soccer teams. Edna has also taken an interest in public speaking because of the debate club and scripture union. She feels that, through practice, she

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has become more confident in her speaking ability. In grade 9, she has added choir to her list of activities. She especially enjoys singing gospel songs with her classmates, worshipping god in concert with her peers.

## Role Model

“Dr. Phil is my role model because he believes that other people could be better if we only stretch our hands to them. He shows courage, confidence and braveness in making people’s lives better.

I also look up to my Auntie. She inspires me a lot because she is courageous and strong. She was sick for about four years but she was still strong and never gave up on what she wanted to do. She encourages me when I have a problem.”

## Career Interests:

Edna hopes to become an accountant and follow in the steps of her uncle. She is interested in accounting because of her love for mathematics.

## What others think of her:

Edna’s teachers have always been impressed with her quiet confidence and her dedication to her school work. According to them, Edna is a role model to her fellow students.

## Edna’s Thoughts

“From Kucetekela I have learnt to take responsibility and to mingle with other people and learn different values. I got an idea of what it feels to be loved and cared for by people who have a strong passion for your future. It has made me have thoughts of working to my best level so that in the future I could also help out those in need. I think of my KF scholars as brothers and sisters and students who really deserve to be in KF and who their parents are proud of for their hard work. KF has helped my family by removing the biggest burden that they had—that’s paying for my school fees.”