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Student Profile

Name: **Edson Tembo**

Gender: Male
Date of Birth: 16th January 1994
Place of Birth: Lusaka

Guardian: Mr. Tembo
Profession: Carpenter

Primary School: Ngwelele Basic School

Secondary School: **Chalo Trust School**

2012 Level: **Grade 11**



Family Background:

Edson once lived with his aunt Lines Phiri, in Chipata compound. He used to live with his mother in Petauke until she passed away. He then moved in with his father who had remarried. Feeling mistreated by his step mother, Edson informed his father that he would prefer to live with his mother's sisters. He has since moved back in with his father, who is currently on separation from his second wife. Mr. Tembo works as a carpenter, and is looking after three boys on his own. Rollings, Edson's oldest brother, was suspended just before finishing grade 12. His youngest brother is about to start grade 9. Edson is still very close with his aunt, saying that "she has always been very supportive and always there for me because she believes education is the best thing to do if someone wants to have a good future."

Edson's Educational Background:

Primary - Ngwelele Basic School

Edson began his education at Ngwelele Basic School, but moved to Petauke in grade three where he attended Ukwimi Middle Basic School. After his mother died he moved back to Lusaka and returned to Ngwelele to begin his grade five.

Edson was a young man who enjoyed education and understood its value in his life. He usually placed first in his class because studying was something he was more

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than willing to do. When he was not first in his class, he was among the top three. He lived in a house with no electricity, but that did not stop him from studying in the night. Just after supper if you happen to stop by his home, you would find Edson studying by candlelight.

At Chalo Trust School

Grade 8

Edson had no problem transitioning to Chalo Trust School—he placed first in his class in all three terms and was therefore awarded the prize for the most consistent student.

Grade 8 Academic Achievements:

- Term 1: Best overall results in Grade 8
- Best student in Information and Computing Technology for the year 2009
- Best student in Environmental Science for year 2009
- Most consistent student in Grade 8

Grade 9

Edson has continued to work hard and progress in grade nine. He currently sits at second position in his class, and received top grades in English, Maths, History, Civics, Religious Education, and Book Keeping. He has also continued to impress all on the field. He was very proud of a draw with Ibex Hill School in soccer, and received two awards at Interhouse Sports Day. Edson is also consistently involved in the Chalo Trust Talent show, an event he described as “very successful.” Edson is a sharp, witty, and genuinely helpful young man and exhibits a surprising level of maturity for his age. He recently sat for his grade nine national exams in November, and is confident that he will earn good results.

Grade 10

Edson has proven himself a serious and committed student at Chalo Trust School. He had an impressive Term 1 he can 2nd in his class with 2 A+'s, 4 A's and 1 B, and earned glowing praise from his teachers. One writes, “He has not relaxed, instead he has added more vigor in his work. This is how serious and focused students ought to behave.” He kept up the good work in Term 2, earning 3rd position in his class, again scoring over 500. He is looking to take over the top position in Term 3. He has received awards for his successes in running and is highly involved in extracurricular activities, including JETS club, ASAP and the school magazine. Edson also acted as student editor of the KF Mentor's Newsletter for Term 2. Recently, Edson was appointed as a Prefect at Chalo.

Edson's Interests:

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Edson plays football and volleyball. He loves listening to music and reading novels and school textbooks. He is so good at volleyball that his trainers would entrust him to referee the games at times. He is also a very responsible and determined player who can be counted upon to be a team leader. Edson has won numerous awards for his academic prowess. However, these talents are also complimented by his love for the performing arts—he loves music, drama, poetry, and debate. He excels in these activities because of his public speaking skills and ability to persuade. He is a leader both on the field and the stage.

Community Service:

Edson, in the position of Treasurer, and several other KF students, have been working on a service project entitled African Students Against Plastic (ASAP). The aim of the project is to spread awareness about environmental issues, especially climate change. This project has successfully surveyed Zambians about their plastic awareness, and has recently begun work on products made from recyclable materials and a book intended to spread awareness about environmental concerns.

Career Interest:

Edson wants to be an accountant once he has completed his studies. He is very strong in mathematics, and believes this will help him on his way to an accounting degree.

What others think of Edson:

“Edson is one of the most outstanding pupils in class. He has been doing very well in the weekend tests as well as the end of term tests. He has the ability to guide others, is hardworking and very cooperative.”

Edson’s Thoughts:

“KF came at just the right time and chose the right person (me) to be their student. KF has made me believe in myself that no matter what happens there is always something for you. They do things for me that not even my family can manage and are very supportive and encouraging. Being a KF member is not just about learning or going to a private school and so forth, it is about getting educated so that you can also reach others when you have finished school. “