

## Student Profile

Name: **Martinho Tembo**  
Gender: Male  
Date of Birth: 27<sup>th</sup> February 1995  
Place of Birth: Lusaka

Grandfather: Clement Mumba  
Profession: Retired  
Grandmother: Cecilia Mumba  
Profession: Retired

Primary School: Chibelo Basic School

Secondary School: **Pestalozzi Education Centre**

2012 Level: **Grade 11**



### Family Background:

Martinho was born when both his parents were still in school and were unable to take care of him. His mother and father are now both married to different people, and Martinho is being raised by his grandparents in Ibex Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Mumba are currently looking after five children, the youngest being 17 years of age, and the oldest being twenty-three years of age. As a retiree Mr. Mumba gets K212, 000.00 a month which isn't adequate funding for all their needs. Luckily, he is able to supplement his income with some rental houses and the pension of his wife. Mr. Mumba also has a heart condition which requires him to go to the doctor frequently. With all of these challenges Mr. Mumba encourages his grandchildren to work hard and develop their talents. His own words about Martinho were, "I feel he is very bright and adventurous. He is an entrepreneur."

### Martinho's Education:

#### **Primary - Chibelo Basic School**

Martinho began his primary at Nyawas Academy and then moved to Chibelo. Generally Martinho placed amongst the top six pupils in class until grade five, when he began to place first more consistently.

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## **At Ibx Hill**

### *Grade 8*

In grade 8 Martinho immediately showed that he had the potential to become a top student. When struggling, he spoke up to get extra help from his teachers and classmates in order so that he could take advantage of the opportunity afforded to him.

#### Grade 8 Achievements:

- First position at the end of term three
- Elected to dorm captain

### *Grade 9*

Martin has grown into a confident, mature, and incredibly intelligent young man at Ibx Hill. This is most evident in his continuously impressive marks. At the end of term one, Martin finished at the top of his class with top marks in seven subjects! Martin struggled with an eye ulcer throughout much of term three, visiting the eye hospital on numerous occasions and needing to take several weeks off from school. However, at the end of the year, Martin received an award for second position in the grade nine class. This is a clear sign of Martin's will and determination as a student. He has also become a role model for the younger students, particularly those in KF, who describe him as "inspiring." Martin completed his national grade 9 exams in November, and is expecting impressive results. His teachers describe him as a very intelligent and dedicated student, and expect him to continue excelling during grade 10.

### *Grade 10*

Martinho has had a spectacular year so far at Ibx Hill. Academically he has established himself as consistently ranking in the top three of his class. In Term 1 he received 6 A's and 2 B's and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> position in his class. Not satisfied with those results, he buckled down and in Term 2 he received straight A's and came 1<sup>st</sup> in his class. His teachers see his performance as "excellent" and he has earned a reputation as a well-spoken and respectful young man.

## Martinho's Interests

### *Extracurricular Interests*

At school, Martinho plays football and tennis. He also participates in cross-country. Martin is referred to as the "best goalkeeper for the junior classes" and also recently came out third in cross country. Martinho enjoys farming in his free time. He tends a crop

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maize and he takes care of chickens and talents. “It is my talent—they are very productive.”

Off the field Martinho continues to participate in the wildlife conservation club. The club deals with the protection of animals threatened with extinction or poaching. Martinho said he plans to continue with the club because of how it relates to his future career as a veterinarian.

## Career Interest:

Martinho would like to study to be an animal doctor and is especially interested in conservation. He was able to spend a day shadowing his mentor, a veterinarian, where he held a dog as the doctor stitched a wound. He said the most important thing he learned is that you should never let go of the animal when you are treating it. The visit further confirmed to him that he wanted to work with animals, and he hopes to go back for another visit in the future.

## Martinho's Role Model

Martinho looks up to his grandfather. “His life has been a success and he is the one who is encouraging me and makes me see my potential, my educational potential. He has travelled to many countries, England for three years, the U.S. for two years, and Japan to study engineering.” Martinho also admires Iwell because of his academic and sports achievements. Martinho remarked, “Iwell inspires me because he believes that we can do what we set out mind to, he sets goals and does it, like finishing as the highest student in grade 9.”

## Martinho's Thoughts

“KF is a very kind organization in the sense that it helps children who are not only vulnerable, but are also vulnerable in health. It makes me want to be things I only dreamed of, taking me to the best schools in the country. Kucetekela is the best thing that has happened in my life, and I hope that I will do the same great things that KF did for me for other children.