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## Student Profile

Name: **Penius Mumba**

Gender: Male  
Date of birth: 10th June 1993  
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother: Febby Mwale  
Profession: Cleaner at a local restaurant  
Father: Deceased

Primary School: Chibelo Basic School

Secondary School: **Ibex Hill Secondary School**

2011 Grade Level **Grade 12**



### Family Background:

Penius' mother has persevered through many challenges to provide her children with opportunities. Ms. Mwale's mother died when she was very young. She then stayed with her father until he died when she was 18 years old. No one was around to take care of her, and she dropped out of school before the end of Grade 9. She did not write her Grade 9 exams and started looking for work instead.

Ms. Mwale has been employed irregularly since that time and she been everything from a maid to a cleaner at a local restaurant. She has three children; Nora, the first born, is 19 and just finished grade 12, Penious, who is 17, and Dina, who is 14 and starting grade 8 next year. Though she is an incredibly hardworking woman, Penious's mother has struggled to provide for her family. Penious's father is not involved in the lives of his children. Luckily, she said that KF has helped her to pay for the education of her other children, who are all bright.

### Penius' Educational Background:

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

Penius earned an outstanding academic record in primary school. He attended Chibelo School since Grade 1 and earned the first position in every single year.

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## **At Ibex Hill Secondary School**

### *Grade 8*

Penius continued to value the importance of a good education. At Ibex Hill his favorite subject switched to science, but he still did his best to apply an equal amount of effort in all the subjects he was taking.

### *Grade 9*

In grade 9 Penius increased in his confidence and developed a very competitive edge. He is constantly strove to earn the best grades possible, usually passing with top marks in most of his subjects.

### *Grade 10*

Penius finished his grade 10 year with outstanding results because he made academics his first priority. He placed second in his class earning 8 points, which means he achieved above 85% in 8 of his 9 classes. He was also awarded the honor of most disciplined student at Ibex's prize giving day.

### *Grade 11*

Penius has continued to impress his teachers and classmates during grade 11. He has remained at third position in class across all three terms and has excelled in all areas of study. He is a well-rounded student, a confident and eloquent speaker, and an exceptionally hard worker. He has also become a very strong writer, often talking about his love for using "evocative language" in his writing. Penius has really enjoyed acting as a Religious and Library Prefect at Ibex, which has allowed him to gain valuable leadership skills. At the end of the year, Penius received awards for best in French and library practice. A mature, thoughtful, and serious student, Penius is working hard to prepare for the essential national exams at the end of next year.

### *Grade 12*

Penius started his final year at Ibex Hill on a high note, earning 5 A's and glowing praise from his teachers. 5<sup>th</sup> position in his class was not up to his standards however, so the following term he redoubled his academic efforts. His hard work really showed in his Term 2 results. With 6 A's and 1<sup>st</sup> position in his class, it really was a spectacular term for Penius, and an encouraging last display before his National Exams in Term 3.

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## Penius' Interests:

Penius is also very active in sports, playing volleyball, football, basketball, and cricket. He is also a member of the Jets club in which students practice math and science. He joined Jets because he likes to be creative and is motivated by the competition within the group. He also participates in chess club.

A devout Jehovah's Witness, Penius was elected to serve as a religious prefect for grade 11 and 12. His responsibilities include organizing religious studies, planning religious trips, and coordinating with the local church. He says, "I have a strong belief in Christianity and it is my first priority." He is looked up to as a spiritual leader amongst his classmates. Penius also likes to exercise his creativity by writing poems and other short stories outside of class.

## Community Service

For community service, Penius teaches French at an orphanage and a local women's project. He is hoping to improve this project during the December break and over the course of next year."

## Career Interests:

His goal in life is to become an engineer.

"I did my work experience at Toyota Zambia. I learnt a great deal of things ranging from what services take place to who does what in Toyota Zambia. But the most important thing I learnt is something that had been near me but I didn't open my eyes to see it. This is something to do with our ambitions. I learnt that our goals should bring us contentment and not riches. We should be happy to enjoy what we have."

Penius also hopes to make religion an essential component of his life, no matter what career he chooses. He plans on spreading the word of Christ throughout the rest of his life.

## Penius's Role Model:

Penius has two role models. The first is his mother. "She has inspired me with her determination and effort." The second is Jesus Christ. Penius strives to imitate his example everyday, to be selfless and caring to others.

## What the teachers think of Penius:

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Penius's teachers have always considered him a focused, disciplined, and serious student, with a unique level of maturity and depth for his age.

## Penius's Thoughts

"I have enjoyed, I am enjoying and I hope to enjoy all the opportunities that I have been given. I have enjoyed the services that KF provides. I really appreciate the KF sponsorship, and even though my words cannot match my feelings, all I will say and continue to say is thank you for making my life easier."

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