

Meet Leah Mtindya



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Profile	
Name	Leah Mtindya
Birthday	July 5, 2003
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Misisi Compound
Guardian's Name	Rotyeya Simutindya (grandmother)
Guardian's Profession	Does not work
Primary School	St. Lawrence Primary School
Secondary School	Chalo Trust School
2019 Grade Level	Grade 10

Leah's Family

Leah stays with her grandmother and five cousins in her grandmother's home in Misisi Compound. Her grandmother does not work, but Leah sells groundnuts every day after school in order to help support her family. Therefore, Leah plays a big role in keeping the family sustained. Her parents are divorced and unable to care for her. Leah also has a brother and sister who do not stay with Leah and her grandmother. Only one of the cousins in Leah's grandmother's house is in school, due to lack of school fees.

Leah's Educational Background

For primary school, Leah attended St. Lawrence Primary School. Over the last few terms in primary school, she had come in number one and two. Her favorite subjects are English and Mathematics, and she was class monitor, helping her teachers to control the classroom.

Grade 8

Since starting school at Chalo Trust, Leah has begun to fit in nicely. In Term I, she scored 526 out of 600 points, followed by a score of 524 points in Term II, both earning her the third position in her class. In Term III, she maintained her excellent scores and earned 532 out of 600 points. Her favorite subjects continue to be English and Mathematics, and her teachers comment that she is an incredibly smart and focused student. She also offers constructive suggestions to her peers, which has enhanced their work and earned them higher marks.

Grade 9

In Terms I and II, Leah continued to reach her goal of scoring above score 500 points, earning 512 points in Term I and 507 points in Term II. Her teachers describe her as a “highly academic girl” as she has maintained her high-class performance.

Leah’s Extracurricular Interests

In primary school, Leah enjoyed singing at church in the choir and in the Interchoir Fellowship and Empowerment. She also organized her fellow choir members. Leah joined several choir groups at Chalo, including the school and church choir, and the singing group called the Singing Stars. In Grade 8, she led the school choir in the *Zambian National Anthem* during the annual Chalo Trust Talent Show, which then earned her a position as the worship leader in the school choir. Leah says that singing is one of her favorite activities because it makes her feel safe, and brings happiness to her if she is ever feeling sad.

Leah is also very active at Chalo, and is involved in different athletic events, such as football, netball, and running and field events. In Grade 9, she also became involved in the Community Service and Conservation Club, and earned herself a position as the club secretary. Through KF she has fostered a passion for giving back to different communities, and she is excited to have taken on a leadership role in this capacity.

Leah’s Thoughts

Leah used to want to become a journalist, because she is interested in things happening around the world and wants to inform people regarding events in and out of Zambia. However, after excelling in courses such as Mathematics and Business Studies, Leah is now thinking about Accounts because one day she wants to run her own company. She is also eager to learn more about how to manage business finances. Additionally, she would also like to improve her community by one day helping to create better sanitation and housing infrastructure because there are poor hygiene practices in the area around her home.