

Meet Nchimunya Mukuwa



Profile	
Name	Nchimunya Mukuwa
Birthday	May 15, 2001
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Jack
Father's Name	Deceased
Mother's Name	Deceased
Guardian's Name	Brighton (Brother)
Guardian's Profession	Music Teacher
Primary School	Lilayi Primary School
Secondary School	Chalo Trust School
2020 Grade Level	Grade 12

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Nchimunya's Family

Nchimunya lives in Jack compound with his four older brothers. Both of Nchimunya's parents passed away in 2015, leaving the oldest brother, Brighton, who is 22, to care for his younger brothers. Brighton learned to play trumpet at church, and is sometimes able to teach music lessons. He says that it has been a real struggle to find enough food for his brothers. Nchimunya's older sister who doesn't stay with the brothers sometimes buys them food.

Nchimunya's Educational Background

Nchimunya went to Lilayi Primary School for Grade 7 and travelled very far each morning to make it to school. He performed very well in his academics, often finishing as one of the best students in his class. He was a prefect, which shows the respect he earned from his teachers.

Grade 8

Nchimunya started at Chalo Trust School on a positive note, and one of his teachers says that if he continues to do well, he is guaranteed to have good results in the long run. Nchimunya got 487 out of 600 marks and attained the fifth position in a class of seventeen in the first

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term. In the second term, he raised his results to 515 out of 600 marks and moved to position four. In Term III, Nchimunya got 465 out of 600 and was ranked fourth in class.

Grade 9

Nchimunya got 476 out of 600 marks and attained fourth position, maintaining his ranking from last year. He then attained the same marks during Term II, which moved him up to third position in his class. Nchimunya has been enjoying business studies, because the calculations are clear and he does well. He also loves his music class and looks forward to learning the cello in the coming terms. As Nchimunya continues to prepare for his National Exams, he wants to focus his efforts in studying English and Computer Studies. In Term III, he improved his scores and earned 496 on his National Exams.

Grade 10

In Term I, Nchimunya improved on his scores from Grade 9 and earned 499 out of 600 points. He also earned distinctions in Physics, Commerce, Computer Science, Geography, and Biology. In Term II, he scored 484 points with 5 distinctions in Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and English. His teachers say Nchimunya is a very focused and intelligent student. His favorite subject this year was Physics because it deals with calculations, and he is fascinated by “how everything in the world around us involves Physics”.

Grade 11

In Grade 11, Nchimunya self-reported challenges in Business Studies and ICT. He almost dropped but found the endurance to continue studying. He enjoys both Chemistry and Biology. In Term I, he scored 473 out of 600 points. He passed first in his class and received acknowledgements from the school principal on his academic strength. In Term II, his grades dropped slightly as he scored 424 out of 600 points. He was encouraged by school staff to pursue balance as he performed well in Biology and Chemistry, while the remaining subjects were not given attention.

Nchimunya’s Extracurricular Interests

At Chalo Trust School, Nchimunya takes part in JETS where he develops and presents science projects. In Grade 10, he became the secretary of the club. Nchimunya also does athletics, basketball and football. He took part in the ISAZ competition and was awarded one medal and two certificates by his school.

He is also in Expressive Art Club where he sings, drums, acts and even draws. Nchimunya enjoyed the singing part of the Expressive Art Club so much that he decided to start a singing group, called the Singing Stars, in which they perform at different events. He is also part of the school choir, the Treasured Vessels, and has a leadership position in Scripture Union where he is a song leader and in charge of the music. Nchimunya is very passionate about music and singing. At the school’s talent show in July 2018, Nchimunya performed Hallelujah by Michael W. Smith. And on this same day, he was elected as one of the school’s prefects. He is enjoying this position so far because it is teaching him how to become a good leader, and he is learning a lot from his fellow prefects when they meet and discuss how to better manage their tasks.

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In November 2019, his responsibilities intensified when he was elected as Chalo Head Boy. He is eager to fulfill his new duties with excellence.

In August 2019, he was one of three KF students selected to attend the Stanford Pre-Collegiate International Summer Institute. While there, he connected with high schoolers from all over the world. Since then, Nchimunya has developed a new interest in coding and neuroscience. He has been working with his peers to learn Java coding and is looking into career options in neuroscience.

Outside of school, he has enjoyed discovering new musical artists like Todd Dulaney and Khalid over the past year.

Nchimunya's KF Involvement

This past August, Nchimunya did his work experience at Bongohive Tech Company. While there he gained valuable experience working on the computer as a software engineer, and he learned how to code, how to build a website, and how to engage as a website developer. Nchimunya was really excited about this because they added Information, Communication, and Technology to their syllabus at school this year, so he felt very prepared.

This past Term holiday, Nchimunya, along with fellow Grade 11 KF colleagues Peter Sichona, Teresa Phiri, and Timothy Chibinda, began a group called Children's World Movement. It is a community service group and Nchimunya is one of the representatives. Throughout their holiday, they visited orphanages and taught the children about the principles and importance of education, and worked to develop talents. Nchimunya is excited to keep up this project on his next Term holiday.

Honors, Awards, Certificates:

- Cross country gold medal – 2017
- "Best Instrumentalist" – 2017
- Chalo Head Boy – 2019
- "Mr. Chalo" – 2019
- Zambia Model United Nations Participation Certificate – 2019
- "Best Presenter" Stanford International Summer Institute – 2019
- Chairperson, Treasured Vessels – 2019
- Chairperson, Scripture Union – 2019

Nchimunya's Thoughts

Nchimunya's interests have evolved, but he now wants to work in neuroscience or Information Technology. After his work experience placement at startup accelerator BongoHive, he has seen how IT can make social impact. At the start of secondary school, he hoped to become a doctor. He wanted to build a community hospital in Jack so that people can seek emergency care right in the compound.

For Grade 12, Nchimunya's goals are to fully participate in all Chalo activities (besides drama) and all KF activities. He is looking forward to writing his national exams and believes that he will prepare well and plans to encourage his peers to do the same.

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Nchimunya does his best in his endeavors because he says, “I don’t want to let KF down.” Being in KF has taught him to work hard in order to achieve what he wants. He says thank you to KF for the support that it has given to him and his family. Nchimunya appreciates having been taken to a prestigious school like Chalo where he has been able to hone his musical and leadership skills. He is grateful that KF does not just sponsor children in secondary school, but “they really take care of us and develop us into leaders.”