



Watu News

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AT LAST! FORMS 1 TO VI AT WATU SECONDARY. MANY CONGRATULATIONS

It is with enormous pleasure and pride that we can announce that WATU Secondary School now has a full complement of students from Form I to Form VI.

This is a remarkable achievement and is due to the determination and perseverance of the school administrators, the teachers and all WATU's many supporters worldwide. Who would have thought, when those first few Form VI students arrived in 2012 that less than six years later the school would have expanded so successfully?

The school population is now as shown on the right.

Form	Number of Students
Form 1	43
Form 2	33
Form 3	42
Form 4	34
Form 5	14
Form 6	11
TOTAL	177

THIS IS WHAT OUR NEW FORM 1 STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE SCHOOL:

- "The school is known for its excellent academic performance and I came here because I want to be successful."
- "The food is good and enough."
- "Teachers and the schools administration involve us in matters which concern us as students."
- "Teachers are willing to help - even for slow learners"
- "Visits by students from other schools (local and foreign) with whom we share discussions and establish friendship."
- "Freedom of worship."
- "Excellent, beautiful and quiet environment."

WSS MAINTAINS ITS HIGH ACADEMIC PROFILE



Since the last edition of the WATU Newsletter in November 2016 the school's academic results in its public examinations have maintained the high levels that we have come to expect.

Of the eleven students taking their A Level mock examinations in Geography, History, General Studies, English, Kiswahili and Economics: **3 scored Division One and 8 scored Division 2.** These results are highly creditable but all students are working with their tutors with the objective of either consolidating their division ones or moving from division two to division one. We are all confident of their success. WSS was ranked 9th out of 66 schools in the Northern Region.

Of the 40 students who took their end of Form 2 public examination **9 obtained div 1, 13 obtained div 2, 14 obtained div 3 and 4 obtained div 4.** An analysis of these results showed that those students who scored divisions 3 and 4 joined WSS only in Form 2; that is to say, they

had not had the advantage of a Form 1 WSS preparation. As with their form 6 colleagues all these students will be working hard to improve their scores in Forms 3 and 4.

Also very satisfying are the results of the Form 4 re-sitters. These are students who either have been admitted into A Level studies on the basis that they will work during their final two years on acquiring their missing O level credits, or students who have been admitted from the public schools after having failed to obtain sufficient credits. The principle here is that WSS believes in these students and gives them every chance to obtain the credits necessary to proceed to the next level of education. Over the past few years this policy has been spectacularly successful and continued in 2016: **of 15 students 11 succeeded in obtaining the credits required for A level studies and 4 will be allowed to enter the A Level course so long as they continue to work towards obtaining their credits.**

NEW TEACHERS AT WSS

WATU Secondary School is very pleased to welcome two new teachers who started work in January 2017:

Happiness Atanasio (B.Ed) Mwenge Catholic University, Moshi, teaching Civics, General Studies and Kiswahili.

Matthew Temba, (Diploma in Education, BA. Education) Dar-es-Salaam. Mathew brings 15 years of teaching experience from one of the best schools in the region. He is teaching Physics and Chemistry

In addition the school has welcomed four young men from Don Bosco Seminary for three months of teacher training.

Emmanuel Simon Mbiko is from South Sudan and teaches History, **Johnbosco Makao Wambua** is from Kenya and teaches Chemistry, **Lawrence Michael** is Tanzanian and teaches Biology and **Andrew Phiri** is from Zambia and teaches English. It is a reflection of the high quality of the teaching professionals at WSS that Don Bosco Training College chooses our school to train its teachers.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In the November 2016 Newsletter we reported on where our graduating students of 2014/2015 and 2016 are now. To that list we can add:

Beatrice Mwacha

(2016), Division Two: (BA Education,) Mwenge Catholic University, Moshi

Geofrey Japhet

(2016), Division Two: (BA Transportation,) National Institute of Transport

Fadhili Mbonea

(2016), Division Two: (BA Education,) Eckenford University, Tanga

Seleman Zacharia

(2016), Division Two: (BA Transportation) National Institute of Transport





EDITORIAL

As we pass the milestone of full occupancy at WATU Secondary School the main objective now shifts to ensuring that the finances of the school are stable.

It is an enormous responsibility to be educating more than 170 young people, paying the salaries of more than a dozen members of staff and maintaining and developing the physical infrastructure of the school.

The most efficient way forward is to find a balance between donations and fees paid by the families of students at the school. The aim of WATU Secondary School is to facilitate

the education of academically able but financially struggling students; therefore, to expect all students to pay full fees would run counter to our mission statement. And yet donors cannot be expected to foot the entire bill – which is now considerable.

In the next newsletter we will be describing this balance. In the meantime the students and teachers at WATU Secondary School at Shiri Mgunani thank all their supporters very sincerely for their donations and invite you to come to visit our beautiful school under the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

-- By Richard Heery

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN GRADUATE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



On 1st December 2016 eleven of our oldest pupils in the Kindergarten graduated to Primary School. The ceremony was held at school and all the children were proud to receive their certificates. Many parents attended and all were very happy with the excellent work of the Montessori kindergarten which is now in its eighth year.

On-going Needs. Can you Help?

If you know people who would like to support us the following specifics might be useful as guidelines:



Food for one student for one year: \$220

Urgently needed classroom: \$12,500



One teacher's salary: \$4,000



Sponsorship of a student for one year: \$800

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS:

Dear Friend!

Hollow! I hope that you are doing great in all sphere, on my side am very cool! Am requesting to be with friend in you school. Am Glory Ndossy from Tanzania and a form six student schooling at WATU secondary. I am the second out of three children. I live in Moshi at Kilimanjaro region completing form six on May 2nd, where I will be heading to university if God wishes. My hobbies are chatting, reading, playing and listening music.

My best action is smiling and laughing the whole time. My ambition is to become an airhostress or modelling but I also appreciate to be an entrepreneur once I complete my studies officially. I will be much appreciate to hear more from you and to share a lot of staffs in both social and academic sector. I am taking HGL means History, Geography and Language but much interested in Language and Geography.

I do hope that I will get a chatpal at your school. I will be very happy since we will share a lot of staffs together. I am wishing you best of lucks at your studies and hope to hear from you soon before may 2nd.

Kindly says,
Glory Ndossy!

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Glory Ndossy



Mariam Mchelo



Dear Friend!

I hope that you are doing finr, am also fine too. Am Marriamu A Mchelo a form six student at WATU secondary school. My combination is HKL means History, Kiswahili and Language. I enjoyed much studying Kiswahili and Language.

But within this year I complete my studies on 2nd of May, 2017. After that I will go back to my result. Am living in Tanzania at Tanga region with my family. Am fithy out of five children, we are three girls and two boys.

The aim of this letter is that am looking for a friend to chart with. So I will be happy to chart with you. Not only that but also I would like to tell my hobbies are charting, eating, reading, music, plenting the hair and watching. Also my ambition is to become a lawyer or journalist not only that but also am appreciate to be a judge.

I do hope that we will share a lot of study and other social issue concine about your country and my country before the day I will leave at WATU School. I hope to hear you so before that date.

Yours In Education.
Mariamu Mchelo

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On behalf of the students and teachers at WATU Secondary School we would like to thank the following for their generous support since our last Newsletter in November 2016:

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A special thanks to an ex volunteer, Manuela Baechler and family, for their visit and for bringing with them laptop computers donated by Infotheek of Holland.

"We were warmly welcomed by Josiah, the school staff and all the students. It was great to see that all my students are doing well! My parents and my brother really appreciated visiting the school and learning about it."

Thanks also to Henrik and Linda Svennas and Hannu Ryoopponen who also visited and took with them laptops donated by Infotheek. A thank you also to The Britain-Tanzania Society for printing the article on WATU Secondary School in their January 2017 edition. And as always sincere thanks to Christabel Spong for her invaluable assistance with this newsletter.



Fundraising

.Champex-Lac Apartment for Rent. ALL FUNDS GO TO WATU

Help WATU and take a holiday or a weekend break in the Swiss Alps

Available for rent in the small resort of Champex-Lac is a comfortable, fully equipped, one bed-roomed apartment with a sofa bed in the living room to allow sleeping for four. Cleaning, towels and linen included.

Week rental: 300chf Weekend Friday to Sunday: 100chf

Contact for more information:

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Pontus Wallsten's Plants

Flame trees, baobab and jacaranda seeds, unusual bulbs e.g. hymenocallis littoralis and habranthus pedunculoe, are for sale and profits go to Watu.

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