

## Welcome to the Autumn 2010 edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

### StareheFuture receives a Special Visitor from SGC...

This month we received a very special visit from none other than Starehe Girls' Centre's first student – Mary Mwende, who now studies Finance at the American University of Dubai. Mary very kindly spent two days of her holiday helping out in the Appeal office, learning about how the UK charity works and putting her hand to some Trust Applications for us. Mary also wrote a little about her time at SGC:

*My name is Mary Mwende. I was the first student to get into Starehe Girls' Centre: I am File #001. My time in Starehe Girls' Centre has been transforming and life-changing. I went there as a tiny girl with no clear definition of what the future held, but I came out a young lady with a great vision and hope for a bright future. We fight against poverty, difficulty and all odds; we make it because along the way we found Starehe to prop us up. Organisations have supported us in many great ways, and my dream is and has always been to help a needy girl or boy. This is the dream shared by the StareheFuture Appeal. To extend a sign of kindness to Starehe is a worthwhile investment from the heart!*

### Summer-Term Fundraising at Benenden School bears fruit!

A huge thank you goes out to the girls of Benenden School who very generously dedicated the fruits of their summer-term fundraising efforts to StareheFuture. This consisted of a spare change collection at the school's Speech Day service, where The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster Abbey, addressed the girls and their parents. The Dean spoke of his time at Starehe, where he volunteered during a year out between School and University, and where he says he was particularly inspired by Dr Geoffrey Griffin, Starehe's founding father. We are particularly grateful to two girls - Fiona Grant and Sarah Raffan - who sold refreshments during their breaks from lessons, donating all profits to Starehe. Altogether the girls

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SGC Alumna Mary Mwende spends some time in the StareheFuture Appeal office



Benenden students; Annabel Lee, Natasha Macgregor, Fiona Grant, Sarah Raffan and Nicole Kiang, with former SBC Captain, David Munene and Starehe Appeal staff, Lisa Robinson and Lucy Fisher

raised a fantastic £1,015, a superb amount which could buy shorts and t-shirts for each student to participate in P.E.! We are extremely grateful to all who took part and we hope their example will lead the way for other schools to fundraise for Starehe too!

### **Starehe turns 51 years and counting**

The 51st Anniversary of Starehe's founding was celebrated on 17th July at the Boys' Centre, with inspiring speeches from the Director and musical performances by students. An impressive attendance by staff, students and alumni marked this very important annual event, along with a number of friends and admirers of Starehe who came along to celebrate – those present numbered more than 2,000 in total!

As we look back on the progress Starehe has made during the 51 years since its founding, we also look forward to the year ahead, which promises the completion of a number of exciting infrastructure projects, such as the renovation of the music building at Starehe Boys' Centre, kindly funded by the Umbrella Tree Trust, and the completion of a bore hole at Starehe Girls' Centre. Such significant improvements to the day-to-day running of both Centres will allow the schools to continue to fulfil their own potential – and that of their students – for years to come.

### **Ex-Shell staff celebrate fundraising success at Shell Centre**

On 30th June StareheFuture was given the opportunity to hold a drinks reception at Shell Centre to thank a group of ex-Shell staff members for their marvellous efforts in fundraising for Starehe. The 'Jambo Starehe' Consortium, organised by Glyn Halliday, is made up of former Shell employees, many of whom were previously based in Kenya or East Africa. The consortium members raised a fantastic £16,000 among them, which will endow one place at Starehe Girls' Centre in perpetuity. Sir Bob Reid, former Chairman of Shell UK and a committed supporter of StareheFuture, thanked those gathered on behalf of Shell and Starehe, and expressed his delight at how much had been raised.

### **A trip down memory lane...**

In August, two Starehe UK Trustees, Dr Lawrence Mbugua and Mr John Rushton, took time out from their busy schedules to make a trip to Kenya, meeting with the schools' Directors and gaining an insight into the progress of infrastructure projects that UK donors have generously supported. John Rushton was a volunteer at Starehe Boys'



President Kibaki presents students with an award at Founder's Day 2010.



Glyn Halliday says a few words at the Jambo Starehe thank you reception



Starehe Founder Professor Gikubu (left) and alumnus Dr Mbugua meet again!

Centre in the late 1960s, and Dr Mbugua is a Starehe alumnus (File #5947). John spent much of the week trying to glean information about Lawrence's time at Starehe from his old teachers who remembered him as 'trouble' – but their lips were sealed! It was a long overdue reunion between Lawrence and his old teachers, and in particular with one of the three founding members, Mr Joseph Gikubu (pictured, right).

### **Royal visit at State House for President's Award Prize Giving ceremony**

In September 39 SBC students attended State House, the President's official residence, for the President's Award prize giving ceremony. This, Kenya's equivalent to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, presents young people with Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for the successful completion of orienteering, survival and conservation challenges, with the aim of equipping 14-25 year olds with life skills that go beyond the academic realm.

Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, was present at State House for the Awards ceremony and, in his capacity as Chair of the International Awards Council, expressed his admiration for those who had taken part. President Kibaki, as Patron of the President's Award, presented the high-achieving youngsters with their Awards.

SBC has excelled in the President's Award, consistently winning more Gold Awards than any other participating school, and SGC aims to match this success by running an extremely active and popular President's Award scheme of their own. Our congratulations go to all those Stareheans celebrating their recent success!

On behalf of the Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres, StareheFuture would like to thank you for your support during the last three months of the Appeal

**Please do get in touch if you would like one of our schools of fundraising packs!**

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Prince Edward meets Starehe students at State House

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