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Welcome to the Summer 2011 edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

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Westminster Abbey Drinks Reception



The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, the Dean of Westminster and a former volunteer at Starehe Boys' Centre in the 1960s, kindly hosted a drinks reception at Westminster Abbey for current and prospective StareheFuture supporters in March 2011. Guests had the opportunity to attend Sung Evensong and enjoy the full glory of Westminster Abbey, from exclusive seats right next to the world-renowned choir in heart of the Abbey. Guests then moved to the Jerusalem Chamber, a stunning 12th Century room in the private quarters of the Deanery.

During this reception, Dean Hall regaled guests with tales of his days at Starehe Boys' Centre. After the drinks reception, guests were taken on a private bespoke tour of the Abbey by Dean Hall during which he unearthed some of the Abbey's secrets. Many thanks to Dean Hall for his generosity.

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Starehe Girls' Centre Thanksgiving Day and Feuer Citizenship Prize Winner



The guest of honour at this year's annual Starehe Girls' Centre 'Thanksgiving Day', Mr. Jonathan Feuer, presented the winner of the Feuer Citizenship Prize to Lavender Birike Otieno, a Form Four student. The Feuer Citizenship Prize is awarded each year to the pupil who best embodies the qualities and spirit of citizenship. The winner receives a total of four years sponsorship, with 1 year earmarked for the first year of their tertiary education.

The voting process is free and fair and is run by the students. The prize educates the girls about democratic values and improves discipline in the school as all girls vie for this great award. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Feuer for their commitment and support.

"The entire Starehe Girls' fraternity remains sincerely thankful to the Feuer family for introducing this award. It is proving to be very educative to the students especially on democracy." (Agnes Kavilla Starehe Girls' Centre, School Captain 2010)

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KPMG Reception



Lord Hastings with representatives from Aggreko, ASDA Foundation, Dulverton Trust, Energy Institute, HSBC, IPL, Premier League Shell, Reed Elsevier ©Roger Harris

Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick kindly hosted a drinks reception at KPMG International to thank some of the corporate donors that have supported the StareheFuture Appeal.

Lord Hastings took the opportunity to announce the fantastic news that KPMG Kenya has pledged to sponsor

10 students at the Starehe Centres - 5 girls and 5 boys from January 2012. Each student will be sponsored for four years each by a business unit at KPMG Kenya, as well as benefitting from mentoring and internships at KPMG.

The Chief Executive of KPMG East Africa, Josphat Mwaura, a former Starehe student, is yet another shining example of a Starehe alumnus transforming the face of Kenya. StareheFuture would like to take this opportunity to thank Lord Hastings and KPMG for their commitment and support.

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StareheFuture Ladies Lunch in aid of the Starehe Girls' Centre



Quince chefs at work ©Roger Harris

The May Fair Hotel generously hosted a fundraising Ladies Lunch in aid of Starehe Girls' Centre at their brand new restaurant Quince on 29th June 2011.

The event was a huge success and raised over £6,500, which will go towards funding a lifetime scholarship at Starehe Girls' Centre; this will enable generations of bright, but financially disadvantaged girls in Kenya to benefit from a life-changing secondary education.

Cassandra Jardine, an award-winning journalist at the Daily Telegraph was our guest of honour and, having visited both Starehe Centres in 2009, she was able to entertain guests with her Starehe experiences.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Quince and The May Fair Hotel who made the lunch possible, in particular Chef Patron, Silvena Rowe; Restaurant Manager, Kate MacWhirter and the owners of the May Fair Hotel, Mr and Mrs Jasminder Singh for their generosity. For further information about the event, please visit the [Quince Blog](#)

StareheFuture would also like to thank the companies and individuals who kindly donated prizes for the raffle and silent auction at the Ladies Lunch.

Amishi Bags by Amishi Ezra, Bikram Yoga London, CISCO, Cocoa Box, Floatworks, IE Music, Jooal International, Juice Brewery, London RIB Voyages, Lonely Planet, National Theatre and Shell, Quince Restaurant, Scottish Enterprise, Silvena Rowe, Smithfield Bar and Grill, The Jam Collection

Tree Pub, Chelsea, The Speed Reading Coach, Vintage Secrets by Naomi Thompson, Zanzibar Collection

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'Pick our bouquet, and plant a future'



During the month of July, the StareheFuture Appeal benefitted from the Next flowers' 'charity bouquet of the month'. 10% of the retail price of each bouquet sold was donated to Starehe. Proceeds raised from the 'pick our bouquet and plant a future' campaign will go towards a lifetime scholarship for a bright, but underprivileged girl at the Starehe Girls' Centre.

So far over 1,000 bouquets have been sold and we hope to raise around £5,000 from this campaign.

To all those who supported us by purchasing the Starehe bouquet and/or spreading the word to colleagues, family members and friends, thank you ever so much.

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Starehe Boys' Centre Founders Day



The 16th of July marked the 52nd anniversary since the opening of the Starehe Boys' Centre by Mr Joseph Gikubu, the late Dr Geoffrey Griffin and Mr Geoffrey Gethuro. The guest of honour at Founders Day this year was Professor George Magoha, eminent urologist, Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi and Starehe alumnus.

Some notable achievements over the last year include 3 Starehe Boys' Centre students emerged first in the Kenya Youth Chess Championships in the under 14, under 16 and under 18 categories. They will represent Kenya and Starehe at the World Youth Chess Championships in Brazil later this year.

Due to their academic excellence Starehe Boys' Centre graduates have received 13 full university scholarships to top American universities, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Howard.

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Oil Aid Football Tournament



In May 2011, the StareheFuture team spent the day volunteering at the Oil Aid Charity Football Tournament held at Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea Football club. This tournament is held with the aim of supporting charities that focus on supporting children, education and improving communities and people's lives on a long term basis. Thank you to the Oil Aid founders, Mike Holland, Bob Finch and Marc Thompson for choosing to support Starehe, which included StareheFuture Appeal as one of this year's beneficiaries.

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Our special thanks go to the following companies, Trusts and individuals for their support during the last three months:

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Westminster Abbey
The May Fair Hotel, Quince Restaurant

We would also like to thank those other private donors and Trusts who have chosen to remain anonymous.

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* Margaret Mead**

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On behalf of 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 general or schools fundraising packs! Registered Charity No: 1035323

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