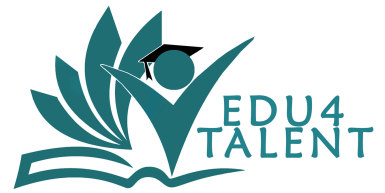


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DZIKWA TRUST TOP ACADEMIC PERFORMERS- FUTURE EDU4TALENT BENEFICIARIES

Dzikwa Trust education support program is for gifted vulnerable children and students. The Operational Team collects report books at the end of each term and enters data into a dedicated data base for analysis and follow-up actions. Students receive a lot of assistance for maintaining high performance through remedial lessons, mentoring and e-learning facilitation. All this is bringing results!

Dzikwa Trust students have a track record of producing excellent pass rates for the ZIMSEC final Exams. Dzikwa Trust pass rates are way above national pass rates.

Since 2006, a total of 593 Grade 7, 463 Form 4 & 222 Form 6 students have sat for their final Zimsec exams through the support of Dzikwa Trust Fund.

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My name is Anashe Kelly Mazura. I am in Form 1 at Dzivaresekwa 1 High School.

Dzikwa Trust Fund has been sponsoring my education since 2017 when I was in Grade 1. I became a part of the program because my parents separated in 2016, and my relatives couldn't afford to pay for my school fees and other needs. I completed my Grade 1 to Grade 7 final exams. To achieve 7 units in my Grade 7 exams, I dedicated myself to studying during each term. I was able to pass because I benefited from special learning support from Dzikwa Trust.

Starting from Grade 6 first term, we began exchanging classes. Each teacher specialized in a specific subject, and we also did Cala course work. Cala course work involved 5 components per subject. Doing Cala course work helped me identify and understand the areas where I lacked knowledge. My favorite subject was Social Science, and I particularly enjoyed doing the calas for this subject. As a result, I received high marks in this subject. It also provided me with insights into our past life and culture, for which I am grateful. In Social Science, we conducted research on totems, religion, transport, and communication. These topics were the most interesting during my research. Although I faced some challenges, Dzikwa Trust supported us by providing e-learning smartphones and WiFi access to use the internet. I also borrowed textbooks from the Dzikwa Trust Library, which assisted me greatly. The Calas not only enhanced my knowledge but also taught me great skills of managing and planning businesses. I have always aspired to become a businesswoman since I was a child. To achieve this dream, I must continue to focus on my studies. Successful business people have inspired me along the way. In 2024, I am attending Dzivaresekwa 1 High School for my Form 1 education, with the continued support of the Dzikwa Trust. I am eager to work even harder at school to ensure my success in Form 4 and 6.



My name is Ashley Pindirai. I am in Form 1 at Dzivaresekwa 1 High School.

I am a 13-year-old boy. I am part of Dzikwa Trust because my mother couldn't afford to pay for my school fees. I joined Dzikwa Trust in 2016 when I was in grade 1 at Dzivaresekwa Number 6 Primary School. My big brother, Nicholas, played a significant role by introducing me to Dzikwa Trust to become a beneficiary. I started attending Dzikwa Trust for extra lessons, which were free. I felt comfortable at Dzikwa Activity Centre. All along, I worked hard and passed with excellent grades. I used to borrow books from the Dzikwa Trust library, and they had all the books I needed.

In 2022, when I was in Grade 6, we were introduced to Continuous Assessment Learning Activities (CALA), which were challenging for me. The course work contributed 30% of my final mark. However, I worked hard and passed them. In Grade 6, and we had 18 Calas to complete before our final exam in Grade 7 and i worked hard to pass them. Each subject had three components. I used the Dzikwa Trust Wi-Fi for my research. I am happy that everything at Dzikwa Trust is free, and it is designed to help us as students.

For my Grade 7, Dzikwa Trust provided cellphones to all the Grade 7 students. We received these cellphones to help us to research our Calas and study for the final exam through E-learning. I am happy I passed with 7 units and I was the best student in Grade 7 at Dzikwa Trust. Currently, I am in Form 1 at Dzivaresekwa 1 High Secondary School. My hope is to continue doing my best and achieve good results. I wish to become a medical Doctor



My name is Ropafadzo Takawira. I am in Form 5 at Dzivaresekwa 2 High School.

I grew up on a farm in Chegutu and lived with my grandparents in the village while my parents worked in the city. I went to school there from my early childhood development (ECD) until Grade 5. My time at that school was quite an experience. I didn't start off well, unlike many others who did well in their studies. I usually ranked 20th or lower in my class until Grade 3 when my teacher helped me understand the necessary discipline for school work. Since then, I have been determined to succeed. My grades improved, and I started ranking 10th or lower in my class. This continued for two years until one day in Grade 5 when I achieved the second position, surpassing the 9th position.

I moved to the city to live with my parents and continued my education in Grade 6 and 7 with them. I began Grade 7 in the city just after being selected as a prefect. I became a prefect within two days of studying there. I consistently achieved the second position in my class during that first term in Grade 7.

However, by the time I reached Grade 6, I started to doubt whether my wish would come true after my father passed away. Dzikwa Trust came to my rescue in 2016. I started my first year of high school (form one) poorly, forgetting that I had recently achieved good results. I became confused and sometimes even received zero marks on my tests. I still felt the fire of determination, although it seemed to have turned into pain.

The pain drove me until one day, after preparing for my exams like everyone else, something unexpected happened. After a History test, my teacher called me and was impressed that I had passed with excellent marks.

Since that day until Form 4, I became the top student at my school. At first, I achieved 4 As, and then I dedicated most of my nights to studying. While studying for my final Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC) O-level exams, it was challenging because I was someone who needed a lot of sleep.

My mother told me to aim for the highest marks, not just the first position, and this motivated me to exceed the expected results. I went the extra mile and achieved 7As and 4Bs in my exams. I am now a living testimony.

Currently, I am in my fifth year of high school (Form 5) at the same school. I aspire to become an Engineer, and the same fire of determination continues to drive me even today.



My name is Lilly Kwayidza. I wish to further my studies and study Law.

I joined the Dzikwa Trust education support program in 2011 when I was starting Grade 1. I got in the programme after my older sister had been enrolled first. For my primary education I learnt at Nhamburiko Primary School in Dzivarasekwa. I was one of the school prefects and the athletics team captain from Grade 3 up to Grade 7. I wrote my examinations and I achieved a good result with 10 units.

Through the continued support from my dedicated Finnish sponsor, I went for secondary school called Dzivarasekwa 1 High School. I was doing 10 subjects during my Ordinary level which were sciences, commercials and arts subjects all included. It was during my final year of secondary level that the Covid 19 came and we were forced to close schools and study from home. I started using E-Learning platforms such as Ruzivo Digital Learning and critical remedial lessons that were offered at Dzikwa Activity Centre.

Thankfully, I passed 9 subjects out of 10 with 1A, 3Bs, 5Cs which became my second step towards success. Dedicated to achieve greatness, I continued to Advanced Level and study History, Family and religious studies and English Literature under Arts and Humanities. I decided to take these subjects because I am keen to learn about the history of the world & to improve my writing & oratory skills through enjoying famous writers. I joined the athletics team during this level and I was one of the best athletes in sprint races, long jump and shotput, which helped my school to proceed to the finals. At Dzikwa Trust, I was also involved in some extracurricular activities as choir, traditional dance, and the Enhanced sisterhood club. These helped me with presentation skills that helped me a lot in school and built my self-confidence. I was one of the best literature students in my class. Our 2023 A-level examinations commenced in mid-October and the pressure was so unbearable. During exam preparations, I was focusing on doing group discussions, remedial lessons, late night studies, online AI robots that assisted me with extra skills that would help me in the exam. My motto was "Through determination and hard work, anything is achievable". Dzikwa Trust graduates and my family were supportive. Regardless of the pressure and fear of examinations, I came out with flying colours with 14 points and becoming one of the best students at my school and at Dzikwa Trust. I am grateful for the solid foundation provided by Dzikwa Trust support. I have future dreams and aspirations that are very clear and goal oriented. I wish to study Law either in a local university in Zimbabwe or an international university through scholarships. I have a strong interest in promoting justice and being the voice of the voiceless. I hope that my excellent Advanced level results will be able to get me where I aspire to be.



My name is Ishmael Ruzungunde. I wish to further my studies and study Software Engineering.

I joined Dzikwa Trust in 2011 as I started my Grade 1.

Dzikwa Trust has always been there to support me from then up to my Advanced Level. I did my primary at Gillingham Primary School from 2011 to 2017 and I passed with 10 units.

I then went to do my secondary studies at Dzivaresekwa 1 High school in 2018.

Starting Form 3, I joined a couple of extracurricular activities that are offered at the Dzikwa Activity Centre. I am part of the Choir, Drama and poetry, marimba and traditional dance. These activities played a major role in building a presentable and confident character in me. I wrote my Ordinary level final exams in 2021 and I had 7As and 3Bs and I was one of the top and overall best students at the school. All this was possible due to the academic support that was coming my way from my Finnish sponsor and the help of the Dzikwa Trust team.

I applied for a place to study Science subjects at Dzivaresekwa High school for my Advanced Level in 2022. I was given 4 Merit academic awards at the school when I was in Form 5. At the beginning of Form 6, I was made the school athletics captain.

I received 2 academic merit awards before writing my final exams. Our Advanced Level exams commenced on the 15th of October 2023. During my preparatory period, I would stay up for extra hours during the night so that I would finish the topics I was lagging behind and revise before the exams. I always believe that, "if you want to be extraordinary, do what others are not doing". I was highly motivated by my friends who had a strong drive towards studying. It was hard to study at times before because I was really behind in Physics and the syllabus was not fully finished but I managed to push it through by using YouTube tutorials. I also relied on the online WhatsApp AI platform.

When I wrote my exams, I was quite a bit nervous and the experience was quite an interesting one because the exams were full of unpredictable topics. I had 14 points out of 15 points.

I have a clear vision of what I want to do and the path I wish to pursue. My aspirations and goals are centered around furthering my education, exploring my passion, and preparing myself for a successful and fulfilling career. First and foremost, I am eager to continue my education by attending University, I believe that higher education provides a solid foundation for personal and professional growth. I have a strong interest in the field of Computer Software Engineering. I have been applying for local and international universities through scholarships to get my desired programs.

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