



## GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

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*KGS students arriving in the morning*

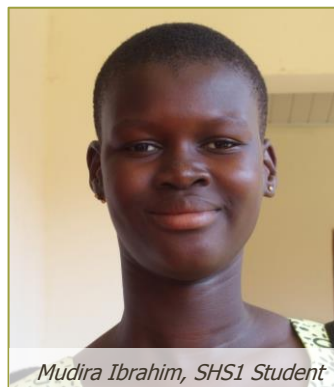
## Reflections on our first year of Senior High School

*As our initial cohort of girls complete their first year of Senior High at Kyabobo Girls School, we asked them to share their experiences so far...*

“ I am writing this letter to tell you about our new Senior High School and how proud I am feeling about it. I was the previous Head Prefect of KGS Junior High. I like learning and reading story books, but I dislike laziness, indiscipline, disobedient, disrespectful and insulting people or telling lies to people.

My school, our noble institution was founded in 2013 by Madam Gillian Norris but she is not responsible for the provision of all the teaching and learning equipment.

Gill says all is provided by UK sponsors and Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School. She told us that the girls work very hard with the collaboration of their teachers. She started this institution to help the girl child education in Ghana. We are all happy and lucky girls in the district.



*Mudira Ibrahim, SHS1 Student*

The school has a modern library, science and technology labs filled with teaching equipment, a very big hall for assembly, nice buildings and qualified teachers teaching very hard in the school.

The school also has a good compound for special learning and enough toilets to match its growing population.

Since its inception, the school has consistently performed excellently and in 2016, KGS achieved 100% for good performance in the BECE (Basic Education Certificate Examination). Currently, the school is the Regional Champion in drama.

I really cherish my school because the teachers teach very well with high level of discipline and behaviour in pupils.

I would like to thank Madam Gillian Norris who has given us a wonderful gift. Thank you very much for reading my letter. ”

*More letters on page 2...*

# SUMMER NEWS FROM NKWANTA

## More letters from SHS1 *(continued from page 1)*

### **Angela Lattuah:**

“ I am enjoying every minute I spend in the school and the school has all the facilities, which differ them from other schools. I and all those who joined the senior section of the school love and cherish it so much.

Madam Gill Norris gave the chance to all girls to become members of this noble school and we owe her all our thanks. The school has all the ready and practical materials which most of the schools do not have. Even though there is sometimes misbehaviour in some of the students, we shall always be proud and say we were a product of Kyabobo. ”

### **Mackinobe Nigmanjui:**

“ I am very happy to be in Kyabobo Girls’ School. I promise myself I will never give up any little chance I will get again.

I am now a science student in KGS Senior High School and I promise myself to study hard and harder to best up my result at SHS. Thank you TWGGS for your wonderful care. ”

### **Giftzy Dzobo:**

“ I am a 15-year-old girl and a hardworking girl as well. I am a Christian by religion and a Ewe by tribe from Anfoega in the Volta Sector. I was the previous compound overseer of KGS Junior High. I hate laziness, disrespect and indiscipline. I love learning and writing stories on my own. Madam Gillian Norris invented this noble school to help the girls in Ghana. This gave us the opportunity to be distinct from others and also the teachers who teach us are qualified teachers.

This school has 100% in the BECE, which we are all proud of. I really love this school because the teachers teach very well with high level of discipline among pupils. Madam Gillian Norris is a lovely woman who always understands us and wants the best for us. ”

### **Patience Jallah:**

“ I am very happy to be among the KGS 2016-2019 group. I have promised myself after my BECE, I will go to KGS Senior School and KGS will have been the best school in the world. There are a lot of materials, which are not quantities, rather the quality ones. Textbooks and so on are free for us to use, even our school fees are free to every individual at KGS.

I am now a General Art student in the KGS SHS and I promise to study hard and harder to best up my result at SHS. Thanks to you for your wonderful care. I will not fail my promise in life. ”

## Getting Ready for Expansion

By the end of 2018, Kyabobo Girls School is now aiming to provide a full secondary education for nearly 500 girls across three years of JHS and three years of SHS.

This is a huge 60% increase on our initial target of 300 pupils and a new building is under construction to accommodate this increased capacity.



*Above and below: Progress on our brand new classroom block*



The new block will include four extra classrooms and a school office and should provide ample facilities to cater for the huge demand for places at the school. The building is already up to lintel level and we are currently raising funds to finish the roof, ceilings and fittings, to get the first rooms ready for use.

We have also made great progress on installing a fantastic new computing suite at the school, complete with full Internet access. We are aiming to equip all KGS girls with essential ICT skills to accelerate their learning in other subjects and significantly improve their future prospects in the digital age.



*The brand new ICT Suite at KGS*



# BUILDING BONDS BETWEEN GHANA & THE UK

## A Ghanaian Visitor at Southborough Guides

While GEP founder Gill Norris visited the UK in April with Stephen Tsuiatorfe, the District Director of Ghana Education Service (GES), the 2nd Southborough Guide Unit enjoyed a unique and entertaining evening with them.

Throughout the evening, Gill and Stephen spoke to the Guides about living in Ghana, school life, and what it is like to be a girl in Ghana compared to the UK. They also had a discussion about privilege and hardship and the things we take for granted in the UK.

The Guides were given the opportunity to dress up in Ghanaian clothes, and were even shown how babies are carried in Ghana, as demonstrated by Gill in the photograph on the right!

In return, the girls entertained Gill and Stephen with traditional Guide games such as the 'cup game' and sang some clapping songs. Since their visit, some of the Guides have written messages to the girls in Ghana on decorated postcards, which will be sent to the girls at KGS for the new term.

Liz Challis, GEP Trustee and 2nd Southborough Guide Leader, said "We had a truly lovely evening. We feel honoured that Stephen was able to share a flavour of Ghana with all of us on his visit, and that he was able to experience some British traditions too."

2nd Southborough Guides with Stephen & Gill



## Congratulations to the new team from Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School!



GEP Trustee Julie Robinson presented the aims of the charity at the TWGGS Ghana recruitment evening on 28th June – to encourage applicants for the next trip in October 2018. However, TWGGS girls needed little persuasion as the evening was very well attended and the trip proved as popular as ever, with a record number of applications for the next visit.

The new team was announced on 17th July and the sixteen girls were delighted to be chosen. Competition for places is always extremely tough and this year was no exception, so we do hope those applicants who missed out will still support the team.

We wish the new girls every success with their planning and fundraising over the 18 months and the GEP trustees will be pleased to assist them in any way they can. We are sure they will have a fantastic time and we look forward to covering their adventures in future issues of this newsletter.

## REMEMBER!

You can fund a girl's education at Kyabobo Girls School for just £10 per month

Sign up now at:  
[www.gep300.org.uk](http://www.gep300.org.uk)





## OTHER NEWS ROUND-UP

### LIFE AT KYABOBO GIRLS SCHOOL

The girls at Kyabobo Girls School are fortunate to be in a vibrant teaching environment with fantastic facilities and lots of extra-curricular activities.

Here are some photos of daily life at the school...



*Above: Food technology lessons in our outdoor teaching area*



*Above: Delicious school lunches from our well-equipped kitchen*



*Above: Our school cadets on parade on the KGS playing fields*

### BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Our work in Ghana would not be possible without the continued support of some fantastic organisations, who have provided significant financial support over recent years. The community of Nkwanta and the girls at Kyabobo Girls School are enormously grateful for their support.



**MAJEDIE**  
Asset Management



### FORTHCOMING EVENT

#### TWGGS Music Quiz: 29th September

The biannual GEP Music Quiz is scheduled to take place at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School on Friday 29th September 2017.

Testing your knowledge of rock and pop music from the past seven decades, this lively event is always hugely popular so make sure you reserve your place(s) early to avoid disappointment and win some fantastic prizes!



To enter a team, please book now by emailing: Julie Robinson at [robinson4julie@gmail.com](mailto:robinson4julie@gmail.com)