

MASAMBIRO

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Dear Supporters,

We're into our 13th year!

Last year we celebrated the opening of Kuyanja's girls dormitory. This year girls have started to live there. It's making a huge difference to their experience; they're both safer and able to focus on their studies.

Exam results this year were better than ever and more and more children are now graduating and achieving precious university places. Kuyanja is bursting at the seams as we try to accommodate all the children who want to study there; hopefully this year we'll be able to build more classrooms.

Lots has happened over the past year thanks in no small part to your continuing support - so read on and enjoy!





Sisters doing it for themsevles!
Kunyanja girls enjoying dormitory life.



Kunyanja's growing body of university students and graduates. Amazing that it was only six years ago when the school's first student went to university.



From the lake to the city

Konyanja Private Secondary School from Nkhata Bay on Saturday had an education visit to Chancellor, Polytechnic and College of Medicine. The director of the school Sydney Simumba said the trip was organised to inspire the students. School head boy Coleb Mwafongo said the trip has given them the zeal to work harder so that they can make it to one of the institutions they visited. Next year, the school plans to visit Mbeya in Tanzania. Last year they visited the Parliament Building, Kamuzu Mausoleum and Bingu National Stadium, among other places of national importance in Lilongwe. In the picture, the students and their teachers pose for a group photograph at College of Medicine in Blantyre—OBED NKHOMA, STAFF WRITER

An annual school trip has become part of Konyanja tradition. This year the school organised a trip 350 miles to the south of the country in order to show students the country's universities and inspire them for the future. The trip was so amazing it was covered by Malawian national press.



Konyanja girls enjoying their visit to one of the country's universities.



The classrooms are getting more and more packed. On Wednesdays children wear “home clothes” so the children have an opportunity to wash their uniforms.



The whole school spent the day planting 200 trees around the Kuyanjanja campus. It makes for an attractive campus but now also there's lots of shade and critically, much more protection for the buildings from erosion in the rainy season.