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## Student Profile

Name: **Justin Mushitu**

Gender: Male  
Date of Birth: 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1995  
Place of Birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Guardian: Miriam Kajoba (aunt)  
Profession: Housewife

Guardian: Matthews Kajoba (uncle)  
Profession: Business man

Primary School: Northmead Basic School

Secondary School: **Chalo Trust School**

2010 Level: **Grade 10**



### Family Background:

Before attending Chalo Trust Secondary School, Justin lived with his aunt and uncle who assumed guardianship of Justin out of concern for Justin's education. His uncle, Mr. Kajoba was the sole provider and his income, in view of other expenses, would not have been able to sustain Justin's education needs at secondary school level.

Justin's father is a taxi driver. His business was doing very poorly, and the family had to take all of their children out of school. The KF sponsorship has removed an enormous burden from the family—they said, with the help of KF, that they can now afford to send their younger children to school. Justin spends his holidays at home with his parents, and reflected that KF has helped bring his family together again. Justin's mother is currently attending a computer-training course at the Worthington Center in hopes to find a job to add to the family income. While their lives have improved, they continue to face challenges. They are shifting from their current home because they cannot continue to afford the rent.

His parents commented on the improvements they have witnessed in Justin since he started attending Chalo Trust. "He has changed academically, he has improved and is a very well-behaved boy." They have high aspirations for their son: "we want him to pass with at least six points and go to University." He also helps around the house, getting the family water and helping with the dishes.

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## Justin's Educational Background:

### **Primary- Northmead Basic School**

Justin had always been outstanding in his academic performance. He was always at the top of his class. When he first attended Northmead Basic School, he attained the highest score on the very first test he took. Justin also had the highest test scores of any Kucetekela Foundation scholarship applicant. Justin switched schools several times, but regular tutoring helped him maintain good grades. He would wake up at 5:00 am every morning to study before going to school. Justin's favorite subject in primary was Mathematics.

### **At Chalo Trust School**

#### *Grade 8*

Justin's teachers commented on how intelligent he is. Usually Justin finished among the top five students in his overall academic standing, and sometimes scored 100% on tests when he put in the right amount of effort. Justin was awarded a certificate and present for being one of the best students in term one. He attained second in the overall class standing. His favorite subjects were History and Science. Justin had no problem fitting into this new school environment even though his peers come from more privileged backgrounds.

At the 2008 awards ceremony, Justin received an award for achieving 95% in History.

#### *Grade 9*

Justin's academic results were outstanding in Grade 9, attaining above 90% in both science and math. He also is a natural with the computer and received the award for the best student in I.C.T. for 2009. He also excels creatively, receiving 95% in his art class—he said that he especially enjoyed drawing still life. Art helps him to balance the hard work of his studies. He is an ambitious young man, and his goal for next term is to beat the all time record of 575 out of 600. His favorite subjects are math and science because his teachers are clear and willing to help him when he does not understand. Next year, he is looking forward to the challenge of the elective advanced mathematics. He is grateful to KF because “it has given me a chance to go to an advanced school and helped me to set my goals higher.”

#### **Grade 9 Academic Achievements**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in Grade 9
- Best student in Information and Computing Technology for 2009

## Interests and Hobbies:

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Justin participated in basketball and cross-country. He placed fifth in the inter-house cross country race but hopes with training to move up in the ranking in grade 11. He pushes himself hard in his athletic endeavors, always striving to improve his time and ranking the school cross-country competitions.

Off the field, he is a part of JETS (science) and Math club. He especially enjoys solving math and science problems under pressure and working in teams to construct experiments. He has learned to cooperate with others and work towards a common goal, a skill which he applies in class and sports. The clubs also help him in his math and science class.

## Justin's Career Interests:

Justin is interested in being an accountant or veterinarian. He is interested in accounting because he would like to learn how businesses run efficiently, but he is also interested in becoming a vet because his love for animals.

## Justin's Role Model

Justin looks up to Donald Trump because he is a successful businessman. He admires his drive and entrepreneurship. "He is smart and hard-working. I hope to work as hard as he did and be successful in life and work."

## Justin's Thoughts

"I am thankful for the good things KF has done for me. I have come to this good school all because of KF. I have fun when we go for trips. I like the programs we have at Chalo Trust such as the clubs and sports we are offered. I like Mondays a lot because we go for Internet surfing in the Information, Communication and Technology lab. I have learned more in both my academic and everyday life. Thank you KF.

KF has helped me to learn how to work as a group. KF has helped my parents to provide us with things that I never used to have and for that I say thank you.

My favorite events were our visits to the other organization (Pestalozzi) because it was amazing how possible it is to cooperate with people you barely know."