



# Tain Royal Academy & Ekwendeni Community Day Secondary School, Malawi

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Newsletter

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Pupils at Ekwendeni

## Where is Malawi?



**Welcome** to this first edition, of a regular update on our growing links with Ekwendeni Community Day Secondary School (ECDSS) in Malawi. Early contact between our schools led to Dr Ross visiting the school with a view to seeing how Tain Royal Academy (TRA) could develop a relationship that would enhance the learning experiences of both schools and help foster community relations.

Since then we have welcomed, and had a very constructive visit, from the head-teacher of the ECDSS, Mr D Mtete. Fundraising prior to the visit saw TRA present him with a cheque for the school to the value of £573.

We are delighted to confirm that a group of students from TRA will now be going out to Ekwendeni later this year during the October half term, but before that can happen a lot of fundraising has to be done in order to ensure that a similar number of students from Ekwendeni can return to TRA on exchange next year. The students selected to go and the support committee need to raise £12000!





ECDSS proudly showing the Scottish Flag!

**For this we need your help!**

You may be able to come to events and activities we plan to hold. You or your workplace or colleagues may be able to offer sponsorship or other forms of support. We will be grateful for any support people are able to give.

**Forthcoming events include:**

- 11/3/10 - Concert at TRA 1900  
Tickets available from reception
- 27/3/10 - Car Wash at Coop, Morangie Road, Tain. Come along and get your car washed 10.00-16.00 price £5
- 15/4/10 - Cookery demonstration TRA with opportunity for tasting and purchases - Tickets cost £5
- 20/6/10 - Stand at Tain Vintage Car Rally to fundraise and raise awareness
- 26/6/10 - TRA School Fete - a new event for all the family
- 1/9/10 - Cheese and Wine at TRA - price £5 a ticket

We are also looking for sponsors or workplace support - from a donation towards the cheese and wine evening to £££ from companies looking to make community donations that support local development and wider links. - **Do you know anyone that can help?? - please get in touch!**

So, an action packed calendar and lots to do

The next issue will focus on the people involved in the project and hopefully include an update from ECDSS. It will also feature items from the students' planned itinerary and history on the area.

Please feel free to email to find out more or suggest an item for inclusion.

This venture is all about expanding horizons for the whole school and local community.

**Quiz sheet competition:**

Congratulations to Mrs Cumming, who won the "Numbers" competition.

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