



# SAAS

SPONSOR AN AFRICAN SCHOLAR

## STUDENT PROFILE



**NAME:** Giftella

**AGE:** 18

**SCHOOL:** Matuga Girls High School

**COURSE:** Secondary School Education

**CAREER:** Doctor

Giftella is an 18-year-old Form 3 student at Matuga Girls High School with a strong ambition to become a doctor. She is an only child who lost both of her parents while still in primary school and has since been under the care of her paternal uncle.

Life at home has been very challenging for Giftella due to ongoing mistreatment from her uncle's wife, with little intervention from her uncle. As a result, she often chooses to remain at school during holidays to avoid returning home. Despite these difficulties, Giftella has shown remarkable resilience and determination to continue her education.

Her admission to high school came through the intervention of her primary school head teacher, who pleaded with the school to admit her based on her strong academic performance. Since then, she has relied on government bursaries to stay in school, often accumulating fee arrears when support is delayed or unavailable.

Giftella's situation was brought to the attention of SAAS by the school management during a visit to follow up on other sponsored students. Receiving a SAAS scholarship has provided her with immense relief, allowing her to focus fully on her studies without the constant worry of school fees.

She particularly enjoys Mathematics, Physics, and Biology, subjects that align closely with her dream of becoming a doctor. In her free time, Giftella enjoys reading storybooks and listening to music.

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