

## STUDENT PROFILE



**NAME:** Joel

**AGE:** 17

**SCHOOL:** Kwale High School

**COURSE:** Secondary School Education

**CAREER:** Engineer

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Joel is a 17-year-old Form 3 student at Kwale High School with a strong ambition to become an **Engineer**. In 2023, he sat for his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations and attained **360 out of 500 marks**, demonstrating solid academic potential.

He is the youngest of five children in a family that lives in a single-room house with electricity but no running water. Over the past year, Joel's family has faced significant hardship. His father suffered a stroke that resulted in loss of speech and memory, while his elder sister was diagnosed with systemic lupus and requires ongoing medical care. As a result, Joel's mother was forced to stop working in order to care for both, leaving the family dependent on casual work done by one sibling.

Because of these challenges, Joel was at risk of dropping out of school. With the support of a SAAS scholarship, however, he has been able to continue his education and remain focused on his future goals.

Joel performs particularly well in Mathematics, Science, and English, and is determined to work hard to achieve his dream of becoming an engineer. Outside the classroom, he enjoys playing football during his free time.

Despite the many obstacles he faces, Joel remains resilient, motivated, and fully committed to his studies.

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

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