

## STUDENT PROFILE



**NAME:** Thomas

**AGE:** 17

**SCHOOL:** Khadija Secondary School

**COURSE:** Secondary School Education

**CAREER:** Civil Engineer

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Thomas is a 17-year-old Form 3 student at Khadija Secondary School in Mombasa who dreams of becoming a Civil Engineer. However, his education has been under constant threat due to financial challenges that often force him to miss school when fees cannot be paid.

Thomas is the youngest in a family of three children. Following the passing of his father, his mother was compelled to relocate upcountry in search of support. Thomas was taken in by his uncle, who lives with his wife and eight children in a modest double-room house with electricity but no running water. Despite the uncle's kindness, life remains extremely difficult as he works as a security guard and earns barely enough to provide for the large household.

Because of these constraints, Thomas has frequently been sent home for school fees, missing important lessons for days at a time. Despite these setbacks, he has remained committed to his studies and continues to register good academic results.

The support provided through a SAAS scholarship has renewed Thomas's hope and determination, allowing him to remain in school consistently and focus on achieving his academic goals. He particularly enjoys Mathematics, Physics, and Geography—subjects closely aligned with his aspiration to become a civil engineer.

In his free time, Thomas enjoys reading books and taking walks, activities that help him reflect and stay motivated despite the challenges he faces.

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

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