

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTER- EST:

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## HSFC-EducAid Partnership

Over the last two years, the College has developed a strong partnership with EducAid, a UK-based registered charitable Trust which offers free education among the underprivileged and war-affected young people of Sierra Leone, West Africa. £10 a month pays for one student's food, education and medicine.

The College supports the work of other charitable causes such as Race for Life and GibMissionAfrica UK but its principal charity is EducAid.

Our key objectives are:

1. To raise funds for EducAid
2. To share technology with EducAid
3. To share teaching and learning resources with EducAid
4. To extend our partnership with partner schools
5. To embed EducAid into the curriculum



## GibMissionAfrica UK



Students took to the stage in an X Factor-style dance contest to raise money for a charity mission in Ethiopia. Their aim is to collect £5,000 throughout 2011 for GibMissionAfri-

caUK to help fund the building of children's centres and medical centres for the most poverty-stricken areas. There is also a bigger project to build a nursery in Kenya for the Pokot tribe, costing £22,000, which staff and students are hoping to contribute towards. On 1 August 2011, a group of cyclists including members of GibMission-

AfricaUK will set off from John O'Groats and cycle down to Lands End. Please sponsor Chloe Newman's husband on: [www.justgiving.com/adam-newman](http://www.justgiving.com/adam-newman)





## The story this year

The College has raised over £700 this year from the following fund-raising events and activities:

- College Festival
- Black History Month
- Football and netball tournaments organised by the Christian Union
- Cake sales (ICT Dept.)
- Book sales (Library)
- Music recital (Music Dept)

In addition, our partnership work so far has resulted in us sending old computers and teaching and learning resources, now obsolete for our use, being sent to EducAid.

EducAid has provided a focus for an extended tutorial to explore the theme of aid and comparisons between disaffected youth in the UK and Sierra Leone. Tutor groups have produced gift boxes containing useful stationery items for EducAid pupils.

EducAid has been embedded into the ICT curriculum and has provided a good case study for students to explore the digital divide between rich and poor countries.

**Many student leavers have so far agreed to donate £5 from their college deposit to EducAid and any unused print credits. We would encourage other students to do the same.**

**Many thanks to all who have contributed to the EducAid cause.**

## A word from Miriam Sesay, Director, EducAid Sierra Leone



Overall, the partnership for us is a great possibility for mutual exchange. We hope that it will be possible for our leadership team to visit you in November.

We opened a new junior secondary school in September, the week after we celebrated our 10th birthday and a new senior secondary department [on the site of one of our junior secondary schools] in Oc-

tober. We have gained funding to put another floor on top of the new senior secondary school, in which we plan to start a training and resource centre for teachers in the area - as you probably know 40% of teachers in SL are trained and qualified.

We will also hope to open a new girls' safe house in the village where we have our primary school. This is to provide a home environment for the many little girls who attend our schools who are often under mental, emotional and physical threat: mental and emotional because they are treated as nothing and meaningless from the day

they are born, physical because they will likely be beaten by parents and circumcised at puberty or before.

Thanks for the mobile HTC machines - greatly appreciated because access to the internet, particularly in the provinces, is so difficult in Sierra Leone and this has greatly increased people's possibilities. The news that there maybe more on the way will gladden the hearts of many! They were extremely popular.

For more information, visit [www.educaid.org.uk](http://www.educaid.org.uk) or [www.haveringsfc.ac.uk/2009/CollegeNews/index.html](http://www.haveringsfc.ac.uk/2009/CollegeNews/index.html)