



JUBA DIOCESAN MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

# Update

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Nearly 800 hopeful students sat this year's entrance exam

## Number One in South Sudan!

The School Certificate results last year indicated clearly that JDMSS is now the Number One secondary school in South Sudan. This was confirmed by both the South Sudan Embassy in London and by the recent registration at the school, when 798 students applied for the 240 places available in Senior 1. After arduous tests, 268 places were awarded. The school roll

now stands at 888 students.

The prize-giving ceremony was an even more remarkable event; while the entertainment, speeches and prize-awarding took place, literally hundreds of well-wishers, parents and students watched intensely throughout the proceedings. As ever, an absolute success!

## 10 years at JDMSS

Having more students means more suitably qualified staff are required. As ever, the Headmaster and his team have selected a body of competent teachers who will share in the celebrations planned for May, when the school will be recognising the 10 years that the Headmaster has been involved – from his appointment as Chemistry Teacher, through his subsequent positions as Head of Science, School Officer, Deputy Head and then finally,



Headteacher. Robert Kei's style of leadership and his experience is perfect for this type of school. Long may it continue!

### Give thanks for:

- The dedication, experience and commitment of the teaching staff
- The financial support from many countries, enabling the continued progress in the development of the school

### Please pray:

- For the continued retention of this excellent group of teachers and extra funding to increase salaries
- That an available house near the school may be secured for the use of the Headmaster and his family
- That the agreed building work takes place
- That PEACE may continue to be maintained in the country



## Clinic open

The Health Clinic is now operational and is proving to be a real boon to the teaching staff, who no longer have to decide how genuine an 'illness' is, as there is now an expert on site who can make that judgement!







*British Ambassador for South Sudan, Alison Blackburne, addresses the teaching staff*

## Rotary Clubs

The Rotary Club of Canterbury has been supporting 48 students through their 4-year course since 2017. Now, with additional help from the Pentangular Group of Rotary Clubs, and following a recent visit, a revived Juba Rotary Club is again to become active in the school, helping students with their university and employment aspirations.

## UK Ambassador pays a visit...

Various influential groups are now showing great interest in the school. A recent visit by the British Ambassador for South Sudan, Alison Blackburne, made a real impact, as it is almost 10 years since a UK dignitary

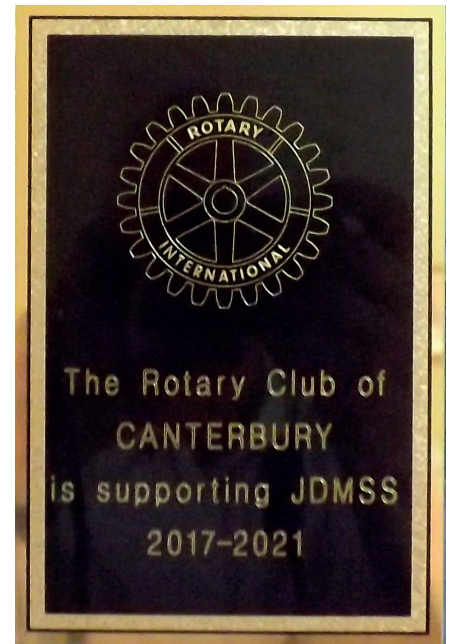
has visited. She had come specifically to meet with the girls engaged in the 'Girls Education South Sudan' (GESS) programme, which is funded by the British government. She was very impressed by those she met.

## ...as does the American Embassy!

The American Embassy is also impressed by the calibre of the

students and their representative sat through the prize-giving, considering awarding student scholarships. Already about 10 students have benefited from the opportunity they have provided, experiencing direct visits to the US this year.

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news on the school by visiting its website at: [www.jdmss.co.uk](http://www.jdmss.co.uk).



*Left: some of the students from Senior 3 that are being supported by the Rotary Club of Canterbury*



Thank you for your prayers and gifts. Both are essential to the continuance of the school.

For further details of how you can help (cheques should be made payable to Salisbury DBF (Juba School)):

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