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Newsletter

SUMMER 2011

Success for students at St. David's

Diary dates

4 June 2011

Vana Trust Farm
SUMMER FETE

iVana Boutique

Website launch & pop up shopping evening
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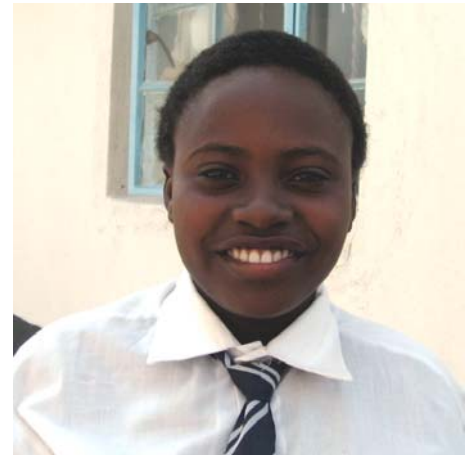
Latest updates

- Student results - St. David's School in Zimbabwe
- **Vana Trust** 'Breakfast Club' at St. David's School gifted land in Zimbabwe
- Fearnle Cotton donates to *iVana Boutique*

Vana Trust finances the education of over 100 children at St. David's School, Zimbabwe, whose lives have been affected by HIV / AIDS and poverty. St. David's is a rural school with limited resources. This is why we are especially proud of the young people who have recently had such wonderful success in their exam results.

Our star pupil, Cynthia, received 9 'O' levels at A & B grades. **Vana Trust** has sponsored Cynthia since she was 6 years old. As an orphan and a girl, Cynthia's extended family would not have been able to afford the school fees and expensive mandatory uniform and therefore, she would not have attended school. We are thrilled for Cynthia and will, of course, continue sponsoring her education as she goes on to sixth form college and beyond.

With each visit to Zimbabwe, Nyasha (our founder) meets more children who are not in school because of poverty. The need is very great.



In thank you, another student, Anna January writes, *"I would never have been able to write my exams if it hadn't been for the kind educational support that my sister Jane and I received from Vana Trust. The Trust supported me with school uniform, fees and exercise books from the time my parents died. My grandmother was thinking of withdrawing us from primary school when Vana Trust saved the day! My sister, grandmother and I are so grateful to Vana Trust."*

Land donated to Breakfast Club

Every morning, the **Vana Trust** volunteers feed over 500 children at St. David's School. The programme has been a great success. The children have thrived and there have been many benefits for the whole community. On her last visit, Nyasha had the wonderful news that the village headman was gifting **Vana Trust** a large field to grow crops for the 'Breakfast Club.' This field is already being farmed.

It is exciting to think that this land will be linked to **Vana Trust Farm** in the UK for help and support. The land in Zimbabwe will be farmed by our volunteers, the parents and students of St. David's.





iVana Boutique pop-up & internet

At *iVana Boutique* we are all about 'fashion with compassion'. At **Vana Trust** we feel passionately that we are making a real difference in the lives of children and young adults. As our mandate and vision is growing rapidly, we have opened an on-line designer boutique in order to help us raise much needed funds.



Fearne Cotton Donates

The lovely and very talented Fearne Cotton is donating some of her own clothes for the launch of *iVana Boutique*. We also have amazing clothes and accessories from Paul Smith, Ted Baker, Whistles, Browns, French Connection and the eco icon, Orsola de Castro. We are so grateful for the amazing generosity of all these designers.

If you have contacts with any UK designers do let them know about **Vana Trust** and *iVana Boutique*. They can make the difference in the life of a child with a generous donation from their collections. We would be grateful for even one piece. www.ivanaboutique.org.uk



Dress donated by Orsola de Castro

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Nyasha welcomes Nanny & her girls

At **Vana Trust Farm**, our lovely family of chickens, ducks and a pig has grown. Three beautiful goats have just arrived. We now sell organic eggs and vegetable boxes will soon be available for the local community. We are very excited about all that is happening at the farm and hope to see you there at our farm fete in June.

