

- What is Star Top community School?
- Star Top Community school is a school of just over 150 primary-school aged students, situated in the settlement of Ng'Ombe within Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

Cultural Context

Mainstream Public Primary Schools in Zambia:

- Average classroom size in public schools: 90-120 students
- Average school day: 3-4 for lower primary, 5-6 for upper primary
- Receive government funding
- Free to attend

Star Top Community School:

- Classroom sizes at Star Top: 4 - 36
- Average School day: 7-7.5 for lower primary, 7.5-8.5 for upper primary
- Does not receive government funding
- Has school fees of 50 Kwacha (£1 = K26) per month (this is a government-imposed cap)

Star Top's Mission

**Cleanliness and
Presentation**

**Moral Teaching
alongside Education**

**Offering an
8-Hour Day**

**One Daily Meal at
No Extra Cost**

SMART Goal 1:

- To support Star Top School in its goal to provide affordable education to local children.

Legacy:

- The school's grade 1 (age 6 yrs) teacher unfortunately had to leave a month before we arrived. Despite this, us being there meant the children only missed minimal teaching, and were able to sit their end of term exams having learned new material.

SMART Goal 2:

- To teach the children first aid and preventative medical care.

Legacy:

- The practical first aid skills and healthy life practices taught could help the children protect themselves and those in their community.
- To help the continuation of this teaching, I began writing a first aid and health handbook, which will be sent in digital form to the headmistress of the school upon its completion so it can be printed and bound.

SMART Goal 3:

- To teach the children musical skills and performance techniques.

Legacy:

- To enable violin lessons to continue after I left, we gifted both the violins and all the sheet music we'd brought from the UK to the school.
- I taught the deputy headmaster of the school as much technique as was possible so that he could teach the children basic violin skills and how to read sheet music.
- I purchased a keyboard and its required accessories and gifted it to the school to use during devotion (morning assembly, consisting of religious worship and any school notices or announcements) and for teaching purposes.
- To help facilitate continued musical teaching, I began writing an introductory music handbook, which will be sent in digital form to the headmistress of the school upon its completion to be printed and bound.