

Student raises funds for a Kenyan boy's education

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Elizabeth College students Sam O'Neill, left, and TJ Fitzgerald at the school's quiz night to raise money for a Kenyan boy to attend school.

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FUNDRAISING by an Elizabeth College student will hopefully lead to a Kenyan boy going to secondary school.

Sam O'Neill, 17, who is in Year 13, went to Kenya last year with the college.

During the trip he taught at Sulgwita, a primary school, in Turi, south-west Kenya.

After seeing the capability of the students, he wanted to do something to help.

'When I was there it was quite clear some were very bright but couldn't afford secondary school,' Sam said.

He spoke to one of his teachers

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who helped with the trip and they came up with the idea to do some fundraising.

Sam is now doing this as part of an extended project qualification.

About £2,500 is needed which will pay for a young boy to have five years of education, as well as covering uniform and books.

Sam hopes that each year this sum can be created to further help the cause.

With the help of fellow student and charity prefect TJ Fitzgerald and plus members of staff, he

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has organised some fundraising events.

A quiz night took place earlier in the week, which Sam said went well.

He wanted to thank Le Petit Bistro and La Grande Mare for providing prizes for the quiz winners.

Sam was also grateful to everyone who has helped him.

'I couldn't have done it without TJ and members of staff, it is a team effort.'

Money from one of the school's carol services has also gone towards the funds and an event with the Old Elizabethan Association.

If anyone would like to help with the fundraising, contact the Elizabeth College office on 726554.