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Term four overview.

Dear sponsors.

This is my final year as a foundation phase student at Varsity College and as I am writing this, I am experiencing a lot of emotions. In my past overviews I have been ranting about the amount of schoolwork that I have, but I want this overview to be different. This is not an overview of my fourth term, but an overview of my four years at the college.

These four years were filled with laughter, tears, joy, and fatigue. They have not been easy. I still remember back in 2018 when I failed psychology because of not having checked my emails enough to see that I have a resubmission. I remember it like it was yesterday. I felt so defeated and tired, and I felt as though I had disappointed you. I also remember receiving a letter from one of my Godparents telling me that they are proud of the person that I am becoming and telling me that me failing psychology was not the end of the world. After that I decided that in life, if you really want something you must work hard for it. I learnt that one must not let the small setbacks get to you and you must continue to always work hard. That is the attitude I kept throughout my four years of study.

Many times, I felt like I am not cut out for this because many times I worked hard on assignments and assessments only for me to get an average 50% or even fail the module. Failing something you know you put time and effort in really sets you back but, even though the academics was hard at times, I just knew teaching is where my heart is. Whenever I went out for practicals at schools, I would do an excellent job, teachers would praise me, but I had this really satisfied feeling within myself because I knew that I was giving back even if it was little by little.

Now, to Belinda and Isabelle. Thank you so much for the chance that you have given me to be part of this life changing program called Born in Africa. Thank you for seeing something in me, something that I might not have seen. I also want to thank my godparents; I mean without you I would never even have made it this far. As you all know, I am an orphan and I stay with my aunty who is the only breadwinner in our house. My aunt is hardworking, and she does her best to provide for all our needs, which is not possible. The only money that I ever get is the money that I get from Born in Africa and with that money I

must do a lot, including buying myself clothes so that I can look decent when I must go out to schools to do practicals. Without the money you have sponsored I really do not know what I would have done. Thank you that you have never hesitated to give me extra money, as I have been needing a lot. These four years was great, and it made me realize how blessed I am.

I also want to share super good news with you all, I was called for an interview at the Craggs primary school this morning! This is a huge deal to me because now I will be able to give back to my own community. I am also super happy because I really want to teach in Afrikaans. I have applied for jobs at English schools, but I want to give the children I am going to teach the best of me, and I feel like that is only possible when I teach in Afrikaans. I express myself a whole lot better in Afrikaans. I am fully capable of teaching in English, but my end goal is to give the children the best possible lessons.

I hope that you are all well and that you are keeping safe. Thank you again for everything.

Warm greetings

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