

# Bursary boost for Kenyan youngsters

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## Company boss helps poor children receive world-class education

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A **KNUTSFORD** businessman is helping young Kenyans receive a world-class education.

Michael Oliver, the founder and chairman of Parkgate-based manufacturing firm Oliver Valves, is providing an annual bursary to allow a bright but disadvantaged child to receive a secondary education at one of Kenya's leading schools.

The first of Michael's ongoing donations will fund the education of Bravian Nyamosi throughout

his time at the Starehe Boy's Centre, in Nairobi.

The centre provides a world-class education and is a life-changing opportunity for the desperately-poor but talented students who study at Starehe.

"Securing the future of children's education is essential in the UK and abroad as it helps to provide a platform for future prosperity, for individuals and communities," said Michael.

"We are confident this bursary will have a great impact on the lives of the young people who receive it.

"Ninety per cent of Starehe students go on to university. Set against a national average of one per cent, it is no wonder that Starehe alumni are such an inspiration to children throughout Kenya.

"Bravian is an exceptionally-talented young man and deserves the very best education.

"This bursary will allow us to support young people like him for many years to come."

Helen Varma, the director of the Starehe Future Appeal, said: "The Starehe Centres are the only places in Kenya to consistently offer a free home and world-class secondary education to some of Kenya's poorest but brightest young people.

"The Oliver Valves bursary will provide ongoing support to young Kenyans. It will transform their life chances and enable them to help lift their families and communities out of poverty.

"Without such valuable support, the immense talent and potential of these young people might be lost."