



# The Rural Africa Children's Education Trust

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The 2013-14 academic year was the first to have 48 RACET students divided amongst all six year groups of secondary school. Our first set of students entered in the autumn of 2008 and are now preparing for their final exams in June. We wish them much success in their exams!

They have been able to attend school, learn new skills, take on responsibilities, socialise with peers, and think about their futures thanks entirely to the generosity of our Sponsors. Your support of RACET's work is changing young lives and providing opportunity where previously there was none. Thank you for making this possible through your continued support as we bring in more children to start school in September.



## Thank you, Liz and John!

The Trustees of RACET wish to thank both Elizabeth Clifford and John Twallin for their years of leadership and service in their roles as Secretary and Chairman respectively. Debbie McMenamain will be taking on the role of Chairperson, and Mary Ann Perasso will step in as Secretary. Tunji Adeleye was welcomed as a Trustee last year and is now Treasurer, while Fr. Kenneth Egere continues as a Trustee and keeps things running smoothly in Nigeria.

Visit our new RACET website at [www.racet.org](http://www.racet.org) and share your thoughts with us at [secretary@racet.org](mailto:secretary@racet.org) For sponsorship information and other queries by phone, contact Mary Ann Perasso on 01959 522337

## Sir Brandon Gough Centre Built



*Inside the Centre, Fr. Kenneth introduces RACET students to the prototype of the computers they will soon be using*

Last year RACET announced plans to build a library and computer centre at the Community Secondary School of Ntrigom in Cross River State with funds donated in memory of RACET supporter Sir Brandon Gough by his generous family and friends.

RACET is delighted to announce that construction of the building is finished, and we are now in the process of furnishing the Centre with computers and learning resources which will greatly improve access to information. A special feature of the new computers is that they will arrive pre-loaded with courses from Khan Academy, "a non-profit organisation with the mission of providing a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere". These exciting courses are widely used in the United States and Europe and will provide a quantum leap in the quality of education available to our students, their teachers, and the wider community.

Of course, reliable access to electricity still poses a challenge throughout Nigeria, and although the Centre will be connected to the local electricity grid, RACET is seeking donations for the installation of solar panels to help make the Centre as self-sufficient as possible in terms of energy supply and lower running costs.

We expect to have the Centre fully functional by October and the start of the new school year. RACET would like to thank its Trustees Tunji Adeleye in Sevenoaks and Fr. Kenneth Egere in Nigeria for their tireless efforts in raising additional funds and successfully monitoring the building project over the past year.