



October 2025

Dear friends and supporters of Rainbows4children,

We are delighted to share our latest update from the Nicolas Robinson School. The new school year is well underway, and our students and staff are as busy and motivated as ever!



Watch our short video update here:

<https://youtu.be/R51zUyfc2q4>

Recent highlights include:



Graduations and Exams

The school is celebrating another outstanding year for the Grade 8 students, who achieved a 100% pass rate in their national exams.

Grade 12 students also completed their final national exams, and the results are now in.

- In Natural Science, our students achieved an impressive 80% pass rate.
- In Social Science, our school achieved a 40% pass rate – the only non-government school in Mekelle to offer this study option.

While these results are lower than the usual high achievement level of the school, they must be seen in the context of Ethiopia's average national pass rate this year of just 8%. Those students at the Nicolas school who achieved a pass in their exams have already been assigned to universities and begun their courses.

Most of the remaining students missed the pass mark by a very small margin. They are now attending extra learning support programmes at universities in Tigray, and if successful, will continue their degree studies next year.

Thanks to a generous donor, we are also supporting other students to retake their exams privately or to begin diploma programmes at local private colleges – opportunities that can later lead to degree-level study.



Back on Track with Learning

After years of disruption from both the war and the Covid pandemic, our students are finally back on track with their full academic schedule. The school's teachers are giving special emphasis to improving literacy and numeracy, and on helping students fully re-engage in their studies.

To support this, the teachers have introduced homework sessions at school for students who don't have a suitable study environment at home – an initiative already making a real difference.



Supporting Wellbeing

Education is about more than academic study. Our after-school clubs are back in full swing, offering sports, music, art, drama, and more – helping students to rebuild confidence, teamwork, and joy in everyday school life.



Vocational training success

Our vocational training programmes, launched in January, continue to thrive. The third group of students training in cooking and catering is now in progress, with 30 participants — 21 of them female. Our Information and Computer Technology course is equally successful, with 36 students— 18 female, 18 male. Both programmes are complemented by entrepreneurship workshops delivered by our local training partner, equipping students with the practical skills and confidence to build their own futures — whether through employment or small business ventures.



Help Us Change More Lives

Many students are still in need of sponsorship to make this life-changing education possible in the Nicolas Robinson School's secure and encouraging environment. With student sponsorship, you can help a child to have a better life.

[Please consider sponsoring a student today!](#)

With our thanks for your generosity and support.

Kathryn, Max, and everyone at the Nicolas Robinson School and Rainbows4children Foundation