

## Gift of some footballs for our schools in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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"Open schools and you will close the prisons", said Victor Hugo; "Give students the possibility to practise sport and you will prevent them from many sicknesses", said Father Jacob on Monday 24th June in his thanksgiving words during the official ceremony of the giving of 50 footballs for our schools in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In fact, by their own initiative, the Third Year students of St George's College (Weybridge, England), raised this year enough money to offer 50 footballs to the students of their sister schools in the Congo. The ceremony took place during the "Celebration of Achievement" evening for the Third Year students in the College Chapel. This was attended by staff, students and their parents.

This act of charity destined for our students in the Congo, although a small act in the eyes of St George's will however enhance immeasurably life for our students, teachers, parents and the whole of the community at large, as stated by our General Vicar. For this reason, on behalf of all the beneficiaries of these gifts with the Josephites represented by Father Robert, Father Martin Ashcroft, Father Martin Tshindaye, the newly ordained Father Felix and Brother Armand, Father Jacob promised that St George's would always be in their prayers.



All of the above was said in French, translated by Father Robert but Father Jacob added a great "Thank you from the bottom of my heart" said this time without the translation of Father Robert.

