

# JET Resource Centre

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On the site of JET-supported St Patrick Day & Boarding Primary School, the JET Resource Centre consists of a computer lab, a well-equipped library and a facility for the preparation, printing and secure storage of all JET exam papers. It is a popular training venue and an increasing number of children and teachers are welcomed every day by Ezra, our Resource Centre Manager.

The computer lab is regularly filled with teachers keen to learn new skills and children who never dreamed of being able to touch a computer, let alone know how to use one! Everyone is allocated their own laptop during lesson time and levels of computer literacy – in a country where IT resources are few and far between – have already greatly increased. As well as understanding the need for being able to navigate a keyboard, children and teachers alike have developed a love for computers and learning IT. In 2019, Ezra provided 160 IT lessons for children and teachers from JET schools.

Guided by the Uganda Primary Curriculum, Ezra prepares lesson plans that combine a basic introduction to ICT with additional educational computer programmes and software, such as Kolibri. We are constantly seeking out new ways of making learning fun for the children and interesting for the teachers and are also training our school management teams on how to use QuickBooks accounting software.

We have partnered with TT19, a group of highly experienced IT professionals, to develop the long term goal of a fully networked Resource Centre, connected to the internet and eventually the main hub for satellite IT centres at other JET schools. This will make ICT accessible to thousands and open up a whole new world to our schools and their communities.



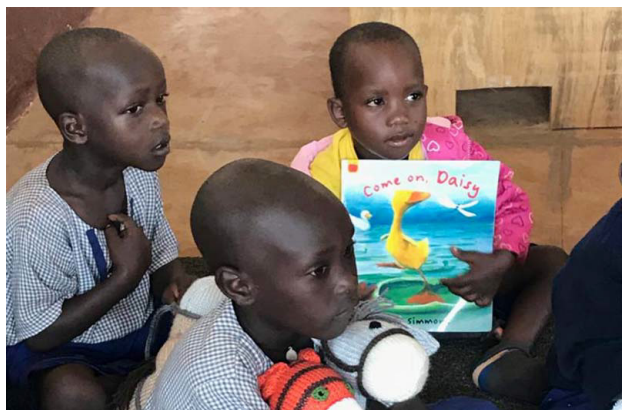
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The examination bank is a secure storage and printing facility for our JET exams.

In conjunction with Uganda National Examiners, the JET examination board produces exam papers containing questions written by our teachers and selected by our moderators. We organise training by Uganda National Examination Board moderators so the teachers are able to set exams to the required level. Once we have the approved version, the JET exams are collated, proof read and the final version printed, packaged and stored at the Resource Centre.

Having all children take a standard exam every term means we are able to track their progress over time and can prepare them better for taking their school leaver certificate.





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The JET library is truly a place of imagination and creativity. Packed with books both children and teachers relate to, as well as engaging learning resources and inspirational murals, the library cultivates a passion for reading and the children love having lessons in this mini parallel universe!

The teachers have access to curriculum, reference and text books, amongst others, while the children can enjoy both fiction and non-fiction with Disney books, African readers and much more on offer.

There is a timetable and teachers are trained and guided to ensure best use of the library. Teachers come together for all sorts of training and resource-making activities and the children would have all their lessons in the library given half a chance!

A buzzing hive of activity, the JET Resource Centre has to be the happiest place in Jinja!