**SECONDARY SCHOOL LIFE**

1. Transition into Secondary Education

* You are now through with primary education, culminated by doing a National exam
* Primary school level is characterized by a period of emotional and cognitive tranquility.
* You are now entering into another phase of your life; age-wise you are now a teenager.
* Teenage is a very crucial transition phase into early adulthood.
* Prepare yourself psychologically to enter into another phase of your education, where you are expected to learn more complex concepts than the ones you learnt in primary education.

1. New subjects

* In Secondary level of education you will encounter new subjects like
* Biology
* Chemistry
* Physics
* Geography
* History
* Home science
* English Literature
* Kiswahili Fasihi, etc

1. Peer influence

* Peer influence is the cumulative impact on your behavior and thoughts that comes from interacting with people of your age group.
* Negative peer influence is acquisition of negative character traits and thought patterns from your peer e.g. alcoholism and drug use, homosexuality, negative attitude towards teachers, etc.
* Positive peer influence is acquisition of virtues or positive qualities through interacting with peers e.g. learning a skill like playing football, learning leadership skills, learning to cooperate with others etc.

1. Socialization and acquisition new behavior

* Secondary level of education provides valuable opportunities to learn new positive behaviors as we have seen above.
* However, many teenagers fall into negative peer influence and learn negative behavior that ends up affecting them negatively.
* Negative behavior begins to affect their academic performance.
* If used properly Secondary level of education is a time that one can use to lay a strong foundation in their life.
* Your career depends a lot on your score at the end of your secondary education.