



# TOFTA, LMVC News Bulletin

**'EDUCATING THE LESS FORTUNATE &,  
'REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK'**

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**10TH ANNIVERSARY—7TH JULY 2012**

**April 2012**

## **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear friends,

For the last 10 years Lords Meade Vocational College has been imparting both academic knowledge and practical skills into the students

who have passed through its gates.

I would like to welcome Mr Raymond Owino to the Headmastership of the school. He comes with a wealth of experience of administration in secondary schools, and it is great to have this opportunity to work with him.

Last year the 'O' & 'A' level results showed a marked improvement, for which I express my sincere gratitude to the teachers for their excellent work, and to the administration for its smooth running of the school—and also to the students for their efforts in improving their individual grades.

It is always very rewarding to see a child who came in as a lost soul leaving as a young, confident adult going on to higher levels.

Unfortunately in today's world of recession and financial uncertainty we have lost some of our individual sponsors. I do request you to consider if you could afford £1 (or US\$2) per day to give that lost soul hope, and a chance in their young life, rather than relegating them to the human refuse pile. I would like to thank most sincerely all our sponsors who continue to support us.

We continue to be most grateful for our partner schools in England who have supported us over most of the 10 years of our existence, and I hope that the students and staff have benefitted from their connection with LMVC.

During the 10th anniversary the Old students association is hoping to raise funds for text books for the library in an effort to raise the standards of LMVC higher. They are requesting for donations of US\$25 or £13 for a book. Would you kindly consider donating one or more?

## **HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE**

Dear friends,

Welcome to this first newsletter of 2012; a lot opens with new innovations and expectations.

This year, we are celebrating 10 years of imparting practical skills to our students (learners) and the celebrations are scheduled for 7th July 2012. Please join us.

As a new administrator, I wish to thank all the stakeholders for welcoming me and I promise to do my best to move LMVC forward.

To our beloved partners in the UK and USA, the doors are open for your usual hands of assistance towards the continued growth and development of Lords Meade Vocational College.

We are however enormously grateful to all who have continued to assist Lords Meade Vocational College.

LMVC, now is more of a haven of skills, a seat of learning, and a 'bed' of hard work.

**Raymond Owino Raanga**

Headmaster

The 10th anniversary celebrations will be held on 7th July at LMVC—you will be most welcome if you can manage to attend.

With best wishes & grateful thanks for all your support.

*John Kirkwood*

**Director**



## AN EXPERIENCE FROM OUR LINK SCHOOLS



We take this opportunity to welcome the 3 volunteers from UK to Lords Meade. (Left) Flora Misikin, Molly Parr & Charlotte Cox are very welcome and appear to have settled and in and are working hard both in and outside the classroom.

Pictured left, the 3 young ladies pose with Bosco Odong (extreme right) the Head Boy and Goretti Nakasi (2nd left) the Head Girl.

We are most grateful for the 3 volunteers, especially as they will be starting their tertiary education during a new era of more expensive education in UK.

Many thanks to Val Chilvers for her invaluable work in acting as the UK parent & briefing all our volunteers before they come to Uganda.

## SOME NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS

Congratulations to **John Akoraebirungi** for obtaining 4.52 aggregate in his First Class Degree at Makerere University. His sponsor, his brother in law, says that high intelligence runs in the family!

**Geoffrey Otieno**, one of LMVC's pioneers is completing his 3 year diploma course at Mulago Hospital in public health dentistry. 10 years ago Geoffrey was heading for a life of herding his uncle's cattle in his home village!

**Steven Bameka** is now working for the Ministry of Finance and is currently involved in fitting computer packages for accounting to many Ugandan missions around the world. His family was not able to pay for his secondary education.

**CONDOLENCES:** We are sad to report the death of **Cynthia Kalouch**, a former student. Our condolences go to her parents and her sister. May her soul rest in peace.

## “DISABILITY IS NOT INABILITY”, I NOW HAVE HOPE. THANK YOU ROTARY AND TOFTA EDUC TRUST.” says John Bbosa, a blind boy.



Meet **John Bbosa**, Left; a 20 year old blind boy who sat for his UACE examinations and passed well. He has hopes of being sponsored by the government at university.

Six year ago, John was a mere little boy who had completed his primary education from the School for the Blind in Jinja and had no hopes of further studies as his parents are poor and besides, he is blind.

In 2005, John sat for his Primary Leaving Examinations from the School for the Blind in Jinja which is supported by the Rotary Club of Jinja.

In 2006, through the Memorandum of Understanding with Rotary Club of Jinja, Tofta Educational Trust recruited him and started paying for his secondary education from a school for the blind in Soroti, Eastern Uganda where he has been for six years until 2011, when he completed his A levels.

John's father is a retired soldier who does odd jobs for a living and could not afford paying for his school fees. John studied History, Economics, Christian Religious studies and Literature in English which he passed well.

“ I think I now have my dream of pursuing a university degree and becoming useful to my family in future. Thank you TET and Rotary”. said John, when he brought his results to our offices.

## A NEW DOMITORY FOR THE GIRLS., THANK YOU ANT HILL FOUNDATION

*“Educating a girl is educating a nation.”*

Thank you our beloved donors for the continued support. In the past few years, the number of girls joining the Lords Meade Vocational College has steadily increased and there has been a great need of increasing the capacity of their accommodation at the college. This increase is attributed partly to the individual sponsors and other sponsoring organizations who choose to bring their beneficiaries to LMVC due to it's unique curriculum . This increase in number, hence the need for more space for accommodation. We thank the Ant hill Foundation for their generous donation towards the construction of a dormitory which will accommodate another 44 girls on double decker beds. It is the support and the help from individuals and friends like you, that Lords Meade Voc. College and the Tofta Trust has managed to help the less fortunate youth through education. Top: the new dormitory. Right; Rotarian Dale Knight (2nd left) with her friends from USA visits the new dormitory .



## LMVC 10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

It is 10 years since Lords Meade Vocational College opened it's door to the youth of East Africa. With it's mission of providing quality post primary education to it's students, it has provided quality comprehensive education to the youths and empowered them with the skills and abilities to be independent in the society. Among the achievements, are the many old students who have achieved and are now employed in the various vocations of employment. They attribute their success to the quality education offered by LMVC and also the conducive environment which fosters better learning.

The school management is in preparations to hold activities in celebration of the achievements. There will be a lot to showcase from the various departments notably, the vocational department, the science department, the Language department and co-curriculum department.

So far 1651 students have sat for either UNEB 'O' level or 'A' level exams since the College opened. Some students are flying high—Stephen Bwamiki is currently working with the Ugandan Ministry of Finance, visiting many of the Ugandan Embassies around the world to set up a computer accounting package. Henry Kasirye is currently the manager of the Mbale Depot for Nile Breweries. Other old students are studying in UK, USA & Canada.

We look forward to good celebrations this year. Long live LMVC!



*"I did not want to be an orphan."*

*April 2012*

## 2011 UCE, UACE RESULTS

We are glad to communicate that our last years candidates performed well and there were great improvements in both UCE (Uganda Certificate of Education) and UACE (Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education) results. At O-level, out of the 123 candidates, 22 passed in Division One, and at A-level, out of 111 candidates, 24 passed with 4 principle passes and 106 are eligible to join higher institutions of learning. We congratulate all our candidates for their tremendous performance and LMVC emerged the best school in our region. Lords Meade was mentioned in national news paper due to the encouraging results!

Because of this great performance, the school management organized a celebratory party for the staff members and the members of the PTA, for their hard work and efforts in providing quality education to the youths. The teachers expressed their urge to continue working hard.

**Right;** The members of PTA and the staff being served a meal during the party. The Domestic Science students prepared and served the food.



**FRANCIS SSEMWANGA.** TET has assisted Francis with his secondary & tertiary education. Both Francis and his grand mother came to the Tofta office to express their appreciation in this letter.



*'Thanks so much the Tofta Educational Trust for the very big contribution made towards my achievement of the degree of Bachelor of Science with Education of Kyambogo University. I am now lifted up to a useful person serving both my people and the whole country at large as a teacher of Physics and Mathematics. You people are doing great work for the country Uganda!!! ALLOW ME APPRECIATE ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE YOU HAVE RENDERED SUCH A GREAT HELP. THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM JOSEPHINE, MR. JOSEPH AND THE ENTIRE TEAM.'*

**CAN YOU HELP?** For £1 (US\$ 2) per day (£360 or \$720 p.a.), YOU can assist a needy child to gain hope and lead a meaningful life. Please donate so that the Trust's work can continue to help vulnerable youth to obtain education, accommodation and health services so they may have a better future.

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