

TOFTA & LMVC News Bulletin

'EDUCATING THE LESS FORTUNATE &,
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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I am very happy to be writing this to our friends and supporters as we close the 3rd term of 2014.

We have held a very uplifting final assembly where everyone was in great spirits. We say 'good -bye' to the Senior 6 'A' level candidates – they have been an outstanding group of young men and women – very hard working and well disciplined. The Senior 4 'O' level candidates have already completed their UNEB 'O' level exams, and we wish them well with their results.

We have recently been blessed with a visit from Rtn Dale Knight from Rotary Club of Rohnert Park – Cotati along with Rtns Wulff and Paula Reinhold from the same Rotary Club. Rtn Wulff is the District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 5130. They visited and interacted with the students that Rtn Dale and the Rotary Club, and other Rotarians in District 5130 kindly sponsor. They kindly donated a laptop computer and a projector for the benefit of the students studies.



Other visitors included PDG Steve and Rtn Vickey Wallace from Rotary District 5340 who came to check on the 12 students they handle the funding for from their Rotary Adopt A Village Project. Christopher Okiror, the head prefect, is one of the beneficiaries. He is outstanding in his studies as well as his leadership. His fellow beneficiaries are also quality students and serious in their studies.

A third visitor was Mrs Cathy Crewe-Read, the head teacher of Wolverhampton Grammar School. The WGS has kindly been donating a ceiling for a classroom for the last 3 years. The cement ceiling assists the class by reducing the heat and the noise in the classroom as well as making the classroom look smarter. Again we are so grateful for the continued support of WGS.

The LMVC Community enjoyed participating in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Rotary Club of Jinja. Several Interactors participated in the mini-marathon held by the Rotary Club, and Head Master Raymond Owino expressed appreciation from the local community for the support the Rotary Club of Jinja has given over the 50 years.

We are looking forward to welcoming into the Lords Meade Vocational College Community students who are being assisted by John Keltonic and his friends in USA. These students will be starting to study at LMVC when the new academic year starts towards the end of January 2015.

We are now distributing calendars for 2015 which depict the activities of the students of LMVC. These act as a year-long reminder of the life and work of the College.

I am travelling to UK at the end of November for a month – I will be returning to tropical climes in time to celebrate Christmas

I conclude by thanking everyone for their continued support whether financially or spiritually, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

John Kirkwood
Director.



Nikki Mallett kindly ran a marathon in support of Tofta Education Trust. If you would like to support her gallant efforts and also support the work of Tofta Education Trust please go to her donation page on <http://www.everyclick.com/nikkifundraisingfortofta>.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER



Dear readers,

Warm greetings from Lords Meade Vocational College family to all our partners in development.

As we come to the end of 2014, we greatly appreciate the support of all our benefactors, friends and well-wishers.

As noted in the earlier editions, the theme of the 2014 has been “Year of Harvest”, which harvest is meant to come from our sweat.

Evaluating our selves, there are indicators that we have made every effort to prepare our selves for the harvest. We presented 133 students for S.4 (UCE), and 49 for S.6 (UACE), from whom we expect very good results.

Our very special appreciation goes to all our friends who have supported the less fortunate students and helped them to realize that they can also lead a better life and that there are those who have a caring heart and helping hands.

My passionate appeal, is please continue to help for, there are many more such students who need your caring heart and indeed a helping hand.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2015,

Owino Raymond Raanga

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DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE

It is a great pleasure having completed this academic year in a jovial mood for all us at LMVC.

We extend our gratitude to all our stakeholders especially the parents, for the cooperation and our beloved sponsors and well wishers for the support not only financially, but also morally and spiritually.

This term is always the most hectic of all the terms for the administration and my office as the Director of Studies especially. We have been up and down preparing the candidates and other classes for their end of year examinations.

During the months of October and November the S.4 AND S.6 candidates sat for their "O" and "A" level examinations respectively. On the same note, the S .3 students sat for their end of Course examinations of the Directorate of Industrial Training in their respective trades of carpentry, Tailoring Building and Construction and catering.

We wish all our candidates success.

Let me take this opportunity to wish every one a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We are reaching "**HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK**"

David Munobwa,
Director Of Studies



DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE

My dreams are coming true now I am realizing it. I was dreaming of building a brick house in my home after my studies. Now I have the skills, at home we shall need bricks and iron sheets. I can now build our house". Janet said in excitement after finishing her final examinations in building and construction course.

In 2012 when Janet joined LMVC, she never thought of making it to the current class, and this was due to the lack of school fees and she was always sent home, which is 100 km from Jinja.



Janet with her family

Her parents are poor, and share their mud and wattle grass thatched house with her brothers, sisters and other relatives.

The Headmaster at LMVC forwarded Janet to Tofta Educational Trust and introduced her plight. TET contacted Rotarian Dale Knight who agreed to assist her with her education.

She has been working hard both in her academics and in extra curricular activities and she has this term sat for her end of course examinations in building and construction where she was among the best among the boys.



We continually appreciate people like our Rotarian friends, well-wishers and the different individuals who generously offer to assist children like Janet who would be married off and denied a good future because of poverty. Your assistance indeed transforms families in tremendous ways.

Above : Rtn Dale (left) talking to the student benefiting from her Rotary club.



On the left in yellow t-shirt is Janet during her building and construction examinations.

ROTARY CLUB OF RHOHNERT PARK-COTATI

We were able to have Dale Knight and other Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati California USA, who visited the school and checked on their sponsored students. They managed to donate to us a computer, projector and the screen which has greatly enhanced the quality of education offered to the students. We thank the We are greatly looking forward to Dale's next visit in 2015. Below, Rtn Dale Knight from Rotary Club of Rohnert Park – Cotati along with Rtns Wulff and Paula Reinhold handing over the equipments. The headmaster thanked the Rotarian s for their generous donation and noted that this will help in the implemen-



Rtns Wulff and Paula Reinhold and Dale Knight handing over the equipments

WGS STAFF VISITS LMVC

We were also honored to have the Head Teacher Wolverhampton Grammar School (WGS) Mrs. Cathy Crewe-Read and one of the teachers Ms Rhinnon Pratt. This was a trip ahead of their next year cultural exchange of their students. We are looking forward to hosting over 20 of WGS girls students and their 4 teachers next year. We hope this will be a great experience to the lives of their students and WGS at large. We forever appreciate this WGS bond with LMVC. This has widened the experience of our students with the outside world and the general school at large.

(Right), WGS staff poses a picture with LMVC staff



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“O” AND “A” LEVEL SIT FOR FINALS

Our candidates in S4 and S6 successfully sat for their examinations during the months of October and November. We are looking forward to have better results given the hard work put in by the teachers. We hope will be out towards the beginning of next year.



Students doing physics, cookery and tailoring practical examinations respectively

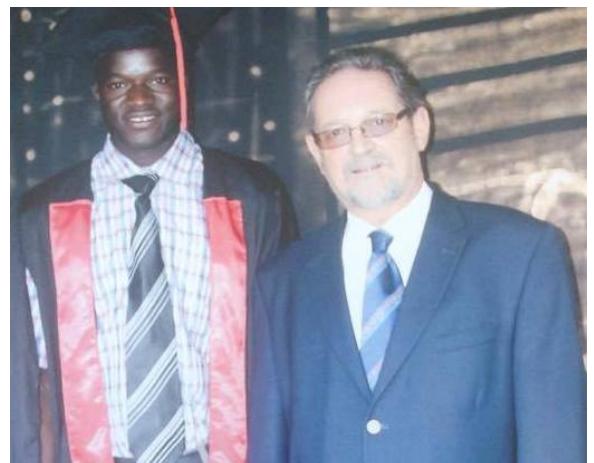
T.E.T BENEFICIARIES GRADUATE

We have recently been privileged to be able to attend the graduations of two special people. Joseph Ahisibwe who graduated from Gulu University with a first class degree in Qualitative Economics. A young man with a brilliant brain which he uses but coming from a humble background. He is flying high soon. The second graduation was for Ceaser Nyeko, who is a former LRA abductee. He graduated with a diploma in Civil Engineering from Elgon Technical College Mbale Uganda. He has had a long journey to reach where he is, and he is now reaching high through hard work. It has always been rewarding to see the goals of Tofta being achieved.



**Joseph Ahisibwe from
Gulu University (Left).**

**Nyeko Ceaser and Director
LMVC pose for a picture af-
ter graduation (Right)**



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ROTARY D 5340 USA, VISIT THEIR STUDENTS

We were also honored to have Steve and Vicky Wallace and Jackie Valdez from the Rotary Club of Lake Elsinore and Rotary Club of Rialto California USA respectively who visited our Tofta Offices. They were able to check on their sponsored students. They interacted with the students and assessed their performance as well. We believe this encourages the sponsored students as well. We hope for a great improvement in their exams. One of their sponsored students, Christopher Okiror, is the current Head Prefect, and also he is one of the top students in his class academically.



Christopher the Head Prefect and the Director John Kirkwood posing with the guests (Left). Vicky Wallace assessing one of their students (Right)

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