

NEWS BULLETIN

LORDSMEADE VOCATIONAL COLLEGE



REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK

WORD FROM DIRECTOR

NEWSLETTER
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Dear Readers

I hope you enjoy reading about what is going on in Lords Meade Vocational College and Tofta Educational Trust. We are all so grateful for your support through cash, kind or spiritually,

It is always a delight when the UNEB results are released and we see how the students supported by the Tofta Trust have performed. Just getting them to sit for their exams is a major achievement.

Most students then go on to further their education either in A levels, vocational skills training or in some form of tertiary education.

The reward of seeing a lost child of 13 years with little hope of advancing their education becoming an academic giant in higher classes. It is so rewarding to see Allan maintaining his excellent academic record after witnessing his very humble living conditions. So many of us take piped water and electric light for granted.

I was privileged to escort 4 teachers from Lords Meade Vocational College on a field trip to Kenya, and to revisit some places I have not seen for over 25 years—and to see the features through the eyes of the teachers—a very rewarding experience.

Many thanks for your continued support in our efforts to educate the less fortunate—the results of the recent students plus the achievements of the older pupils shows that we are heading in the right direction.

I must thank Nikki Mallett for her generous support towards Tofta Educational Trust—she is running the London Marathon in April and is asking for supporters to sponsor her.

With very best wishes

John Kirkwood

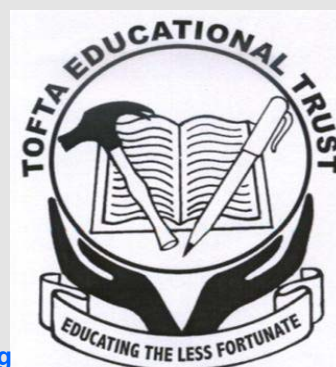


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EDUCATING THE LESS FORTUNATE



Word from the Headteacher

To our esteemed readers, we welcome you to 2015.

As Lords Meade Vocational College, we celebrate the improved performance in our “O” and “A” level examinations 2014.

We thank the almighty for our improved enrolment from 462 students as at the close of the year 2014 to 531 as at 25th March 2015.

Our theme of the year 2015 is

“Soaring quality and abundant harvest”

implying we are working for qualitative and quantitative academic excellence. Your continued support is humbly called for.

In very high gear, preparation for our S.3 directorate of industrial training candidates, our special and unique students of the vocational courses as we look forward to present them for their final assessment in October.

As a school, we continue to enormously thank all our donors, friends and development partners for all they do for us.

We would also like to inform you that our computer laboratory was renovated and equipped to modern standards, and we have a full time internet connection courtesy of our link school Wolverhampton Grammar School and efforts by Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Rohnert Park – Co-tati**, led by Rtn Dale Knight.

This has greatly improved the teaching and learning of science subjects. We use the projector and the internet for research and innovative purposes

We are really proud of you sponsors for your efforts towards our work of educating the less fortunate youths, as we reach high through hard work.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincere,

Owino Raymond Raanga

Head teacher

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Raymond Owino

Message from Director of Studies

It's yet another year 2015 here at Lords Meade Vocational College, now celebrating 13 years of comprehensive education and Achievement.

The year has started with all stake holders of the College exhibiting high spirits; Directors, Administrators, teachers, students and parents have shown a rare passion for the College and have focused their energies to excellent results in all that we touch.

As I write this article, a MEGA celebration is in the pipeline for basically three things;

- Improvement in U.C.E UNEB Performance 2014
- Excellent UACE results 2014
- Increase in students' enrollment from 462 to 528, yet still coming.



David Munobwa

BEST UCE CANDIDATES 2014	Best UACE CANDIDATES 2014
Banadda Derrick 18	AmoitMarrion4CBC6 15 pts
GudasiMuhamood 21	Namutebi Janet 4BCC5 15
KiyembaAbdallah 22	Awule Edwin 6BDB5 15
Namutebi Lydia 24	Oenen Ivan 5DBC5 14
Iwalwa Samuel Grace 25	Sewajje Philip 5BDC5 14
KayinzaJoweria 27	Frank Ismail Chanikicha9EBB7 12

Most of our best UCE candidates are already back to Lords Meade pursuing their A – levels. 95% of our UACE candidates qualify to join university and other tertiary institutions – its worthy celebrating.

Most profound event of this first term is the reporting on brand new S.1s and S.5s. It's very interesting watching these youngsters as they experience a very new environment which comes with lots of changes. We are boasting of 129 S.1s so far, with two Korean nationals, LMVC is truly International.

All Arms are directed to the target of having "A quality abundant harvest" at the end of the year as our theme of the year suggests.

I say, a College degree and teaching certificate define the person of a teacher but it takes hard work and commitment to be one, really LMVC staff are real teachers. Watch this space for results of 2015.

As Lords Meade family, we are forever grateful to our directors, Parents, partners overseas, sponsors of students and well-wishers for making us what we are. Just like a butterfly which knows not the beauty of its wings but the Artist knows, you may not comprehend how much you touch our lives but to some degree we are because you are.

Be blessed.

David Munobwa

Director of studies

LMVC.

NICKI MALLET FUNDRAISING FOR TET

Nikki Mallet, a family friend to TET director, Mr. Kirkwood, is making a difference again by participating in a marathon in support of the Trust's work.

Nikki ran a marathon last year, Brighton Marathon to kindly raise funds towards educating the less fortunate children in Uganda and Kenya.

This year, her efforts are geared towards running the London Marathon 2015 for the same cause.

If you would like to support her gallant efforts and also support the work of TET, Please go to her donation page on

<http://www.everyclick.com/nikkifundraising4toftalondonmarathon2015>.

Tofta Educational Trust fully supports you Nikki in your courageous endeavors and are 100% with you in spirit as you conquer your next challenge. Good luck.



GIRLS EXCEL AT BRICKLAYING

"With the right skills, we are certain of getting employment, if we continue with the skills they have imparted into us". Said Lydia Akol, one the girls who studied Brick laying and concrete practice.

What make LMVC a unique school is the availability of vocational subjects like carpentry, tailoring, cookery and brick laying and concrete practice and the implementation of a government programme of skilling Uganda which aims at creating employable skills and competencies relevant in the labour market instead of educational certificates.

This forms the back ground and a foundation for a youth in today's job market. In the photos, **above is Janet Karugwe** and **below; Lydia Akol** during their building practice examination. Conscious of the fact that the right skills can only be imparted under right circumstances, LMVC provides the necessary tools and equipment to ensure effective learning.



Janet during her final examinations. Janet is sponsored by Rotarian Dale Knight



Lydia, sponsored by Rotarian Jane Swiffen

APPRECIATION FOR NEW SPONSORS

Tofta Educational Trust conveys sincere appreciations to the friends and well wishers who have come on board to support TET with educating the less fortunate youth in East Africa.

Our vision and mission has always been fulfilled by friends with whom we share the same philosophy.

We send our appreciations to Rotarians, among them; Tom and Ranna Plum, Wulf Reinhold, Marion and Keith Moffart and Keith Extel for the generous donations towards educating the less fortunate youths. Your donation will transform many lives.

Tofta Educational Trust visits Allan's home

Allan Raale is a 17 year old boy in senior three at Lords Meade Vocational College, where he stays all through school days. During the holidays he goes to Budondo village about 10 kms from Jinja town where he stays with a friend in a mud and wattle rented house. Allan has been the first in his class for the past two years. He wants to become an engineer. He has a father and a step mother but does not stay with them because the step mom does not want him there. His mother separated with the father and moved on with his sister and Allan does not know where they are.

During the holidays, his challenges are a comfortable accommodation with light to study at night, and feeding since has to walk 2 km to the grandmother's house for meals.



Allan and director in front of the house



Allan with his grand mother



Allan leaving for a brighter

During his last holidays in December, he contacted Mr. Kirkwood and narrated the challenges he has. The director visited him, and offered to get him a better place to stay for the remaining holiday, until he goes back to school. He was offered to be in school for the coming holidays such that he has good accommodation.

A STUDY TRIP TO WESTERN KENYA

The director, John Kirkwood sponsored 4 teachers for a geography trip to Western Kenya in January. The 4 teachers included 3 geography teachers and one agriculture teacher. The study trip was to enlighten the teachers about the physical features and land forms in East Africa in relation to human activities in the particular areas.

Among the areas visited were the Menengai Crater, Nyahururu, Iten, Kerio Valley, Lake Bogoria National Park, the Olkaria Geothermal power plant in the Hell's Gate National Park. In Kisumu they went and visited the air, water and railway transport infrastructure.

"This trip has been very good and we have seen many different features. We actually now have the real information we shall pass on to the students" said Godfrey Kato, one of the teachers.



The team at the Malaba—Eldoret Road junction to Kitale. Human activity was closely studied



The map of Lake Bogoria. Lake Bogoria was one of the lowest points, and hottest, of the trip.



Looking over the step fault at Kijabe across into the Great Rift Valley. Cultivation was studied carefully.



Flamingos at Lake Bogoria, one of the alkaline lakes in the Rift Valley



This John Deere combine harvester was found near Iten and was studied closely.

ACADEMIC GIANTS O-LEVEL 2014

We would like to congratulate the ordinary level students of senior four year 2014 upon the successful completion of their exams which were a proven success with the results indicating a 40% increase in general performance. "Ad Astra Per Ardua: Reach High Through Hard Work"

Though the boys performed much better than the girls, it should also be noted that there was an overall improvement amongst the girls of up to 60% in general which is a huge accomplishment and we stand proud of our girls and are expecting much more from the future generations as girls start to pave way for a new, brighter future.

It is with great pleasure that we would like to announce that the best student of the 2014 class, **Bannada Derrick** also happens to be one of our beneficiaries here at Tofta Educational Trust.



With his perseverance and endurance, he was able to overcome all obstacles and challenges to top his class and we are glad to have him as part of our recent A-level students admitted as he looks forward to achieving his long time dreams in the science world. Congratulations Derrick.



Namutebi Lydia led the girls by lifting the mantle high, a job well done as she topped the girls impressively giving testimony to what can be achieved when one elicits good traits such as adaptability and discipline hence taking charge of their lives. Congratulations Namutebi Lydia and we wish you success in your future endeavors.

We at Tofta Educational Trust would like to show our sincere appreciation and thanks to the teaching and non teaching staff at Lords Meade Vocational College for all the hard work put into these students in order to help them achieve their dreams in order to become model citizens in society.

Like the Tofta Educational Motto Goes "Educating the less Fortunate", Bannada Derrick you have done us proud and congratulations to the O- Level Class of 2014.

Rotarian Jerry Porter offers to support Juliet

Juliet is an 18 year old girl, in senior six. She has been at LMVC since senior one and has partly been sponsored by the Interact Club of LMVC. She has siblings and the family is financially unstable. The father abandoned them, and the mother does odd jobs where she earns so little to educate all her children.

She was failing to study this year, but we are glad to inform you that **Rotarian Gerry Porter** from the Rotary Club of Cambrai, California, has offered to support her with her school fees. Juliet is one of the many cases, especially of the girl child, whose dreams are shattered due to unavoidable circumstances.

Juliet is very hard working in class and in co curricular activities and wants to do business management at university.

We would like to show our sincere appreciation and thanks to Rtn Gerry Porter for his kind support.



JULIET NAMUGAMBE

CAN YOU HELP? Please donate any amount 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. A full sponsorship for one year costs £360 or US\$720. **£1 (US\$2) a day educates a child!**

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The Secretary, Tofta Educational Trust,

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www.lorsdmeade.org You will receive a 501(c) 3 receipt.

Email: toftatrust@gmail.com

Phone: +256 772 412345/ +256 774 225355

Please state if you would prefer to support a boy or a girl.

Tofta Educational Trust,

P.O. Box 1200, Jinja, Uganda

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