

NEWS BULLETIN

LORDSMEADE VOCATIONAL COLLEGE



REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK

WORD FROM DIRECTOR

NEWSLETTER
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I am delighted to write my message while visiting England for a couple of weeks.

I must start by thanking NIKKI MALLETT for running the London Marathon and offering to support Tofta Education Trust. This really is an outstanding offer of support and I hope some of you will find a way of supporting her efforts through her web page at www.everyclick.com/nikkifundraising4toftalondonmarathon2015 Any amount of support will be most gratefully received.

We closed the term with nearly 80 students more than we ended last year. As usual, Tofta Education Trust has been inundated with requests for bright students who have got into Senior (Form) 1. We do have some very promising kids who did very well in their Primary Leaving Exams and who, without Tofta Trust input, would have very little hope of furthering their education. Again, any contribution towards their upkeep will go a long way to assisting a promising young boy or girl in gaining useful education so that they can take a useful place in their society!

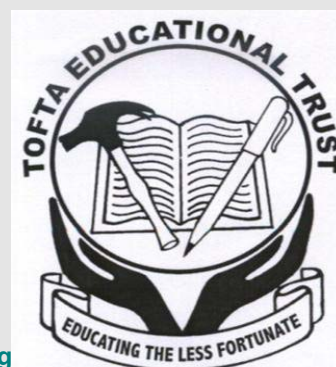
I must again thank all our supporters, especially Dale Knight who continues to support us in so many ways – her recent donation of a lap-top and projector and screen – has revolutionised the teaching of Physics, and to a certain extent, Mathematics. Israel Aagon makes good use of the equipment, and is also teaching his colleagues how to use the equipment!

The school has set out to buy a 40 seater Tata bus, to facilitate the transporting of both students and staff. This is being funded by the parents contribution to the P.T.A.. We hope that by soon after the start of third term the bank will give the P.T.A. a loan to purchase the bus. We are looking forward to the arrival of the school bus.

We are looking forward to having a graduation ceremony for the Department of Industrial Training students. These are the students who sat their D.I.T. trade tests last October. They now have qualifications in their vocational subjects. This is part of the unique double curriculum that Lords Meade College offers, so that by the end of Senior 4 students have a vocational qualification as well as their UNEB academic qualification. This promises to be an exciting time for these students now in Senior 4 as they have their vocational graduation. **Continued to page....5**

TOFTA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

EDUCATING THE LESS FORTUNATE



Word from the Head Teacher



It is with utmost pleasure and deep satisfaction that I write this short message in the monthly Tofta- News letter.

Lords Meade is getting back to its feet once again, and steadily gaining its glory. More prayers and more collective harmonious effort called for.

We closed term one 2015 with 531 students up from 462 as at the close of term 3-2014.

The teachers have been in very high working spirit. Enormous appreciation

to all of them.

Special thanks to Science department for embracing fully ICT in teaching & learning process.

Ms. Angwech Jennifer, a long serving teacher in the Department of Humanities, is now the new Deputy Head teacher, congratulations to her. She is settling in her new office very effectively.

We need your prayers as we sort ourselves out with the Bank and PTA, to secure a school bus. Any support is very welcome. We are very optimistic; our dreams shall become a reality this time around.

We continue to say thank you to all our benefactors and pray for their good health. As Oliver Twist, please some more.

Special appreciation to all our partners in helping less fortunate students in Lords Meade; for you have been always made them have a new hope in their lives. What a wonderful noble duty, that you are all doing.

We are also grateful to Rotarian Dale for her support to the Science Department with a lap top, projector and big screen, which is now being used in the teaching learning process especially in the science department. God bless your generous hands.

Fruitful reading to you all.

Owino Raymond - Raanga

HEADMASTER

Message from Director of Studies



Finally, term I 2015 has come to an end, lots of events defined it which all ended well, thanks be to God.

Having buildings, teachers and students gathered together does not necessarily mean having a school but what happens in the buildings, how the teachers interact with the students and the consistency in following policy makes a school. I am happy to observe that Lords Meade is a real College.

Just a recap of achievements of term I:

The teaching and learning has been excellent, evidenced by the teaching staff exhibiting a rear level of commitment, very positive attitude and their availability at maximum volume up to late hours of the night. Director John Kirkwood is a witness.

Special mention of Mr. Aogon Israel, who has not touched chalk this term, he has fully gone ICT in teaching his Biology and Chemistry lessons. Keep it up Israel.

Lots of assessment tests and examinations were done, the overall general performance of the students was very good, most of the students showed improvement. The few who did not perform well have a room for improvement, strategies are already in place to achieve this.

As we all know, academic excellence and indiscipline cannot share a bed, LMVC is not about to mislay its high rank in discipline management in this region. Calmness is how I can summarize the discipline of our students. We pray no bad seeds are flung in them during the holidays.

After our *Educate!* Scholars winning the regional entrepreneurial exhibition competitions, they represented the school at the national level in Kampala where they emerged 8th out of 18 schools, this is worthy celebrating.

We held our internal science fair, eight science innovation projects were exhibited, five of these qualified for the regional fair in June. It is amazing seeing these youngsters explaining the science involved in each of these projects. Science is alive at Lords Meade.

Be blessed.

Yours sincerely,

David Munobwa

Hooked; Break free Campaign LMVC

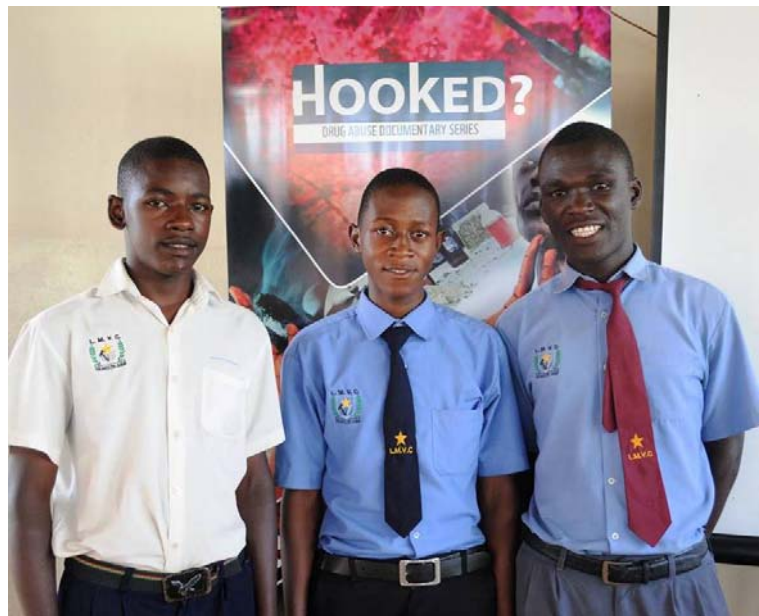
“The mentality and behavior of drug addicts and alcoholics is wholly irrational until you understand that they are completely powerless over their addiction and unless they have structured help, they have no hope.”

This is one of the famous quotes that led us to this point where we believed that we had to be the structured help for our students so that they don't fall prey or victim to this rising scourge and so with the help of a former student and beneficiary of Tofta educational trust, Mr.



Mr. Bikumbi Grace, a medical superintendent at Butabika referral hospital, through his campaign Hooked; Break free were able to organize a seminar for the students which turned out to be very beneficial as both the students and staff learned some hard facts and truths about addiction which were overlooked in society.

This seminar was educative to the students to be more aware of their surrounding vices hence have learnt how to deal with them once they arise. It was extremely enlightening and reassuring as now the students boast of a more informed point of view on the subject of addiction.



NICKI SUPPORTS EAST AFRICAN CHILDREN

As we reported in our last newsletter of March, about Nikki Mallet's participation in the then upcoming London Marathon, we are now glad to inform you that on the 26th April, she ran in the Virgin Money London Marathon in her efforts to raise funds for educating more less fortunate children in East Africa.

Nikki ran last year in the Brighton Marathon for the same cause.

All this done in support of Tofta Educational Trust's mission of educating the less fortunate children in East Africa especially the girl child.

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>



Nikki Mallet No. 13334 during the marathon

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We always look forward to having guests visit, and we are looking forward to our great friend Dale Knight visit us in June along with her travelling companions. Dale always brings hope and usually a solution to some of our problems at Lords Meade Vocational College.

Please keep us in mind as we start the second term of the year on May 17th. We pray that the students return safely, and that the parents and guardians are able to find the required fees.

Do please look at Nikki Mallet's page, and any support will be greatly appreciated.

With grateful thanks and blessings.

John Kirkwood

USEP SCIENCE FAIR 2015

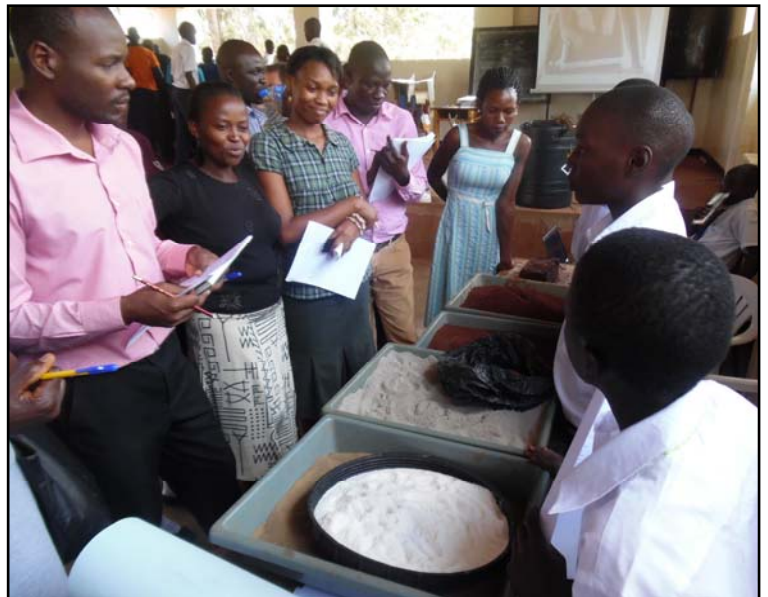
The science department of Lords Meade Vocational College organized an internal science fair under the Uganda Science Education Programme (USEP) on Friday 27th March. This programme which operates in only 15 schools country wide aims at improving the teaching and learning of science subjects in secondary schools.

This year's fair, aimed at making science alive by coming up with projects that solve real life challenges and under the guidance of the department heads, all classes showcased projects and in total 8 projects were presented among which 5 projects qualified to be presented at the up coming central region science fair on 20th June 2015.

Bellow are some of the projects in pictures.



S.5 Students showcasing drip irrigation



S.1 students showcasing their animal salt making project



Left: S.6 their organic pesticides project.

Right; Director John Kirkwood handing over a present to one of the exhibitors



DIT GRADUATION FOR 6TH JUNE

Lords Meade Vocational college is organizing grand graduation ceremony scheduled for 6th June 2015. these are students who have qualified in various technical skills like carpentry, cookery, tailoring, agriculture and building and construction.

The vocational part is one which makes Lords Meade Vocational College a different school from the others and many students have excelled and are now having careers.

Under the government sponsored programme of skilling Uganda, LMVC is one of the few schools under implementation and youths from the community come and learn skills. Below are pictures of students constructing a poultry house.

At this point in time, we would like to congratulate all the DIT students upon the successful completion of their exams and pending graduation on 6th June 2015.



Building and concrete practice students of S.3 constructing a poultry house at the school

SPORTS AT LMVC

Towards the end of the term, the school organised football and netball tournament named Kalanzi cup. All classes competed with boys for football and girls for netball respectively. Kalanzi Cup is held in memory of the Co director Mr Kalibbala Peter's late father.

During the handing over of the trophies to the winners, Mr. Kalibbala encouraged the students to engage in co curricular activities and be disciplined, as these traits are vital in their development into future leaders in their communities.



Mr. Kalibbala handing over to S. 3 boys, the winners in football



Mr. Kalibbala handing over to S. 3 girls the winners in netball

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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