

## NEWS BULLETIN

# LORDS MEADE VOCATIONAL COLLEGE



*REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK*

### WORD FROM DIRECTOR

NEWSLETTER  
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I am delighted to write my message for this newsletter. Elsewhere you will read of the successes that Lords Meade Vocational College has achieved during the second term.

I start by thanking Nikki Mallet, a family friend, who ran the London Marathon in aid of Tofta Educational Trust. Her efforts are greatly appreciated. Her donation page is still open and any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

I was privileged to watch the Music Dance and Drama in the Dulverton School Hall. The standard was very high!

Unfortunately I was not able to be present at the Uganda Science Education Program finals for Eastern Uganda, but I had been able to see the preliminaries, and again the standard was very high.

I was able to travel to Gulu to watch Lords Meade Vocational College athletes participate in the National Secondary Schools Athletics Competitions. It was a good experience for many of them to be challenged by the teams from the more northern districts who presented some outstanding athletes.

Elsewhere you will read about the visit of the Wolverhampton Grammar School group who visited LMVC for a week and participated in every activity that was going on. They found the 5.30am preps hard to cope with! We were so privileged to host them, and I must add my thanks for the funds they have provided for the tarmacking of the basketball court.

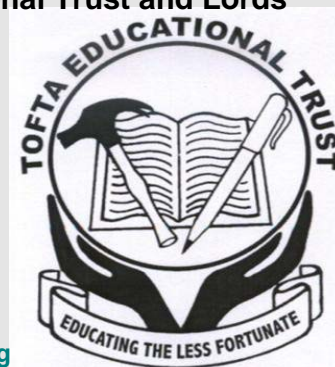
I must add my thanks to the UK Trustees for providing funds for the additional acre of land that we have recently been able to purchase. This now gives us about 30 acres of land for the school and the farm.

The 'O' & 'A' level students are counting down to the start of the UNEB O & A level exams. They have been well prepared by the very hard working staff.

Many thanks to everyone who kindly supports both Tofta Educational Trust and Lords Meade Vocational College.

With best wishes and grateful thanks

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## Word from the Head Teacher

Term 2, 2015 has come to an end with a lot of achievements in our plate.

It was a term of indeed useful activities..

First on our long list was the music dance and drama inter-house competitions where the language department are highly accredited.

On the 20th June 2015, we hosted the Uganda Science education program fair where LMVC emerged the best. During the fair, our students exhibited high degree of maturity and talent, replicating our standards in the science subjects.

We boast of three science laboratories though not well equipped.

On the 26th June 2015, we hosted the Buikwe district athletics championship, and LMVC emerged the best thereby sending 20 students who qualified for the national athletics championship that was held from 5th to 10th July in Gulu district.

From 12th to 18th July 2015, we hosted 16 students and 4 teachers from our beloved U.K link school, Wolverhampton Grammar School (WGS). During their stay with us, we benefited a lot from the interactions and we appreciate the strength of the link relationship.

We are enormously grateful to the WGS community who advanced us 5 million shillings towards the construction of a basketball court. The funds have done a great deal of work.

This term we have had both internal and external set mock examinations for the candidate classes as we prepare our students for the final national examinations for both ordinary and advanced level.

With the level of our dedication as the staff and the willingness to study by the students, our hopes are high and we shall perform well.

To our donor community, we are for ever grateful and continue to assure you that we are doing our best to ***“REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK”***.



Owino Raymond - Raanga

**HEADMASTER**

## Message from Director of Studies



Welcome to this edition of newsletter. Day by day we are becoming greater and greater.

We are very thankful to the almighty God who has seen us through term II of 2015. It has been a very packed term with lots of events; Academic, Sports, Science fairs, Music competitions and many others.

We realized victories almost in every competition that Lords Meade vocational college took part. We strongly attribute it to our slogan of term II *"We Either Win or They Lose!!"*

In the arena of Academics, it was tight for every teacher and student, teachers working day and night to be up to date with the syllabus at all levels. Tests and examinations characterized the term with candidates sitting for Internal Mocks set by our own teachers and external mocks. We are hoping for the best from them.

As our culture, we had the glorious Academics Assembly where outstanding performers in Academics and In the Vocational fields are recognized and rewarded. It's usually a highly anticipated assembly, graced by all staff and the Director John Kirkwood.

We international touch was rejuvenated when we hosted a team of 20 guests from one of our Link schools in UK, Wolverhampton Grammar school; 4 teachers and 16 students for five nights. It was a wonderful experience for both parties (our visitors and the LMVC Community). The visiting students practiced their teaching skills and also attended lessons in a "ceiling-less" classroom for the first time in life- amazing! The visit was crowned by competitions in athletics and netball, the visitors put up a spirited fight in netball and took the day while athletics victory went to the hosts.

LMVC hosted the central region science fair; five schools exhibited innovations in science projects that solve real life challenges, as it was our slogan we either win or they lose, LMVC carried the day and walked away with 1.7m shillings. Thumbs up to the entire LMVC staff, especially science teachers for guiding the students in coming up with the projects. The efforts of the students cannot go unmentioned!

It was all about hosting and winning, there came the District Athletics championships on July 20, 2015. It was hosted at LMVC. The home advantage and the noisy supporters were unstoppable engines for the LMVC Team. Winning was the only option for us.

We are very hopeful that the winning trend shall culminate into academic excellence at the end of the year in the final national examinations. One thing I know is that failure is always an orphan but success has many fathers, team work is the word.

Anyone who has been in LMVC for two hours can be a witness of the cooperation and team work exhibited amongst the staff and students, and with that, I send my sincere condolences to those who think can shake us!

We are looking forward to an enriching final term of the year – it is very significant to all students and teachers.

As always, we are grateful to all our stake holders who are making us become better and better in every sense.

Yours sincerely

David Munobwa

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES.

### **NIKKI MALLET RUNS LONDON MARATHON IN AID OF TOFTA EDUCATIONAL TRUST.**



We are so grateful to Nikki Mallet who very kindly ran the London marathon in aid of Tofta Educational Trust.

Her donation website is :

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

Please support her gallant efforts towards supporting a child to gain their secondary education.



## WOLVERHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL VISIT

The benefits of having a link school are enormous, as there are benefits for both schools in the link.

Lords Meade Vocational College is proud of Wolverhampton Grammar School, it's link in United Kingdom, a relationship it has had since 2004. On Sunday 12th July a team of 16 students and 4 teachers arrived at LMVC and were hosted for a week. They were led by Ms Platt the link coordinator who has just taken over the role from the pioneer of the link Ms Val Forgaty who was also among the visiting group.

The students were involved in the schools activities like attending classes, extra curricular activities like sports, music and singing, sharing of personal life experiences and the differences between cultures.

Among her words, Ms Platt intimated to students at the assembly that the link has yielded many benefits to both schools as for the students from UK, it opens their understanding of the differences in the cultures and resources of the world.

**Bellow are the pictures of activities during the visit by Wolverhampton Grammar School.**



Above: A group photograph of both teams before the netball match between WGS, in red bibs and LMVC in green bibs.

Bellow: 100 metre race between WGS LMVC



Above: The action during the netball match which was won by WGS

Bellow: The Head teacher LMVC, Mr. Raymond Owino addressing a joint assembly with the visitors





## WGS TARMACS THE BASKETBALL COURT

We sincerely appreciate the benefits from our link school, Wolverhampton Grammar School UK, ever since 2004 when it started with the efforts of Ms Val Forgatty, the pioneer coordinator.

The latest donation being the construction of a tarmac basketball court which has been a bare ground.



**On the right;** is the newly constructed basketball court which is nearly ready for use.

## ROTARY CLUB OF JINJA SPEARHEADS TREE PLANTING IN SCHOOLS



The Rotary Club of Jinja organised a tree planting campaign in all school in and around Jinja which have Interact clubs.

On the morning of Saturday 8th August 2015, all past presidents of the Rotary Club of Jinja were assigned an Interact Club each, to lead in the planting of trees at the respective school.

At Lords Meade Voc. College, the Interactors were led by Rotarian Past President John Kirkwood who also handed to them an Interact Hand book. He emphasised environmental protection and nature conservation as the only way through which human nature can survive.

**Bellow:** Past president John Kirkwood handing over the interact hand book to Juluis Ocaka the Interact president

**Bellow:** Interactors pausing for a group photograph after the tree planting exercise



## MUSIC DANCE AND DRAMA

*'Through extra curricular activities are as vital as the academics for any child in today's world',* said Mr. Mubiru, the Buikwe District Education Officer, who was the chief guest at the annual Music Dance and drama inter house competitions on 3rd June 2015.

The four houses presentations included a western piece presentation, a traditional folk song, a traditional dance, an original composition and a play.

Zebra house won the competitions and took a trophy and a bull.



One of the presentations; Zebra house presenting the school anthem.



A traditional folk song presentation



A traditional dance



The winning house, Zebra who took home a Trophy and a bull.



## USEP SCIENCE FAIR 2015

Lords Meade Vocational College hosted this year's Eastern region Uganda Science Education Programme competitions on 9th June, where six schools participated.

The aim of programme is to see that schools improve in science subjects and the students are introduced to science practical innovations early enough in their careers. Each school had to show case an innovative project and this year's theme was based on projects based on agriculture.

LMVC emerged the winner out of the six schools. Congratulations.



On the Left is the grain winnower, and on the Right is a solar dryer exhibited during the internal science fair



## INTERACT CLUB DOES COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Service Through Fun", as the Interact motto says, the Interact Club of Lords Meade Vocational College continues to strive to make a difference in the community by engaging in activities that promote the mission of Rotary through international action.

On Saturday 27th June the interact members were joined by Riley Norheim and Erika McCormick who are both from Interact club of Thunder Mountain High school, Alaska, USA during a joint community service project at the Home of Hope, a home for the disabled children in Jinja. Among the activities, they helped with feeding the children, cleaned the dormitories and engaged the kids in play activities.

We thank our friends from Alaska for the continued support and the partnership with LMVC as it a true gesture of international action which Interact.



Interactors during the visit to the Home of Hope, a home for the disabled children.



## **BUIKWE DISTRICT COMPETITIONS**

This year Lords Meade Vocational College was the host for the Buikwe district athletics competitions and were held on the 26th June 2015 at the school's sports arena. The five schools which attended, competed in different athletics disciplines and the games also doubled as qualifications for the national athletics competitions which were to take place in Gulu district.

We are happy to inform you that LMVC had a good representation as a good number on the team that represented the district in Gulu, for the national secondary schools athletics competitions.



**Girls competing in hurdles during the Buikwe District competitions at Lords Meade Vocational College**



**LMVC team that represented the Buikwe District in Gulu National Athletics Competitions posing with their certificates.**

**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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