

## NEWS BULLETIN

# LORDSMEADE VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

*REACH HIGH THROUGH HARD WORK*

## WORD FROM DIRECTOR



NEWSLETTER  
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Dear friends and supporters, I am always so happy to write my word when we have had a successful year, and 2015 promises to be an outstanding one in the 15 years of Tofta Trust existence.

We have enjoyed the visit and the continued support from Wolverhampton Grammar School. We are now the proud owners of the newly tarmacked basketball court.

I must thank Nikki Mallet and her friends for supporting us again through running the London Marathon. For those who would also like to support her brave efforts her web page is

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

I am delighted to see that many of our former students are now flying high and graduating not only with first degrees but also now Masters and a few with PHDs! These high fliers are making big contributions towards their communities, and Tofta Educational Trust is proud to have been able to give a hand when it was required.

I must thank Philip Gray for all his support over the years. He has retired from the post of secretary of the Trust and has handed over to Susi Harris-Kirkwood, whom we thank for her time and support.

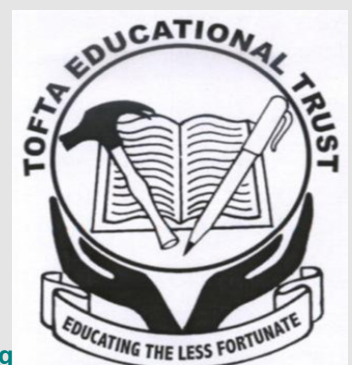
I conclude by thanking everyone, especially Dale Knight and her team, for their support this year — be it spiritual, financial or in kind, and we look forward to continued support next year as we continue to support the needy children in Uganda.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*John Kirkwood*

## TOFTA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

EDUCATING THE LESS FORTUNATE



## Word from Tofta Educational Trust

The academic year 2015 has come to end, with many events that have defined success and progress ended well and we finally closed the term on Thursday 3rd Dec 2015 when students were given their academic performance reports.

Just a recap of the achievements this year;

The Trust has been able to assist 120 students and 80 of them attend Lords Meade Vocational College. The other 40 attend tertiary and vocational institutions. This has been achieved with the help of friends, well-wishers and individuals like you. Thank you very much indeed and stay blessed.

This year, Lords Meade Vocational College participated in the Uganda Science Education Program (USEP), a national program aiming at improving the teaching and learning of science. We organised an internal exhibition in March, then hosted the regional competitions in June. Our students did well on both occasions. Below; students during the internal inter class USEP exhibitions



**Above; Senior one exhibiting how to make sodium for animal feeds**

**On the right; senior four students exhibiting a solar fruit dryer during the exhibitions**



## EDUCATE PROGRAM

During this academic year, we introduced an entrepreneurial program through EDUCATE. It is a program in schools aiming at training and instilling Entrepreneurial and business skills unto students to come up with projects that can change their lives and the communities they come from. Lords Meade Vocational College students won a regional entrepreneurial exhibitions and represented the school at national competitions in Kampala where we emerged 8th out of the 18 schools. Congratulations to our scholars, keep it up next year.

## SCHOOL STUDY TRIPS

This year, the school administration has organized study trips for both students and staff of Lords Meade Vocational College to different parts of the country and industries.

During the month of January, four teachers travelled with the director to western Kenya where they visited many geographical sites. *“This was a very good trip for me because I have seen many features I had never seen myself yet I am a teacher. The trip has improved my overview which I will be teaching”* quoted one of the teacher’s after the trip.

The students on the other hand had a geography trip to Kapchorwa located in Eastern Uganda where they had a chance to study Mt. Elgon, Sipi falls and many other features, the catering students visited Mada Hotel in Jinja for a first hand practical experience of what they are taught at school, and the Building and Construction students visited building sites all over the neighbourhood during the course of the year like the Jinja central market which was still undergoing construction.

These study trips are organized for training students who are well equipped and open minded becoming all round job creators.



**The Director and staff reading a map during the staff to western Kenya**



**The deputy Head teacher Jennifer (Blue T-shirt) with students during a geography trip to Kapchorwa. In the background is Sipi falls**



## APPRECIATION

Tofta Educational Trust extends its sincere appreciation to all the stake holders and well-wishers who have helped in the achievement of its vision and mission of providing education and skills training to the youth of Uganda and East Africa at large.

The Trust, has been able to assist 80 students at Lords Meade Vocational College this year and all this has been due the dedicated support from individual sponsors and Rotary Clubs from over seas.

This year, the Trust has also handled 28 students who were formerly under Canaan Children's home, and are now being sponsored by individual people

through the efforts of Mr. John Keltonic from United States of America.



**Director Mr. Peter Kalibbala in the centre with the beneficiaries of Mr. John Keltonic after receiving bibles from their sponsor**

At Lords Meade Vocational College, the term has ended well in all classes, with Senior three Directorate of Industrial Training successfully completing their examinations which ended on 6th November 2015.

Our S.4 and S.6 candidates completed their Uganda Certificate of Education and

Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education on 17th and 30th November respectively.

The College administration has commended the discipline of the students, and has strengthened the spiritual development and discipline as each student and parent is supposed to sign termly undertakings.

Under health issues, a few ailments were noted and managed by the medical team at Farnfield Medical Centre for both students and staffs.

In conclusion, we wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2016**, as we strive to ***“Reach High Through Hard work”***.

## ACADEMIC REVIEW OF 2015

We would like to congratulate the students of senior four and six year 2015 Upon the successful completion of their exams which started in October and will be a proven success at the end of it all based on all the efforts and dedication poured into the preparation of the students both by the teaching and non teaching staff.

The school in general experienced better results through out the course of the year with a greater number of students registering and sitting for exams. “Reach High Through Hard Work” is the motto of the school and in it we strongly believe hence the reason why all efforts are geared towards the achievements of student and administrative goals through cooperation and team work.

Though the boys are still performing much better than the girls, it should also be noted that there was an overall improvement amongst the girls in general with an increased number sitting and completing their examinations which is a huge accomplishment here in Uganda 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.



**2015 senior four candidates after receiving their leaver's certificates**

With perseverance and endurance, one is able to overcome all obstacles and challenges to top his or her class and we try as much as possible to encourage the students to emulate or even better their predecessors who have set the standards high but hope it will be taken higher.

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.

Have a happy holidays and hope for a better and more prosperous new year.



## WOLVERHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL VISIT 2015

Lords Meade Vocational College this year hosted Wolverhampton Grammar School, its link school from United Kingdom. The visitors consisted of sixteen students and four teachers. They blessed us with a week long visit during which they engaged in a number of activities both in class and out doors.

They attended classroom lessons with LMVC students which was an amazing experience to both hosts and the visitors. They participated in sports like athletics, where LMVC excelled and netball where the hosts were really overwhelmed by the visitors.

Their stay was climaxed by attending a joint assembly where a joint choir presented a song to the whole school.

At both Tofta Educational Trust and LMVC, we convey our appreciations to the management, and coordinator of the link, Ms. Platt from Wolverhampton Grammar School and we thank you for the donation toward the construction of a basketball court. Below are pictorials of the WGS 2015 visit to LMVC.





## NIKKI MALLET FUND RAISES THROUGH MARATHON

This year has been another blessed one for Lords Meade Vocational College as one of our long time friends - Nikki Mallet decided to pick up her courage again to participate in the marathon on our behalf.

Tofta Educational Trust cannot thank Nikki Mallet enough for all her gallant efforts for our noble cause and we hope for the same vigor and energy next year as we, back here, cheer you on both in spirit and in words. Your valiant efforts are bringing about change and is a worthy cause to be proud of.

Nikki Mallet's courage to tackle this marathon and donate all proceeds to our charity through the link

**<http://www.everyclick.com/nikkifundraising4toftalondonmarathon2015>** was met with praise as the proceeds were able to improve upon the lively hoods of many of the disadvantaged giving them hope and a chance to a brighter future.



The new basketball court at Lords Meade Vocational College kindly sponsored by Wolverhampton Grammar School.



## SPORTS AT LMVC

Lords Meade Vocational College has progressively made greater strides in promoting sports talent in the district and country at large. This year we are proud to inform you that we hosted the Buikwe District athletics competitions where our students performed extremely well. We had the biggest number on the team that represented the Buikwe District at national competitions in Gulu.



On the left, are some of the team members that represented the school on behalf of the district in Gulu.

They did both the school and district proud with their performance and we pray for a better results next year.

We hope to continue with this spirit as we promote sports talents in the youths.

**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!*

**STERLING DONATIONS:** Please make out cheques to "Tofta Educational Trust" and forward to:

**The Secretary, Tofta Educational Trust, 41 Goldsmith Avenue, London W3 6HR, UK.**

**ON LINE DONATIONS:**

If you prefer an on line option, please donate on line via the Torrey Pines Rotary Club Foundation at:

[www.lorsdmeade.org](http://www.lorsdmeade.org) You will receive a 501(c) 3 receipt.

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

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