

## Farnfield Medical Centre

Farnfield Medical Centre, a health facility at Lords Meade College was opened in 2005. The centre has helped in uplifting the general health of the students and the surrounding community. The Medical Centre this year, has received some medical equipment through a Rotary Matching grant and it is position to cater for more check-ups and treatments. This has helped the community especially patients who would walk long distances from rural areas. They are now able to even check for HIV status.

Also, a team of opticians visited and checked students and promised to send spectacles to students who have eye problems.

*In the Picture is a doctor checking a girl from Spire Road School for the Blind.*



## Sports at LMVC.

Lords Meade Vocational College does not only focus on academics. Students participate in extra; curricular activities like sports. Every year there are competitions between houses in various sports disciplines like athletics, Volley ball, Net ball, base ball and cricket.

This year, students participated in a marathon which was organized for charity to raise funds for a local hospital.

*In picture are the*

*students who ran in the Marathon.*



## Interact Club

Interactors (green T-shirts) paint a Zebra



crossing in Jinja with Rotaract Jinja members.

**Bellow:** are 2009 candidates during their Leavers' party on the 13th June 2009.



# Tofta Educational Trust, Lords Meade Vocational College Bulletin

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Hullo,  
Greetings from Jinja, Uganda.

On behalf of Tofta Educational Trust and Lords Meade Vocational College, we are delighted to bring you updates on the recent activities at both the Trust and the College since the beginning of this year. Through this bulletin, we intended to share with you the experiences from the Trust its self, the school of the lords, Lords Meade College and from the scholarships scheme beneficiaries.

This year, the Trust has continued with its mission of enabling the poor youth achieve their highest potentials even in the current hard economic times. Thanks to the continued contributions and donations from our beloved sponsors.

Though we are blessed to have a few sponsors who have continuously given a hand through donations, current situation is alarming with overwhelming number of applicants and the Trust cannot afford taking on even half of them. The demand for scholarships is too high compared to the available resources.

We have continued to achieve success in the work, through a number of beneficiaries who have achieved for themselves. Many of our beneficiaries have performed well at both Ordinarily and Advanced levels despite being from very very poor and humble back grounds. Success attributed to Tofta Educational Trust.

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Tofta Educational Trust has hosted a number of visitors of various categories and honors. We have had parents, well-wishers, Rotarians, sponsors and many others including volunteers. We thank you all.

I hope you Enjoy and find value in this Newsletter as it aims at keeping you in touch with the various activities going on in both the Tofta Educational Trust and Lords Meade Vocational College.

Please if you would like or your friend to be receiving this newsletter, forward their email addresses to [toftatrust@yahoo.com](mailto:toftatrust@yahoo.com) so that they can receive their own copy.

Donations to Tofta Trust and Lords Meade can be made on line at [www.lordsmead.org](http://www.lordsmead.org) .

**Joseph Kirigwajjo**

## MESSAGE FROM TOFTA EDUCATIONAL TRUST



**JOSEPHINE OKELLO**

Some 10 years ago, when we first embarked on this student sponsorship program, tuition adequately covered the student as there was no extra fees requested by schools, but with time something more is needed: development fees, (PTA) parents teachers association fees, lunch, uniform to mention but a few. Through our experience as educationists we have learnt that although tuition had been paid, it was not all that was needed to retain students in school. We set out this year to weave this significant dimension of education needs.

After meeting in frank and searching planning sessions, critiquing our work, and reading numerous evaluations of the previous years, we have decided to place new emphasis on several objectives believed need more attention to achieve a holistic approach including; provision of scholastic materials, uniforms, lunch and school development fees to increase retention and completion rate of orphans and needy youth; to support sustainable income generating activities of orphans and needy youth in school to increase their income levels, skills training for girls in and out of school for empowerment, provision of start-up tools and funds.

By implementing every activity we hope to accomplish a thorough program while including a considerable amount of fresh activities for new emphasis. However, being the initial year of inclusion of extra fees program, we do not have donors. The current \$720 or GBP 360 covers tuition only. It is on this note therefore that I invite you to donate for any of the needs to enable the students stay in school.

I heartily thank all our donors for their cheerful contributions to the Trust during the year. Many thanks to the Rotary fraternity for financial and material support to Lords Meade Vocational College the Trust's school, and for student sponsorship from various Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians.

Given the necessary resources, I believe that the thematic areas will be adequately implemented and the identified needs addressed as we continue "Educating the less fortunate of our society."

**Josephine Okello**

## VISITORS AT LORDS MEADE VOC. COLLEGE.

Tofta Educational Trust Board of Directors and Lords Meade College administrators and the parents Teachers Association thanks all individuals, Rotarians, parents and well-wishers who have dedicated time and visited the college. Many visitors have come to the school in Njeru, and happy with the on going developments.

**Left:** are Jinja Rotarians with **Rotary International President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith** (in red tie) he visited Lords-



Meade College while on his visit to Rotary District 9200.

## VOLUNTEERING AT LMVC.

Lords Meade Voc. College this year has received Gap year students from its link schools in the United Kingdom. They volunteer at the college through engaging in various school activities teaching and counseling. They are from Link schools in UK which include Wolverhampton Grammar School, Hailey bury school and Rendcomb College.



In the photo above, is Clare, her mother Caroline and India. They are from Wolverhampton Grammar School

## New Prefects swear in.

A new prefects body at Lords Meade Vocational College swore in on the 9th June 2009. The new Head Prefect David Mubiru and Head girl Naome Apiso were urged to be hard working and emulate the outgoing prefects body who did so much for the students leadership. The Guest of Honor Mr. Desmond Okee the Area Coucillor, told the students to be well behaved to succeed.



From L to R: the new HP. David Mubiru, outgoing Head Girl Brenda Kyakuwair, the Head girl Naome Apiso, Mr. Desmond Okee, Mr. Godfrey Kiganga former Head teacher and Mr. Mark Malinga the new Headmaster.



## A LETTER FROM A BENEFICIARY

As one of the beneficiaries of Tofta Educational Trust, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors who have made us what we are through Tofta Educational Trust.

The Trust paved for me a way forward for my future by putting me in school.

I had failed to continue with my studies after my senior 4 in the year 2005 until I was contacted TET and explained my problems. I was given a scholarship and sponsored through my Advanced levels at Lords Meade Voc. College, right now I am in a University on government sponsorship studying a bachelors degree in science with education.

I am Francis Ssemanda, 22yaers old. I come from a very humble family. We are 6 children who are looked after by our elderly grandmother who sells tea in a local market near Jinja town. We could not raise fees nor personal items for secondary thus it was a dream to continue being in school.

Tofta Trust has helped many less advantaged youth like me and our families are really transformed by the donations you sponsors make. We are grateful.

May the almighty God bless Tofta Trust and our sponsors. May you continue educating the less fortunate children.

Gratefully,

Francis Ssemanda.



Francis

## GETTING INVOLVED WITH TOFTA TRUST

Tofta educational Trust presents several opportunities for all individuals who would like to help a less fortunate youth in East Africa. Helping a child through Tofta Educational Trust is by choice either to sponsor a boy or girl or even both. There is always direct communication between the sponsor and the beneficiary. Communication is through mails and emails. The Trust sends photographs and termly academic performance reports from the schools. Through your sponsorship to a

less fortunate child, you may become a mentor, a guardian or a parent.

On the left are the director, administrator with some



of our sponsors who had visited the Trust's office in Jinja.

## MESSAGE FROM L.M.V.C HEADTEACHER



MARK MALINGA

Eight years down the road, Lords Meade Vocational College has grown into one of the best schools in the region and the country at large.

Apart from providing the traditional curriculum that other secondary schools offer, lords Meade has incorporated the vocational aspect into its curriculum that makes it stand out from the crowd. It's truly a special school.

Every student who goes through the gates of Lords Meade gets out with a special skill that he or she can put to use to make a living in case he or she cannot progress further in education.

However, like any other institution, time comes when some changes are inevitable and Lords Meade College has not been an exception. This year has seen a lot of changes taking place at the college in both the Administration and the staffs.

The pioneer Head teacher Mr. Godfrey Kiganga retired this year to move on to greater challenges after eight years at the helm of the institution. During his tenure, he over saw the growth and development of Lords Meade Vocational College from its infancy to the very high levels at which it is at the moment.

This gave room for the new Head to take the responsibility of heading the school and a host of new staff also recruited. This has tendbrought in a fresh sense of responsibility and desire to see Lords Meade Vocational College grow to even greater heights as a tribute to the tremendous work done by the former Headmaster.

Special thanks go to our partners in service

especially the various organisations that have extended a helping hand in supporting and sponsoring students at Lords Meade Vocational College. These include the Rotary Club of Jinja and Rotary International, Tofta Educational Trust, Bujagali Trust, Children of Grace, Amazima Ministries, Good Shepherd, AOET, Jinja Municipal Council and many other organizations that have continued to trust us in educating their children.

We thank the parents who have labored to raise money to pay school fees for their children even in these hard economic times. Our link schools like Wolverhampton Grammar School, Rendcomb College, Hailey bury through Hailey bury Youth Trust (HYT), and Therfield School who have continued to support us through many ways to improve our teaching and learning. We are eternally grateful to you all.

It gives us a bigger challenge to ensure that we get the best out of every student under our care. We pledge to do our best more so as the previous performances have shown an improving trend in the results from the National Examinations, at both ordinally and Advanced levels

Mark Malinga  
Headmaster

## TOFTA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Tofta Educational Trust has since its foundation, strived to see that 1520 disadvantaged youth acquire education which otherwise they would not have got.

Many or almost all of these sponsored kids share the same problems of very poor family backgrounds, families being affected by HIV/AIDS, wars in the northern parts of Uganda and the negative attitude of the society towards educating the girl child.

Every year Tofta Trust sponsors at least 180 students in secondary schools. The bigger percentage being in Lords Meade College, others are paid for, school fees in different districts where they come from.

The governments provide Universal education but many parents cannot afford the supplementary fees they are supposed to pay. That's why so many children stay at home. Those who get a chance of completing primary level, it's a dream to join secondary schools.

Tofta Educational Trust and Lords Meade College have tried to help many of these youths to realize their dreams by sponsoring them. Many throughout secondary level and join universities and others go for skills training who become self reliant and help their guardians and siblings. Many after completing their Uganda National Examinations at Lords Meade College and are not able to continue with secondary education, they easily excel in the vocational institutions where they join for further qualifications. And this is due to the vocational

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## EDUCATING THE LESS FOPRTUNATE

Every year, lots and lots of children sit for their primary leaving examinations and qualify for their secondary education. Unfortunately, their circumstances do not allow them to do so as they come from very poor and child headed homes and at times under care of their grandmothers. In this situation, these children end up into deeper into deeper poverty which is a challenge to the Trust.

The beneficiaries of Tofta Educational Trust are happy and grateful for the Trust's effort in making them realise their dreams. They have become different and useful people in the society. They wish Tofta Educational Trust to continue doing so to other less fortunate children.

Bellow are biographies of some students under the TET Scholarship Scheme.

**Bellow;** is Kamali Swaibu a 17years old orphan whose father died of HIV/AIDS in 2005. He never saw his mother as his father had re-married when he divorced his mother. His father used to transport people on bicycles hence was a very low income earner. He has never known the whereabouts of his real mother. He is under the care of his grandparents who are who are peasant farmers. They could not afford paying for his school fees in secondary after the Universal primary Education.



He is one of the many children put on the waiting list as the Trust hopes to get more sponsorship.

**The girl on the right;** is Stella Anyella. She has a single mother who is HIV positive. The mother sells local brooms to get money for food and drugs.

At times she is so weak hence going without food which prompted her to take the children to an Orphanage home in Jinja.

Stella had completed her primary education and had spent two years before joining secondary until the administrator of the orphanage brought her to the Tofta Trust offices. She is now in senior one, very interested in her studies and wants to achieve her dreams of becoming a teacher after her studies.

Long live Tofta Educational Trust and the Directors, Long live Lords Maede College and Long live our beloved sponsors.

