



# VIENNA COLLEGE NAMUGONGO



## Ugandan Students Excel in Cambridge Exams

When Covid-19 struck in March 2020 that got many schools in Uganda closed, some parents sought for education services in International schools to allow for continuity of their children's education. Many of these have not been disappointed after the recent release of May/June 2021 Cambridge examinations results.

Some of the excelling students at Vienna College Namugongo include: Rosemary Amaisire, Melissa Anita Mukasa, Anzoa Allyson, Lorraine Apili all from Mt. St Mary's College Namagunga.

Those from Kings College Buddo include; David Ethan Kirumira Masadde, Serubidde A Sekinalya and Awori Nafula, Maggie Malual Yom, Priscilla Kyobutungi and Dara Daisy Nakazibwe came from Vienna College Namugongo as well as Kumar Lalji Hritik from Nairobi Academy, Samali Keisha Muhangi and Andrea Kirabo Nanteza from Gayaza High School and Ali Rajab from Kibuli Senior Secondary school.

In a brief interview with New vision Mohammed Kakika the Headmaster Vienna College Namugongo answered some of

the raising questions about this phenomenon.

**Why do you think it was that easy for a Ugandan student with local Curriculum background to excel at the Cambridge examinations?**

The Uganda education system is built onto the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES). There is a lot of content similarity. It is only that the International Curriculum keeps onto updating its syllabus, teaching methodology, assessment objective and learning materials.

The rigorous Ugandan education system also prepares students well for any challenges ahead. It creates a strong foundation.

**Why this excelling is based mainly in Science subjects?**

Physical or Biological Sciences plus Mathematics have universal laws that apply in every education system. When Science is well taught both in concept and methodology there is a high degree of success. The International Curriculum majorly concentrates onto concepts

development, application, analysis and evaluation through research and innovation rather than memorization of formula and facts.

Vienna College equally has the pedigree in Sciences both in students' intake, staffing, learning materials and environment.

**Why are girls excelling more than boys?**

Girls/women naturally have a higher level of multi-tasking capabilities. With online studies during lockdown, female students could concentrate throughout the lessons, handing in their research and assignments on time than boys. Girls thinking and analytical skills as required by the assessment system are unmatched. Girls/women always look at the bigger picture. Boys could easily use all their data to download a movie.

**Why success in International schools during this lockdown period?**

Lockdown required students to learn remotely. Most of the International schools were well equipped with infrastructure,

manpower and expertise to carry out instruction, research and assessment online. It was systems go from the start.

**Why the Cambridge International Curriculum?**

It is a matter of choice and right driven by family aspirations. Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) is the largest and most prestigious examining body in the world whose qualifications are accepted for admission into world renowned universities including Ugandan Public Universities. So if you can afford, why not give your child that opportunity to compete with the world's best.

**How can a Ugandan child who is NOT a student in International school benefit? Do you do community social responsibility?**

Covid-19 lockdown brought local and international schools into the same basket. We shared a lot of our online instruction and assessment expertise and materials to many Ugandan school teachers and students including universities. Most of our unused desktop computers were donated to needy schools.



Her Excellency Dr. Thelma Awori receiving the Granddaughter's Certificate Nafula Awori from the School Headmaster as the mother smiles on.



Mukasa Anita Melissa  
PCBM: A\*A\*AA

Oluka Edwin  
CBM,IT: AAAA

Nanteza Andrea  
Kirabo  
Econ, Phy, Math:  
A\*AA