

# What did 2025 teach you and what are you hoping for in 2026?

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As one year ends and another begins, we take a moment to look back on the lessons learnt and look ahead to what we hope to achieve. Today, we asked some teens to reflect on the past year 2025 and share their hopes and goals for the New Year 2026. Here is their feedback.



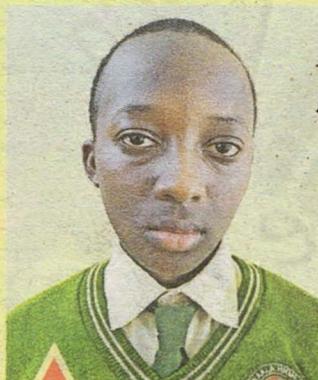
**Ruth Naume Akite, S.3**  
Kawaala High School

Last year taught me patience. Some of my goals, especially academically, did not go as planned. In 2026, I want to focus on consistent effort and avoid getting discouraged by setbacks.



**Arthur Travin Mwesigwa, S.3**  
St. Matia Mulumba Kyanja

Last year was about discovering my talents and what I truly enjoy. I explored music and content creation. In 2026, I hope to develop my skills further and possibly perform at school.



**Vanessa Musinguzi, S.4**  
Kawaala High School

Last year was full of challenges. Balancing studies with extracurricular activities was tough, but it taught me time management.



**Tirzah Eron Nakajja, S.4**  
St. Matia Mulumba, Kyanja

Last year, I discovered my love for content creation and started out on TikTok. It was exciting to see people view and engage with my content.



**Shamil Bwambale, S.6**  
Vacist  
Kawaala High School

Last year was exciting, especially because I sat for my UACE examinations. My goal for 2026 is to start campus and also establish a side hustle for myself.



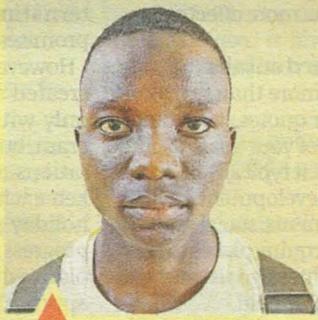
**Davis Muhirwe, S.6**  
St. Matia Mulumba, Kyanja

Last year, I learned that health matters just as much as academics. In 2026, I want to balance my studies, sports, and personal hobbies. I also hope to volunteer more within the community.



**Jane Kanyunyuzi, S.2**  
St. Matia Mulumba Secondary School, Kungu-Kyanja

The biggest lesson I learned in 2025 was the value of friendship and support systems. I faced stressful moments during exams, and my friends helped me cope. In 2026, I want to strengthen my relationships and make time for activities that bring me joy.



**Rahim Ssemanda, S.3**  
Kawaala High School

Last year reminded me that time is limited and plans can change quickly. I did not achieve everything I hoped for, but I learned how to adapt. In 2026, I want to set realistic goals, work steadily towards them, and support my peers in achieving theirs as well.