

# MUKONO HOLIDAY MAKERS EMPOWERED WITH AI SKILLS

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Ninety-seven Primary Seven and Senior Four finalists have graduated from a six-week ICT and Artificial Intelligence (AI) training programme, which started on December 4, 2025 and ended on January 9, 2026.

The training is a corporate social responsibility gesture, organised by Seeta Hill Secondary School located at Kyetume village in Nakisunga sub-county, Mukono district.

During the training, learners were equipped with practical digital literacy, computer application skills and introductory AI competencies.

Learners were also empowered with problem-solving skills aligned with competence-based curriculum and national digital transformation priorities.

## LEARNERS SPEAK OUT

Patricia Athieno, who is in Senior Four vacation and one of the graduands, told the parents that the training has changed their mindset towards AI.



Some of the students demonstrating what they learnt in computer application skills during the AI training. This was at Seeta Hill Secondary School in Mukono district

"This programme has changed the way we think, the way we learn and the way we see our future. We have got skills of using AI in promoting businesses, education, research and creative industry, indeed, this has not been time wastage," Athieno said.

She added: "Because I learnt baking as one of the skills we got at school in the current competence-based curriculum, I used AI to create a logo and a brand name for my daddies, which I want to sell online."

Emmanuel Kibira, a student who was also part of this training, said initially believed reports that AI would take people's jobs, but after this training, he realised that it was a false alarm, adding that instead, the people who are AI competent are the ones going to take up jobs for other people who are not bothered about becoming AI compliant.

**ICT MINISTRY COMMISSIONERS**  
The acting commissioner in charge of National Guidance

at the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, Jonah Jackson Bakalikwira, emphasised the importance of introducing ICT and AI education at an early stage, stating that it would help young people use technology for productive purposes.

The programme aligns with national digital transformation priorities and aims to address unemployment in Uganda. The learners were on Saturday awarded with certificates of completion by

## BENEFICIARIES' SELECTION

The headteacher of Seeta Hill Secondary School, Margaret Namutebi Kizito, said the beneficiaries of the free training on AI, were randomly selected from areas around the school in Nakisunga sub-county, as a corporate social responsibility gesture to the area.

Namutebi said that students' learning of modern technological skills is better than leaving them idle, especially during long vacations.

Bakalikwira.

Handing over the certificates, Bakalikwira observed that ICT and AI knowledge is an essential component that needs to be incorporated in the country's education system.

"As a ministry, this is the direction we have always encouraged and Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) has been moving

around secondary schools distributing computers for this reason; the preferred 'modus operandi' should be that communities are the prime beneficiaries of use of these gadgets. I, therefore, commend Seeta Hill College for going a step ahead by introducing the programme to primary school leavers," Bakalikwira said.

Also, present was David Ocheng the assistant commissioner in charge of selection systems at the Public Service Commission. He thanked the school for giving back to the community, noting that the gesture is a step towards addressing unemployment in the country.

## COMMUNITY REMARKS

Daniel Kamya Ntambi, a parent in the area, noted that the school has proved itself to be a crucial asset in the development of the area.

Prof. Gideon Nkurunziza, who is the chairperson of the school board of governors, said: "The world is looking at AI and technological change and nobody can afford to stay aloof from this development, and this is what drew us to get closer to communities."