

Sebei College UCE candidates say discipline is key to success

Fresh from an impressive UCE performance that placed Sebei College Tegeres among the country's top schools, the best candidates urge fellow learners to shun cramming, tame distractions and study with purpose.

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Students at Sebei College Tegeres (SECT) gathered under the slopes of Mount Elgon to hear from their own high achievers following outstanding Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) results. The message from the top performers was clear: success is built on discipline, consistency and focus.

"Performance does not improve by accident. You must decide early what grades you want and work toward them. When you have a target, every book you open has purpose," said leading science student Mercy Chebet.

Meanwhile, Calvin Wogongoba said they set subject-specific goals at the start of each term and regularly assessed their progress.

"Ask yourself: where was I weak last term? How can I improve this term? That self-assessment makes a big difference."



Students of Uganda Martyr's SS Namugongo celebrate after a thanksgiving Mass at the Namugongo Martyr's shrine. PHOTO/GEOFREY MUTUMBA.

Time management is essential. "A school timetable does not suffice, you need your own private reading schedule for evening and weekend revision," Chebet said, urging students to dedicate more time to difficult subjects.

"Do not run away from Mathematics or Chemistry because they are hard. Give them more time. That is how weakness turns into strength."

The students warned against cramming.

"In science especially, cramming will fail you. If you only memorise notes, a twisted question will confuse you," one performer said.

They also advised practising through past papers under timed conditions. "Past papers expose you to the examiner's style. Write answers within the re-

quired time. That prepares you mentally," a candidate noted.

Jawadi Amaka, the best overall student, stressed commitment and discipline.

"Many students fear asking questions. But when you keep quiet, you remain confused," he said.

"When a teacher marks your test and points out mistakes, that is an opportu-

ABOUT SEBEI COLLEGE TEGERES

Founded in 1956 to educate marginalised children in the Sebei region, SECT has grown into a mixed day-and-boarding school with more than 1,700 learners expected this year. Once known primarily for producing athletic champions, the school is now earning recognition for academic excellence.

nity to improve. Do not just concentrate on the score — study the corrections."

He warned against distractions. "Phones are useful for research, but they can waste time. If you spend three hours scrolling, that is time lost forever. Ask yourself: is this helping my future or wasting my time?"

Head teacher Mr Johnson Limo said 298 candidates sat Senior Four last year, with 200 set to pursue science at A-Level. He attributed the strong results to cooperation between students and teachers, which enabled syllabus coverage before the end of Term Two.

"The students' success was a result of their cooperation with teachers," he said.

SECT ranked 100th out of 3,973 schools nationally and third in the Sebei sub-region. Amaka, Benard Kibotwa, Calvin Wogongoba and Mercy Chebet were among the top performers.

Board of Governors chairperson Mr Herbert Sabila announced full scholarships for the best students.

"We are going to give them full scholarships for their academic journey in this school because they have made us proud," he said.

Parents welcomed the results.

"Parents are struggling to raise school fees, so you must work hard," said Mr James Wesamoyo, urging students to remain disciplined and avoid strikes.