

Nuggets from top UCE performers' winning formula

When the results of the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) exam results were finally released by Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB), there were tears in some homes and celebrations in others. For thousands of candidates across Uganda, months of early mornings, revision timetables, and whispered prayers had finally paid off. Students share their winning formula to encourage those in Senior Four.

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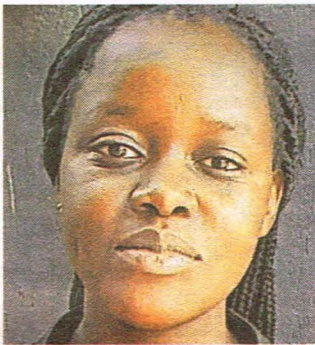
Mercy Juliana Arinda, Bweranyangi Girls' SS

"Whenever I entered the exam room, I reminded myself that I had done my best. I had read, revised and asked questions. So at that point, I had to let God be God. That gave me peace. When you revise past papers you understand how questions are set and where examiners like to focus. This exposed my weak areas early enough for correction. Do not copy your friend's reading style because it does not work for you. Bottomline, you need positive energy."



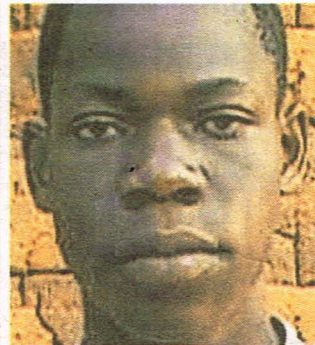
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"I volunteered in group discussions because I learnt better from peers and also shared my knowledge. Ask questions to show you are serious about improving." Seminars taught me how to answer questions and manage time. Sometimes you may know the content but fail because you do not know how to present your answers." Practical lessons did me good too.



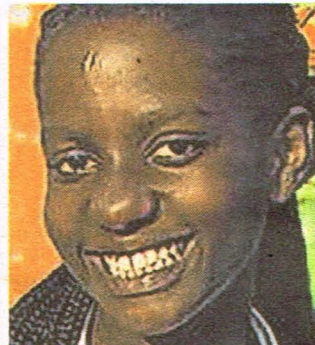
Angela Nankasi, Bweranyangi Girls' SS.

I used my free time wisely and consulted teachers and stronger students whenever I struggled in topics I had not understood. I consulted teachers and other students who were better than me. Choose serious friends. A discussion group should not turn into a gossip group." Seminars also made a difference. With the new curriculum, the approach to the question matters a lot. Despite facility limitations, stay focused.



Isaac Bukunya, St Balikudembe SS Lwabenge

Senior Four is tough, but a season of growth. I avoided last-minute revision. Whenever I found a topic I did not understand, I consulted my teachers and classmates. During exams do not panic. Panic blocks your thinking. Fear will not add marks to your paper, but confidence might help you remember something important. Even where facilities were limited, I focused on what was within my control. Utilise your free time.



Shalom B Ajambo, St Julian H/School Gayaza

"Read beyond what the teacher gives you, research and make your own notes. Also, attend class. Practical lessons, especially in sciences and computer studies, were crucial. Understanding the concept while performing the experiment helps you remember better than cramming it. Also, do not wait until the last term to start serious revision. Break your work into small sections and tackle them early enough."