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St Juliana High School in Gayaza, Wakiso district, topped the list of best performers in the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) exams released on Friday.

The school, according to *The Weekend Vision* ranking, had 67 candidates who on average scored 17.4 points, with the maximum score being 20 points, while the least score was 14 points.

Cornerstone Leadership Academy in Nakasongola district followed in the second position. With 49 candidates, the maximum score of their candidates was 20 points, with the average performance score of 16.5 points and the minimum score of 11 points.

St Mary's College Namagunga, Central College Annex Mityana, Gayaza High School are the other top schools in Buganda

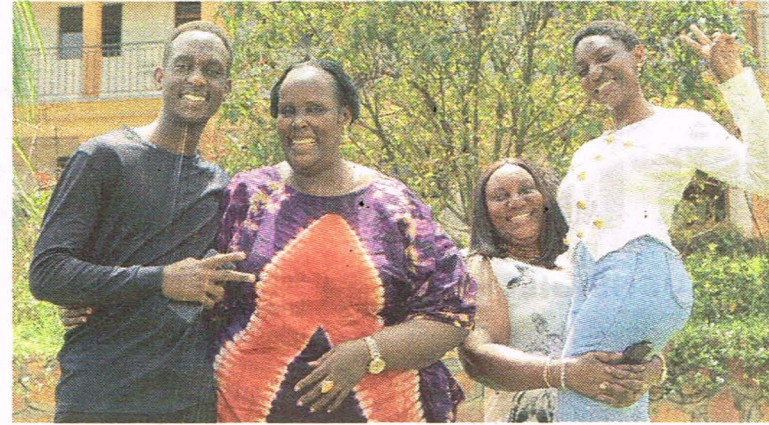
# TOP 1, 000 UACE SCHOOLS

region. In Ankole region, Ntare School leads the pack, while in Bunyoro region, St Adrea Kahwa's College, Hoima, emerged the top A'level school. In Busoga region, Viva College School, Wairaka, emerged top, in Teso, Bukedea Comprehensive School leads the pack, while in Kigezi, the ranking has put Kigezi College Butobere in the lead.

## DISTRICT RANKING

Schools have also been ranked according to districts, with Paidha Secondary School emerging the best science school in Zombo district, West Nile region.

In Gulu district, northern Uganda, Ocer Champion Jesuit College is the best science school, while in



**St Mark's College Namagoma students; Shafik Ssemusu (left), 20pts and Linet Ayebare (right) 20pts, celebrating with their parents**

Butalejja district, Bukedi region, Mulagi Girls Secondary School is the best science school.

For Elgon region, Bududa Secondary School is the best science school in the district, while Morulem Girls SS in Abim district, Karamoja

region, is the best science school. For Lango region, Akii Bua SS in Alebtong district is the best science school, while Standard High School, Nyamwamba in Kasese, Rwenzori region, emerged the best science school.

A total of 166,400 candidates registered for the 2025 UACE examinations, representing an increase of 17.2% from 141,996 candidates in 2024. According to the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB), of these, 72,764

(43.7%) were female and 93,636 (56.3%) male.

UNEB on Friday indicated that if the rule of university admissions to degree is maintained at two principal level passes as the minimum requirement, 113,291 (68.6%) out of 165,172 candidates who sat for the exams qualified. This represented a 3.1% improvement compared to the 92,273 (65.5%) of those who qualified in 2024.

Patrick Uma from the Vision Group research department, said *The Weekend Vision* ranking of over 2300 schools was based on the average class performance for each school in the 2025 UACE exams.

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