

Learners should acquire new skills during the holidays

EDITOR: Students and learners across Uganda have officially begun their holidays as of May 1 – a well-earned break after months of academic effort. While holidays are often associated with rest and recreation, they also present a valuable opportunity for personal growth, skill-building, and meaningful social connections.

LEARNING PRACTICAL SKILLS

The holiday period is ideal for acquiring hands-on skills that are not always taught in the classroom. Learners can explore areas such as basic computer skills, graphic design, coding, tailoring, baking, carpentry, or even urban farming.

EXPLORING NEW HOBBIES

Holidays are also a perfect time to discover or deepen hobbies. Activities such as reading novels, painting, playing musical instruments, photography, sports, or writing can be both enjoyable and enriching. Hobbies help reduce stress, improve mental health, and encourage creativity.

BUILDING MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS

Beyond activities and skills, holidays offer a chance to meet new people and strengthen social networks. Learners can join community groups, attend workshops, volunteer in local initiatives, or participate in youth programmes. Building friendships with focused, positive individuals can have a lasting impact.

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