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How to cope with your new class

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Primary Five pupils of Nakigo Primary School in Iganga attend a lesson. Attending all lessons will help you understand all the topics in your subjects, enjoy school and excel

The new year always comes with the excitement of joining a new class.

Sometimes, this means making new friends and having a new teacher.

However, it also means that you are growing and that you must make a plan and set new targets to attain success.

Learners who were in Primary Six are now in Primary Seven. They are candidates for Primary Leaving Examinations.

Norah Sabano, a Primary Six pupil of Butimbwa Primary School in Luuka district, says her goal now is to study hard and get good grades as she enters Primary Seven next year

"I have already been revising my brother's Primary Six books during the holiday. I am looking forward to going through the work with my teachers so that I can understand it well," Sabano says.

Alfred Kakaire, 14, a Primary Seven pupil of Minani Primary School in Bugweri district, says he is excited about being in the topmost class of primary level.

"Last year's candidates performed well, but I think the current class can beat them. Our teacher has helped us form study groups, where we have discussions even after classes," Kakaire says.

He adds that the Primary Seven teachers have started teaching extra lessons to help the candidates cover the syllabus in time.

Sarah Musenero, a Primary Six pupil of Naluwerere Primary School in Bugiri district, says her goal is to study hard and be the best in her class.

"Every end of term, the best learners receive prizes such as scholastic materials. If I work hard, I know I will walk home with many gifts," Musenero says.

DOS AND DON'TS

Can. Daniel Okoth, the headteacher of Iganga Boys Primary School in Iganga district, encourages learners to try to adjust to their new learning space as fast as possible.

"Do not waste time. Every minute counts. The earlier you fit in, the more attentive you will be and the better you will learn. There is nothing to fear about the new class; after all, you and your mates are all new to it," he advises.

Joseph Lomongin, the Nakapiripirit district inspector of schools, urges parents to provide their children with sufficient scholastic materials to help them keep up with the rest of the class and perform well.

"As for you, children, endeavour to be punctual for your lessons, attend all classes and obey school rules and regulations. Well-behaved pupils who abide by the rules of the school always achieve their goals," Lomongin advises.

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