TOP 1, 000 UACE SCHOOLS

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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 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.



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

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 Campion Jesuit College is the best science school, while in 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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Top 1,000 UACE schools by Average points 2025

	CENTRE NAME	Ave. Points	NO. CANDS
1	St. Julian HS Annex, Gayaza	17.4	67
2	Cornerstone Leadership Academy	16.5	49
3	Mt. St. Mary's, Namagunga	16.5	126
4	Central Col. Annex, Mityana	16.2	28
5	Ntare School	16.1	183
6	Gayaza HS	16.1	164
7	St. Andrea Kahwa's Col. Hoima	16.0	246
8	Amus Col. School	16.0	491
9	Seeta HS Mukono	15.9	308
10	Seeta HS	15.8	241
11	St. Mary's SS Kitende	15.4	498
12	God's Way HS Maganjo	15.4	100
13	King's Col. Budo	15.3	405
14	Uganda Martyrs SS Namugongo	15.2	498
15	Master Cares Christian HS	15.1	22
16	St. Mary's Col. Kisubi	14.7	172
17	Maryhill HS	14.7	146
18	Mandela SS Annex, Hoima	14.6	123
19	Amus Col. School Annex	14.6	114
20	Kawempe Muslim SS	14.5	213
21	Midland HS Buntaba	14.4	97
22	St. Henry's Col. Kitovu	14.3	99
23	Umar B. A Islamic HS	14.3	24
24	Mpigi Mixed SS	14.3	59
25	Kiboga Parents SS	14.2	21
26	Ndejje SS	14.2	222
27	St. Joseph's SS Naggalama	14.2	224
28	Light Academy SS	14.1	89
29	St. Mary's Col. Lugazi	14.1	495
30	Act HS Kakuuto	14.1	47
31	Kibuli SS	14.0	254
32	Namilyango Col.	13.9	178
33	Budinse Memorial School	13.7	63
34	Seeta HS A'level Campus	13.6	292
35	Wisdom HS Akalo	13.6	438
36	Gombe SS	13.6	455
37	Bp. Cipriano Kihangire SS	13.6	339
38	Viva Col. Sch. Wairaka	13.6	102
39	Shepherd HS Katovu	13.5	78
40	Mehta SS	13.5	90
41	Madinah Islamic SS Nsangi	13.5	188
42	St. John's Col. Mpigi	13.4	72
43	Stena Hill Sch. Kampala	13.4	38
44	Mengo SS	13.4	498
45	Bukedea Comprehensive School	13.4	478
46	Trinity Col. Nabbingo	13.4	157
47	Kisubi Seminary	13.4	25
48	Royal Col. Namugongo, Mukono Camp	13.4	40
49	Alliance SS Ibanda	13.4	210
50	St. Joseph's Seminary, Nyenga	13.3	43
51	St. Gracious SS Lira	13.3	488
52	Ntungamo Girls' HS	13.3	74
53	Link Excel HS Igorora	13.3	19
54	Nakawa Union Vision SS	13.2	143
55	St. Joseph Of Nazareth HS	13.2	122
56	St. Kizito SS Bugolobi	13.2	172
57	Mengo SS Annex	13.1	470
58	Kigaragara Voc. SS	13.1	22
59	Seeta HS Green Campus, Mukono	13.1	342
60	Iganga SS	13.1	173
61	Our Lady Of Africa SS	13.0	385
62	Ocer Campion Jesuit Col.	13.0	96
63	Nabisunsa Girls' School	13.0	217
64	St. Mark's Col. Namagoma	13.0	348
65	Bilal Islamic Sch. Bwaise	13.0	159
66	Katale Kammese Modern	12.9	38
67	Naalya SS Bweyogerere	12.9	177
68	Broadway HS Kampala	12.9	86
69	St. Jude's SS Katende	12.9	115
70	St. Ambrozio SS Kyengeza	12.9	14
71	Rines SS Namusera	12.8	181
72	Mpoma School	12.8	107
73	Citizens SS Ibanda	12.8	359
74	Kisozi HS	12.8	64
75	Namungoona HS	12.8	72
76	St. Joseph's Voc. Sch. Mbarara	12.8	89
77	Naalya SS Namugongo	12.8	261
78	Our Lady Fatima SS	12.8	12
79	New Kabale Busega HS	12.8	12
80	St. Thomas Voc. SS Rubirizi	12.7	92
81	Nibras Islamic SS Manyangwa Gayaza	12.7	51
82	Buwaya Senior School	12.7	25
83	St. Joseph's SS Namugongo	12.7	39
84	St. Mary's Voc. Sch. Kyamuhunga	12.7	149
85	Spire HS Gayaza	12.7	60
86	Nsambya Hillside-Western Campus	12.6	75
87	Kyabuuza Muslim SS	12.6	33
88	Nagongera Seminary	12.6	16
89	St. Mark Voc. Sch. Nyakatooma	12.6	54
90	Restore Leadership HS Gulu	12.6	164
91	St. Paul's Seminary, Kabale	12.6	34
92	Agape Christian SS Mukono	12.6	28
93	Naggalama SS	12.6	97
94	Immaculate Heart Girls School	12.6	353
95	St. Kalemba SS Villa Maria	12.5	112
96	Katende Progressive Voc.	12.5	16
97	Mt. St. Mary's HS Kammengo	12.5	106
98	Teso Col. Aloet	12.5	110
99	Crater HS Kijongo	12.5	36
100	Notre Dame Academy, Buseesa	12.5	32
101	Ngora HS	12.4	210
102	Sacred Heart SS Mushanga	12.4	134
103	Makerere Col. Sch. Mulawa	12.4	284
104	Jinja Progressive SS Annex	12.4	321
105	St. Francis Buhunga HS	12.3	63
106	Greenlight Islamic SS Nansana	12.3	217
107	Sharijah Islamic SS	12.3	40
108	King Solomon's Col. Kyatega	12.3	70
109	Archbishop Sitensera SS Buwama	12.3	11
110	Royal Giant HS Mityana	12.2	118
111	Kazinga SS Kalule	12.2	14
112	St. Henry's Col. Mbalwa	12.2	94
113	Kakoola HS	12.2	157
114	St. Edward's Col. Galamba	12.2	22
115	Saviour HS Kiboga	12.2	108
116	Mariam HS Kampala	12.2	54
117	Kigumba Intensive SS	12.1	160
118	Bulooba Royal Col.	12.1	382
119	Mbogo HS	12.1	145
120	Blessed Victors SS Buwalula	12.1	41
121	Seroma Christian HS	12.1	346
122	Vision For Africa HS Nakifuma	12.1	202
123	Merryland HS Entebbe	12.1	164
124	Ekitangaala Transformation HS	12.1	74
125	Alliance Standard SS Mengo	12.1	15
126	Budini SS	12.1	120
127	St. Edward's Sch. Bukuumi	12.0	61
128	Christ The King Girls SS Matuga	12.0	36
129	Bristol HS Kampala	12.0	
130	Iqra HS Nansana	12.0	33
131	Timbitwire Girls' SS	12.0	12
132	Brixton SS Wattuba	12.0	22
133	St. Mary's Girls' Voc. Sch. Mbarara	12.0	100
134	Victoria HS Iganga	12.0	38
135	Jakayz SS Kabowa	12.0	33
136	Bweranyangi Girls' School	12.0	179
137	Central Col. Kamuli	11.9	59
138	Pope John Paul Ii HS Nakaseke	11.9	56
139	Daar-Ssalaam SS	11.9	17
140	Hope Senior Sch. Nakirebe	11.9	17
141	St. Cyprian HS Kyabakadde	11.9	143
142	Fort Portal SS	11.9	192
143	Hopeful Future SS Kayunga	11.9	75
144	Mustard Seed SS	11.9	36
145	Herm SS Kalagala	11.9	26
146	St. Balikudembe SS Kisoga	11.9	338
147	Fairmont HS Mukono	11.9	21
148	Brilliant HS Kawempe	11.8	104
149	Kitabi Seminary	11.8	32
150	St. Francis SS Busunju	11.8	75
151	Nyendo Mixed SS	11.8	11
152	Ngando SS	11.8	32
153	Mityana Standard SS	11.8	106
154	St. Charles Lwanga HS Kashekuro	11.8	120
155	Greenhill Academy, Kampala	11.8	165

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