DIVINE MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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International Students

As of now, Divine Mercy SS does not have international students. However, plans are underway to twin with schools from abroad. In the meantime, our students are dominantly from Fort Portal City and districts of Kabarole, Kamwenge, Kyenjojo, Ntoroko, Kasese and Bundibugyo.

Scholarships/Bursaries

The foundation of Divine Mercy is the mercy of God and hence the name. Consequently, the school offers bursaries to needy but intelligent students coming from poor families. As of July, 2023, the school had offered 626 bursaries to needy students. Some students are given full bursaries especially orphans and others on the basis of their good performance. Students are given everything, except may be a few personal things like mattresses, blankets, soap to use. But students are fed and are enabled go study throughout the term without paying anything. Of the total number of students on bursaries, 66 of them are on this scholarship.

There is also another category where parents pay fees less by Ugx. 100,000 ($ 27.7). Ordinarily they would have paid Ugx. 490,000 ($136.1). In any case, majority of students are on this bursary. Others (but few) pay about half because of their inability to pay the full amount. These students pay fees ranging from Ugx. 200, 000 ($55.5). The description here describes only boarding students. Day students are also given bursaries accordingly and proportionately.

Perhaps many of you reading this might think that we have a lot of money. The truth is that we do not get money to give such bursaries. Instead, money to support services to enable poor students learn comes literally from the contributions what able students have paid.

Finally, why the bursaries? The bursaries were created mainly for two key reasons. First, we want to attract good performing students who in turn will help Divine Mercy to perform well academically at the O Level examinations. This objective has so far been achieved, for progressively Divine Mercy students have been performing well. For those who have seen them

in debates, they can't believe that they are secondary school students. Secondly, our objective was to help poor students from Tooro Region who otherwise would have gone to poor performing schools and thus face the possibility of going nowhere and in effect stay in abject poverty. Worse still, without an opportunity like the one offered by Divine Mercy SS, many of them had three options: Option One: drop out of school, Option Two: drop out of school and option three: drop out of school. So the offer by Divine Mercy was a GOD SENT OPPORTUNITY.