

10th Anniversary £150,000 Building Appeal

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Focus of the appeal

The aim of this appeal is to complete the basic infrastructure the schools need to provide liberal Humanist education to 600 students, boys and girls. Money raised in this appeal will be used to construct:

- two hostels where needy students can live and study in a safe environment
- a multi-purpose hall for assemblies, music, dance, drama, dining and examinations
- two Library & Information Centres for independent resource-based learning
- two labs for computer studies

Money will also be used for an overall refurbishment and smartening up of the school sites to prepare them for hosting visitors to the International Humanist Education Conference which will be held in Uganda January, 2020. Any surplus funds will be used to improve education and welfare in the schools.

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Uganda Humanist Schools Trust was founded in 2008. Since then our supporters have raised £660,000 for the two Humanist High Schools which are the focus of this appeal: Isaac Newton High School, Masaka, and Mustard Seed School, Busota.

With few resources and casually employed teachers, the schools struggled in the early years to educate fewer than 100 students.

Gradually, over the years, we have improved the physical infrastructure, and provided water, sanitation, power and sleeping quarters for children from seriously impoverished backgrounds.

As a result of the support we have been able to mobilise over 10 years, the two secondary schools are transforming the life chances of over 1,000 children each year.

The past 3 years have seen a huge leap in standards of education and welfare. The schools have attracted better-qualified teachers, helped their first teachers to gain qualifications and welcomed back former students as teachers. Both schools are now in the top half dozen schools, out of the 30-40, in their Districts. Isaac Newton ranked 40th out of 3,600 schools in Uganda on the basis of value-added between primary leaving and O-level – a truly remarkable achievement.

Although the schools draw staff and students from communities that are devoutly religious, they are inclusive and promote liberal secular-humanist values. Students may wear religious symbols and boarders are free to worship in their own time. However, the school day is kept as a secular space where the prevailing values are positive Humanism.



The schools have a growing reputation for:

- high welfare and educational standards
- fostering mutual respect and understanding
- encouraging rational debate and argument
- using guidance and counselling and promoting representative democracy through a school council
- sharing a Humanist Ethos through the Uganda Humanist Schools Association
- Humanist Counsellors who train as Humanist Celebrants
- Student Humanist Associations working to help their local communities
- fostering a strong sense of community
- their happy and supportive atmosphere
- promoting personal growth and self-worth
- encouraging independent learning and respect for evidence
- fostering a love of reading and confidence in speaking publicly