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**I**n a bid to reduce congestion at Mbarara High School, old boys and parents have raised sh2.1b for the construction of a modern classroom block for students.

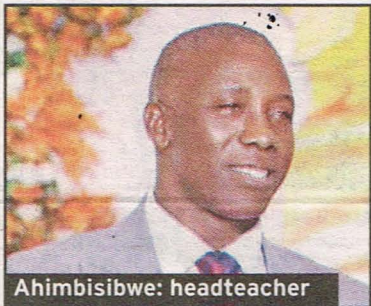
While speaking to *Mwalimu* recently, Hamm Ahimbisibwe, the school's headteacher disclosed that the school Parent-Teacher Association led by John Karokoora alongside the school's board of governors led by Prof. William Bazeyo mobilised sh2.1b to construct a two-storied classroom block which is now at the roofing level.

He also noted that recently, the old boys' association led by its former chairperson Dr Medard Bitekyerezo and the current one, Godber Tumushabe also mobilised sh1.9b for the construction of a storeyed dormitory which accommodates A'level students.

Located at Ruhaaro hill in Mbarara district, Mbarara High School is one of the oldest secondary schools in Uganda and it has nurtured many top leaders in Uganda, including President Yoweri Museveni, among others. It was established in 1911 by the Church Missionaries Society.

"The school has produced many leaders, both in government, private sector and the Church. For the Church, it has produced eight bishops. They include former Archbishop Erica Sabiiti, former bishop Kosiya Shalita, former bishop Festo Kivengere and Bishop Nathan Ahimbisibwe, among others," he said.

# MBARARA HIGH SCHOOL MOBILISES SH2B FOR CLASSROOM BLOCK



**Ahimbisibwe: headteacher**

## BACKGROUND

According to Church records, the idea of starting the school was the brainchild of the Rev. Canon Yoei Buningwire in 1910. The following year, it started as a primary school with J Kironde as the first headteacher, assisted by the Rev. H Clayton.

Currently, it has Ahimbisibwe as the headteacher, assisted by five deputies: George Butamanya (administration), James Odongo (academics), Samuel Muramuzi (discipline), Nelson Sunday (welfare), Rogers Tumwesigye (welfare) and Arthur Kanyaryeru (director of studies).



**Mbarara High School's two-storeyed classroom block under construction**