

# Friends with one dream eye careers in surgery

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Naomi Williams Namata scored aggregate 5 in the 2025 Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE). The 14-year-old said she wants to become a surgeon.

Her friend and classmate, Shamirah Ndagire, also wants to become a surgeon. Like Namata, Ndagire scored aggregate 5 in PLE.

They both sat PLE at Light Academy Nursery and Primary School in Lweza, Wakiso district.

Namata's aspiration to be a surgeon is driven by her desire to correct deformities, especially among children.

"Some people die because they are left unattended to. Once I become a surgeon, I will lead the team to reduce the numbers," Namata said.

Her mother, Kevina Nakiwala, said her daughter is promising and she is willing to support her to make all her dreams come true.

"We are now looking for school fees; we shall do all it takes to make sure she becomes a surgeon. She has told

us that since day one of her school," Nakiwala said.

She said the biggest challenge for Namata was competition from her fellow pupils. Having inspired her daughter to focus on her studies, she has eventually made it.

"Namata did not face any challenge apart from the competition from her fellows, which pushed her to perform well," Nakiwala said.

She said most of the family friends are doctors, which is a big source of inspiration to her daughter.



Ndagire (left) and Namata of Light Academy Nursery and Primary School in Lweza, Wakiso, scored aggregate 5 each