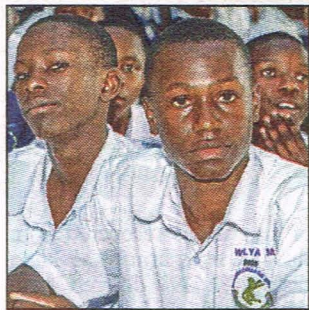


# Schools urged on government programmes

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**Musa Watolya, student**



**Hellen Seku, the commissioner for the national secretariat for patriotism at State House addresses students of Busoga College Mwiri**

A student of Busoga College Mwiri has appealed to the Government to consider appointing a presidential advisor specifically for secondary schools. The appeal was made during an official visit by the commissioner for the national secretariat for patriotism at state house, Hellen Seku.

Musa Watolya made the request as Seku conducted an evaluation and monitoring exercise across schools and institutions in the Busoga sub-region.

He asked the commissioner to relay his appeal to President Yoweri Museveni, emphasising the need for increased attention to secondary education.

In her address to students and staff, Seku underscored the importance of awareness about government support in schools, urging administrators

to ensure that learners understand the role of the state in funding education.

"The headteacher and team should highlight what the government provides. If students are not informed, they may misunderstand the support they receive," she said.

Seku also commended the

school for its environmental conservation efforts, noting innovative initiatives such as the use of recycled bottles to create baskets and perimeter structures, as well as the planting of fruit trees across

the compound.

She encouraged students to maintain cleanliness and sustainability, warning against littering and wastefulness. "Eat what you can finish and dispose of waste properly.

Protecting the environment helps us avoid excessive heat," she advised.

A significant portion of her message focused on moral values, particularly faith and discipline.

She emphasised that reverence for God is foundational to wisdom and success, urging students to avoid immoral behaviour and uphold integrity in their daily lives.

"We must love God because the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. A person who fears God will avoid wrongdoing," she said, reinforcing the role of religious values in shaping responsible citizens.

The commissioner also cautioned students against distractions, urging them to

## STUDENTS URGED TO BE PATRIOTIC

Hellen Seku, the commissioner for the national secretariat for patriotism at State House highlighted patriotism and hard work as central pillars of national development, reminding students of their constitutional duties under Article 17; to remain loyal, protect the country and contribute to societal progress. "There is only one Uganda – the Pearl of Africa. We must be patriotic and work hard to build our nation," Seku stated.

prioritise their studies and avoid behaviour that could derail their academic and personal development.