

GOVT ASSURES ARTS TEACHERS ON SALARY INCREMENT

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The Vice-President, Jessica Alupo, has reassured arts teachers that government is committed to increasing their salaries, noting that the increment will begin in the next financial year.

Alupo said the salaries of arts teachers will be raised gradually to reach 25% increment promised recently, as part of government's ongoing efforts to address disparities in the education sector.

Science teachers with degrees currently earn sh4m per month, while diploma holders get sh3m since July 2023. Arts teachers with degrees currently get sh900,000.

"Our government recognises that all teachers play an important role in shaping learners. It is not true that science teachers are more

◀ **Archimedes' Principle and Shakespeare: both arts and sciences teachings are vital to national development.**

important. On the contrary, we value both science and arts teachers because they all contribute to the development of our children and the country," Alupo said.

"Government has been engaging with teachers and we are working towards improving their welfare, including enhancing salaries, as we continue to dialogue and find lasting solutions together," she added.

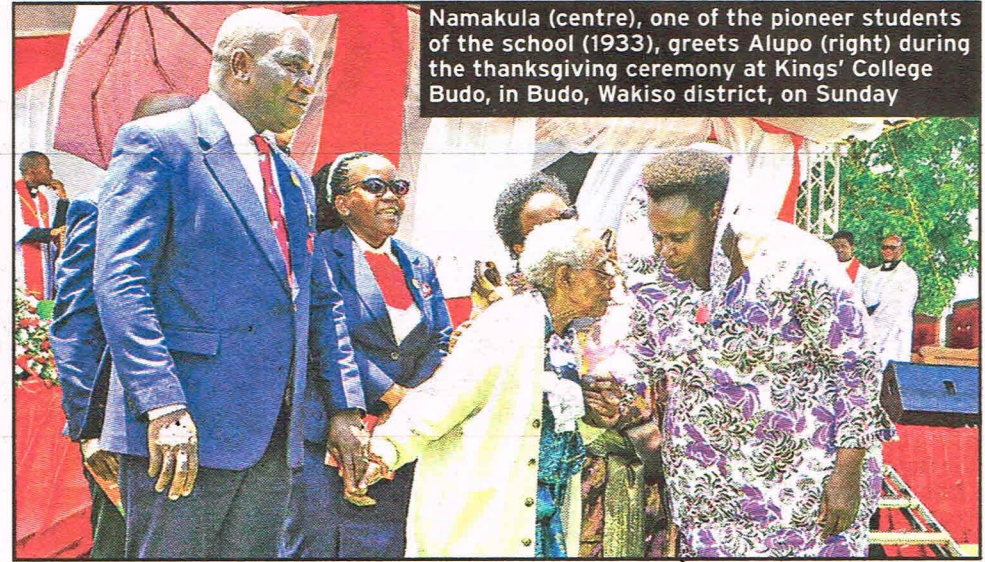
Alupo made the remarks during celebrations to mark 120

years of King's College Budo, held on Sunday at the school premises in Budo, Wakiso district.

KINGS' COLLEGE BUDO AT 120

"The legacy of Budo is built on values of fear of God, academic excellence, teamwork, and respect for self and others," Alupo stated.

She lauded the outgoing headteacher, Canon John Fred Kazibwe, for his service and congratulated the incoming headteacher, Godfrey Kasamba,



Namakula (centre), one of the pioneer students of the school (1933), greets Alupo (right) during the thanksgiving ceremony at Kings' College Budo, in Budo, Wakiso district, on Sunday

pledging government support in advancing the school's development agenda.

Alupo urged the new school leadership to embrace modern technology-driven education systems to equip students with skills relevant to the global stage.

The celebrations began with a thanksgiving service led by the Bishop of Namirembe diocese, the Rev. Moses Banja, who called on believers to promote peace in the country, drawing inspiration from Jesus Christ as

a symbol of justice and freedom.

Established on March 29, 1906, King's College Budo was originally founded to educate royals and other elite members of society under the Church of Uganda, before later expanding access to the wider public.

Kazibwe highlighted land grabbing as a major challenge facing academic institutions and called for stronger measures to protect school property.

During the function, Alupo presented awards to individuals who have made outstanding

contributions to the school, including 104-year-old Norah Namakula, one of the first 12 female students admitted to Budo in 1933. Others recognised included Canon Kazibwe and prominent lawyer David Frederick Mpanga.

The school has produced several notable alumni, including former presidents Yusuf Lule and Godfrey Binaisa, as well as distinguished figures like Justice Julia Sebutinde and former prime minister Apollo Nsubambi.