

How King's College Budo is harnessing creativity

Creativity. The school management has a programme that involves inviting external exhibitors from different fields to take students through careers.

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The growing intersection between academics and innovation, aimed at enabling learners to use acquired knowledge and skills to solve pressing problems, has prompted schools to think outside the box and thrive.

King's College Budo, for example, occasionally invites external exhibitors to come to school and showcase their innovations, guide students on the right path to success.

Recently, the school hosted several external innovators at their annual students' Careers Day Exhibition, where students interacted with innovators to get to know the demands of the world of work, in the hope of resolving the country's employment situation.

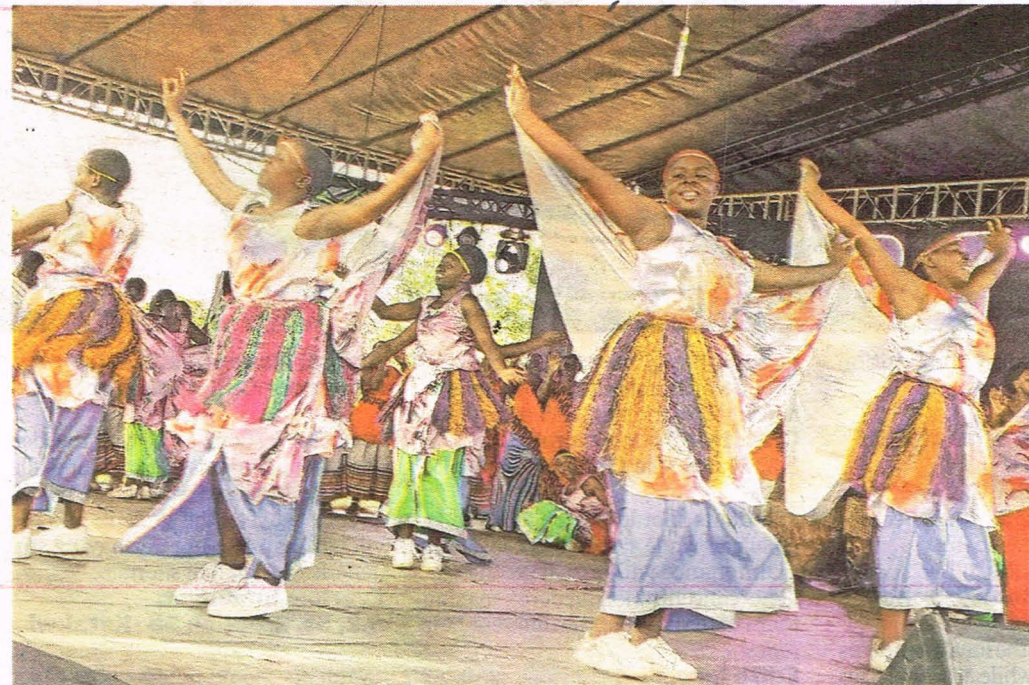
Students also showcased a range of innovative projects during the exhibition held under the theme "Harnessing creative solutions to community challenges."

Chef Henry Wanyama, Director and Founder at the Culinary School Uganda who was among the external exhibitors noted that students ought to be guided at an early stage to help them take right career direction.

"It is good for the students to interface with people like me and many other exhibitors that have been around for some time and are excelling and succeeding in their fields," Wanyama said. "The earlier they do this, the better, because some people discover their passions and desires at a later stage... long after they have passed the stage of learning."

Mr Godfrey Atwine, the deputy headteacher of King's College Budo, added that the school management invites external exhibitors from different fields to take students through career paths and interest them in different career options, every year.

"The students also use this occasion to exhibit their own project work," he said.



Above: Students from King's College Budo participate in MDD last year. Recently, the school hosted several external innovators during their annual students' Careers Day Exhibition. PHOTOS/FILE

Right: Students perform a traditional dance in Kampala last year.

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Education innovation in Uganda is currently dominated by a nationwide shift toward competence-based education (CBE) and practical skills

development. Following the rollout of the lower secondary curriculum, the Education ministry is now extending this hands-on, project-driven framework to primary schools.

Last year, education experts asked schools

to utilise the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) to commercialise and protect the innovations they are producing. "We encourage all innovators, mentors and institutions to actively

utilise the services of the URSB as well as our national Uganda ICT and intellectual property guidelines to ensure that their ideas, designs and softwares are properly protected," they said.