
Aga Khan Academy sets IB exams record

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Students at Aga Khan Academy in Mombasa have achieved record-breaking results in this year's International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) amid the challenging Covid-19 learning period.

Top scorers have received admission call-ups to a number of prestigious universities including Yale and Cambridge. The students have further been offered over \$7 million (Sh800 million) in university scholarships. The stu-

dents attributed their success to hard work. The percentage of top scorers was above the global average with nine students scoring an outstanding 40 points and above, out of a possible 45. The cohort of 67 students achieved an average score of 34.9, well above last year's global average of 29.7.

"These results represent a particularly remarkable achievement, considering the rapidly-changing global circumstances as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The class of 2020 completed their DP coursework through

an online learning platform, along with the encouragement and support of their teachers," the institution said in a statement.

Head of Academy Alison Hampshire hailed the students, attributing the performance to their resilience.

"We're immensely proud of this year's class and their accomplishments during what has become a difficult and unsettling time for the global community. They had to deal with an unprecedented and unforeseen challenge, yet met it head-on, showing bravery and

strength," said Ms Hampshire.

Top scorer, Muskaan Baidhani, with 44 out of 45 points said the students quickly adapted to the new normal through online learning. Ohad Mutua, a beneficiary of the Talent Identification Programme expressed his gratitude to the school for giving him the best education.

The programme is developed in line with the academy's vision to provide exceptional students with an international-standard education and leadership opportunities, regardless of their ability to pay.