



Muskaani Baidhan was offered scholarships worth sh1b

UGANDAN GIRL EXCELS IN INTERNATIONAL EXAMS

By Conan Businge

Muskaani Baidhani, a Ugandan who has been studying in Kenya at Aga Khan Academy Mombasa, is one of the International Baccalaureate best students in the world.

She scored 44 points out of the maximum 45. She has received several scholarships amounting to about \$500,000 (about sh1b).

This score put her above the international average of students as indicated on the International Baccalaureate website.

Alisha Doshi, another student, got a similar score. The cohort of 67 students at Aga Khan Academy Mombasa achieved an average score of 34.9, above last year's global average of 29.7.

Baidhani said: "The rigorous environment at the academy forced me to step out of my comfort zone, every day. To choose courage over comfort, always. To not just go with the flow, but to be the flow."

She will be attending McGill University. She says she was also admitted to the University of Cambridge and University College London; and was offered over \$500,000 in scholarships to other institutions, including Bowdoin College, University of British Columbia, University of Waterloo and University of Toronto.

The school said the class of 2020 achieved record-breaking results in the International Baccalaureate diploma programme. In addition, the percentage of top scorers was above the global average – with nine

students scoring above 40 points.

"These results represent a particularly remarkable achievement, considering the rapidly-changing global circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," a statement from the school read.

"The class of 2020 completed their diploma programme coursework through an online learning platform," the statement added.

The school said it strives to develop home-grown and ethical leaders working towards a shared goal of sustainable development to improve the lives of those living not only in Kenya, but also across the globe.

The head of the academy, Alison Hampshire, highlighted her students' success, saying: "We are immensely proud of this year's class and their accomplishments

during what has become a difficult and unsettling time globally. They had to deal with an unprecedented and unforeseen challenge, yet met it head-on, showing bravery and strength to perform well in their final assignments, which bodes well for their futures."

Another top scorer at the academy, Ohad Mutua, is a beneficiary of the school's Talent Identification Programme (TID). This programme is a fulfillment of the academy's vision to provide exceptional students with an international-standard education, regardless of their ability to pay.

The school, in its statement, says that because of the remarkable academic achievements, students from the Class of 2020 will be offered a \$7m (sh25b) in university scholarships.

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