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Uganda: Wamala Favours Fitting Clothes

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Brian Wamala is Makerere University main library's IT technician. He is a sharp dresser who shared his grooming tips with Alon Mwesigwa on why he keeps himself neat.

Why do you keep your hair short?

I like it that way; at times I assume people with a lot of hair are not clean. I visit the salon every Saturday. I have a specific salon I visit, His Grace salon in Wandegeya - not because other salons don't work, but I don't really want to contract diseases. Besides, for us men, we don't need a lot of money to keep hair neat.

What's your favourite outfit?

I love fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants. I am one of those people who really hate loose-fitting clothes - you just look at someone and you wonder why they chose to wear an oversized shirt or coat.

And colours?

I like blue and green. They are not so shiny. I occasionally wear black.

We have seen people in very tight outfits calling them fitting. What kind of fitting do you wear?

I don't wear those which are very tight. While they may make you look good, you don't feel so comfortable in them.

Are your fitting clothes expensive?

I can't say they are expensive because you can get them between Shs 13,000 and Shs 15,000, depending on where you buy them from. I buy most of my clothes downtown.

What type of shoes goes with those pants?

Pointed shoes are the perfect match for those pants. I like Huaji shoes - you really feel complete when you have them on. A pair can go for as low as Shs 30,000 downtown.

What's your opinion on university students' style?

Many students don't really care much about what they wear. You see, a student can wear a big T-shirt and open shoes yet that outfit should be for a Saturday. I think they need advisers. For the ladies, they have a problem with the way they dress. I think their dress code is good for their age; they just like very skimpy outfits.

Do you have advice for men out there?

They just need to take care of themselves. I think it doesn't take much to look good. You like yourself when you are sure that you really look presentable.

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