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Lubiri, Namirembe Hillside, Mengo SS and St. Mary's Kitende have topped this year's private students admissions at Makerere University, according to the list which was released on Thursday.

Others include Gombe SS, East High School, Old Kampala, Buddo SS, Valley College in Bushenyi, Merryland High School, Seeta High-Mukono and Kibuli SS.

There was a hike in the cut-off points for a number of courses, especially the science ones.

The list shows that about 19,000 students have been admitted to Makerere on private sponsorship. This is in addition to 4,000 Government sponsored students who were admitted to the five public universities.

However, it should be noted that a number of schools, which had most of their candidates admitted on Government sponsorship, have not featured prominently under private admissions.

Schools that topped admissions on government scholarship included St. Mary's Kitende, Namugongo, Masaka SS, Mbarara High, Namilyango College, Turkish Light Academy, Seeta High (Old), Ntare School, Gayaza High and Mt. St. Mary's Namagunga.

Other public universities are also expected to release their private admissions lists soon.

Of the 102,296 candidates who sat for A' level examinations, only 65,417 got the required two principle passes for one to be admitted to a university in Uganda.

The number of candidates who attained the required points to join universities this year increased compared to the previous year when only 61,820 candidates qualified.

There are 30 universities in the country and they will accommodate not more than 50,000 students in the forthcoming academic year. Last year, universities accommodated 47,000 students.

This means, about 52,296 candidates will miss out on university intake this year.