



Uganda 2025/2026

Application Form

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORMS:

AVAILABLE FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2026

HAND IN MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY @9.00AM

Students may be considered for a place on the TY Uganda trip if they have:

- Fully participated in the two Uganda project events to date (Winter Fair, U-Live)
- Completed this application form/project
- An exemplary school record

Your application form has been designed to encourage *you to reflect upon the purpose of the TY Uganda project* and to ensure those who apply...

- have really considered what the project is about
- have been actively involved in all our group work
- have individually (or in small groups) undertaken some fundraising activities to contribute towards the causes that we support.

Section 1: Research

The purpose of this section is to get you to research the people, places and organisations that we support, so that you can better understand the purpose of the project and the trip. It's not an academic examination for grading, don't cut and paste, don't just go to the internet or use AI tools, Please do not attach additional pages of writing in Section 1.

Some facts and figures about Uganda:

As part of the application process, we ask students to privately raise €100 to support a student who cannot afford secondary school fees. What are some of the barriers to someone in Kisiizi/Rubiriizi valley from attending and completing secondary school?

Why is education so important for a developing country like Uganda?

We partner with Kisiizi hospital, an important regional hospital in south west Uganda. What do you expect Kisiizi hospital to be like?

What challenges do you think are faced by a rural hospital in a less developed country?

The Good Shepherd Fold (GSF) Children's Home in Jinja has developed over the years and plays a vital role in its community. Summarise how it started and what it currently does.

What do you expect GSF Children's Home to be like?

Section 2

The TY Uganda project has been running for more than 20 years. It was originally conceived to benefit both the SAC community and the communities we visit in Uganda. Our financial support of the three communities in Uganda over the past two decades has been truly life changing, most notable in Rubiriizi school where we are the largest and sometimes the only regular supporter.

While our investment in ‘hard projects’ such as buildings has been transformative, but we also focus ‘soft projects’- supporting people! School fees are a major barrier to education amongst the poorest of the poor in rural Uganda. We would like every SAC pupil who has a real interest in the TY Uganda project and wishes to come on the trip to support our drive to get more kids into school in Rubiriizi.

To this end, we ask that all applicants aim to fundraise €100 (or more, if you can!) which will be used entirely to pay the school fees of a child who would otherwise be unable to continue their education. Whether you do a sponsored walk, donate your babysitting wages, but do something to raise €100 (or more) to enable a teenager like you to stay in school and build a better future.

This money should be submitted along with your application form.

We have set a target to stimulate activity and effort on behalf of applicants towards the goals of the project. We in no way wish to encourage unhealthy competition and the quantity of money raised does not influence the selection process in any way.

Tell us below what you did to raise the money:

Section 3

The TY Winter Fair and ULive concert provide a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together and raise vital funds to support the three Ugandan communities. These events not only support causes but also help students develop a sense of social responsibility, showing how their actions can make a meaningful difference to the lives of others.

Explain your contribution to this year's Winter Fair, listing the teacher and group members involved and outlining the tasks you completed before and during the event.

Outline your involvement in this year's ULive concert. Provide details of the responsibilities you took on in the lead-up to the event, during the concert itself, and in the follow-up afterwards.

Section 4

Why do you think you should be considered for selection on the Uganda trip?

Briefly summarise your involvement in the range of activities in the Transition Year programme.

How would you describe your discipline record to date in school?

Fair Good Very Good Excellent

Section 5

The group travelling to Uganda will be announced to students and their parents/guardians by email on Friday, 27 February, by 6.00 pm. The fact is that we can only bring 18 students. To aid the process, we would like students to reflect upon their individual contribution to the project as a whole, and they should familiarise themselves with the Uganda selection policy document. Students should hand in a completed application form on/before Monday, 9 February at 9.00 am, along with the €100 they raised for school fees in Rubiriizi. **Late applications will NOT be accepted.** Students who have not fulfilled the selection criteria will be notified prior to the selection announcement.

PLEASE NOTE – ALL SECTIONS ON THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED

All communication will be by email to parents/guardians and to students via their school email addresses

Student Name:

Form:

Parent/Guardian Signature: