

Mugunga taking children through a lesson at Netzah International School in Gayaza, Wakiso district



MUGUNGA FINDS JOY IN TEACHING AGAIN

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In 2011, she moved to Lusaka, Zambia, where she worked as the chief editor and head of communications and corporate affairs at the multinational trade agency, COMESA.

GOING BACK TO CLASS

Fate, as we know it, is a force that refuses to be ignored. Mugunga defines her job in Zambia as fulfilling, good for the pocket, but unsettling for the heart.

In 2016, she got on the plane back to Uganda again with one resolution — to teach.

Mugunga started her role as a lecturer at Uganda Christian University (UCU) soon after she returned from Zambia. For four years, she poured her heart and soul into the students she lectured in communications at the university.

In addition, she was entrusted with *The Standard Newspaper*, a community publication run mostly by UCU graduates.

But even though she had fulfilled her purpose of teaching university students, Mugunga's heart danced for the little children. In 2019, she decided to step back from the lecture room to start a children's school.

THE BIRTH OF NETZAH

True to her resilient character, Mugunga pursued her PhD in Hong Kong while building the foundation of Netzah International School.



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A few of her former students describe Mugunga as an exceptional mentor.

"I got my PhD in July 2022 after three-and-a-half years of study. I have since had to re-prioritise my career. I try to be realistic about the seasons of my life. Right now, I am comfortable stepping back from the lecture room.

"When we opened the school in 2020, it felt surreal. I felt greatly responsible for this child that I knew depended a lot on my input for its very survival. While the responsibility for this was a little overwhelming, it was a joyful experience," she says.

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Some of the children under Mugunga's care