



## Pharo Foundation Homosha School: An Ethiopian Outlier

In the midst of Ethiopia's shocking leaving exam results, which saw only 3.3% of Ethiopian students score the required 50% to pass, the Pharo Foundation Homosha school stands out, with the highest pass rate of any secondary school in the region of Benishangul Gumuz, for both the natural science and social science streams. Homosha's star students Elsabet Derese and Belaynesh Tafere received the highest results in the region amongst female students at 512 and 507. Across males and females, they achieved the 7th and 8th rank in the region in the natural science stream. Furthermore, out of 26 Homosha students who took the national exams, 23 have been accepted to local universities sponsored by the government, and the other three will join local universities at their own expense. This outcome is consistent with a key purpose of the Pharo Foundation schools, which is to accompany each pupil beyond the classroom on their pathway of life opportunities.

