

The Phoenix

Weekly Newsletter

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2026 Applications Open

Saturday 8th and 15th March.



CAS 2025 Student Leads

Fostering close ties and ensuring every voice is heard.



Principal Otula

IWD and celebrating this day.



Housekeeping Heroes

The backbone of the WK community.



MAD for the Arts

Cello and Piano concert.

Principal Otula comments on IWD & our response to celebrating this day through women's week



Welcome back to the second half of term one!

We hope that mid term break was great for both students and their families. It was lovely seeing all our students back, well rested and energised. Indeed, that energy was on full display at yesterday's swimming gala, where once again, house spirits were high, coupled with the resplendent maroon, deep blue and white colours belonging to the Guedes, Sterns and Hendersons respectively. Well done to all the swimmers. Well done for showing up and representing your houses. You are doers. Well done for elevating yourselves and your colleagues. Thank you for inspiring success.

A message to commemorate International Women's Day

This past Wednesday, our students launched Women's week at our school assembly. Through poetry renditions, dance, speeches and thoughtful messages, they added colour to the essence of a woman. Depicting powerful stories of the struggles of women, their courage in the face of societal pressures, their survival through hardships, their strength in surmounting challenges and their ultimate success or continuous journeys were made evident.

In coming together to celebrate International Women's Day to be commemorated tomorrow, we are reminded of the importance of gender equality, women's achievements, and the ongoing journey towards empowering women everywhere. This day is not just about recognizing the incredible contributions of women throughout history, but also about acknowledging the challenges that still exist and the work that remains.

As UWCers, we stand united in our belief that every individual, regardless of gender, has the right to dream big, access equal opportunities, and thrive. Women, just like men, are capable of achieving extraordinary feats in any fields, in any spaces, in any careers, in any continents - shaping our world in ways both big and small. But while we celebrate progress, let's also remember that equality is a continuous effort. Every time women break down barriers, every time women uplift and support one another, they create a world where everyone can thrive, regardless of gender. The fight for equality is not just for women—it's for all of humanity.

As we commemorate this important day tomorrow, let's be inspired by the achievements of those who came before us and commit ourselves to the work still needed to ensure that every person, regardless of their gender, has the opportunity to succeed and be heard. Let us call out retrogressive, or ongoing discrimination against women. When one woman rises, a community rises!

Happy international Women's day



International Women's Day

“The fight for equality is not just for women—it’s for all of us.”

Jackie Otula
Waterford Kamhlaba Principal



International Women's Day

“Let's be equally intentional about acknowledging that we can only truly celebrate women when we are ALL free. No one can be left behind.”

Moya Laufer
English & TOK Teacher



Waterford Seeks Tomorrow's Changemakers; 2026 Applications open

We are pleased to confirm that we will be conducting local Entrance Testing for 2026 entry here on campus on **Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th March** – starting at 8am. Please **register** your child with Martha Dlamini at martha.dlamini@waterford.sz. Please also spread the word through your family, friends and professional networks. We do appreciate the ongoing advocacy of current parents in our recruitment efforts. Boarding applicants are welcome on any weekday by making an **appointment** with John Storer at careers@waterford.sz. We will be in Nairobi on Saturday May 24th for our East African pool and in Harare at a date tbc next term. We look forward to meeting the latest crop of wise and kind candidates – further **details** can be found at www.waterford.sz/admissions/apply

Thank you!

Introducing the CAS 2025 Student Leads & Innovating CAS at Waterford Kamhlaba

Waterford Kamhlaba is excited to introduce the CAS 2025 Student Leads —a dynamic team dedicated to enhancing the CAS experience for all students. This year, our team is committed to strengthening communication, boosting our digital presence, and actively collecting student feedback to continually improve CAS activities.

By streamlining communication and introducing fresh, innovative initiatives, we aim to bridge the gap between students and CAS activities. Starting soon, we will feature weekly updates on CAS happenings right here in the newsletter, keeping you informed about new projects, events, and opportunities to get involved.

We believe that by enhancing our digital efforts, fostering closer ties among CAS groups, and ensuring every voice is heard, we can make CAS an even more integral part of the Waterford Kamhlaba experience.

By: Nigel Chirambagowa IB1



The team includes left to right:

Sulaiman Mansaray, Muhle Magongo, Nigel Chirambagowa, Trust Mungure

International Women's Day



“As YWEC says, women who accelerate action don’t just break barriers - they shatter limits, ignite change, and redefine the future!”

Amrot, Mokgadi, Emihle, Ngcebo, Thembezile
YWEC

Housekeeping Heroes: Making Campus Shine Every Day

The housekeeping department is the backbone of our campus community!

Housekeeping has 27 dedicated staff members led by Matron Maureen Dlamini. They take on a wide range of tasks. They clean the buildings, windows, carpets, curtains, blinds, and handle laundry for all 4 hostels. Additionally they are responsible for curtains in our staff residences. This includes sometimes sewing and hanging. They are involved in helping with setting up for events. In addition to all of these duties, the Make's care for our students in the hostels are invaluable.



Their willingness to volunteer for Nyatsela and support students by keeping an eye on them and helping where they can is heartwarming. It's clear that the housekeeping team plays a crucial role in creating a nurturing and well-maintained environment for everyone. We are truly grateful for everything they do.



Welcome back Kamhlaba! We hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating break.

Whether you spent time with family or took some well-deserved time to relax, we trust that you are ready and excited for the rest of our term.

As we return, we invite each of you to take a moment to reflect on something truly powerful – gratitude. This is a time for us to appreciate not only the opportunities we have but also the unique community we share at Waterford. In the spirit of reflection, we also recognize that we've entered a special time for many of us. With the start of Ramadan and Lent, we have an opportunity to deepen our reflection, practice patience, and grow in compassion. As part of our shared commitment to this season of reflection, we're proud of the students who arranged a meaningful trip for Ash Wednesday, showcasing the strength of our collective spirit. We have a new initiative: A day in the life WK and we encourage you to record and share videos capturing your days here at Waterford Kamhlaba. Whether it's a special moment in the classroom, a conversation with a friend, or a memory from the campus, these videos will help you celebrate the experiences that make this place so special. You may share these videos with our instagram account!

With love always, your SRC!

MAD For The Arts

Music Art Drama

The MAD Ambassadors is an IB1 CAS that promotes the creative arts on and off campus. MAD stands for Music, Art and Drama and our main aim is to show the wider community that pursuing an artistic career or academic program has many real life benefits. We do so by raising awareness and assisting with artistic events on campus, promoting creative clubs and activities, and hosting workshops with other off-campus CAS groups.

By: Sonia Lutamaguzi IB1



2025 Important Dates

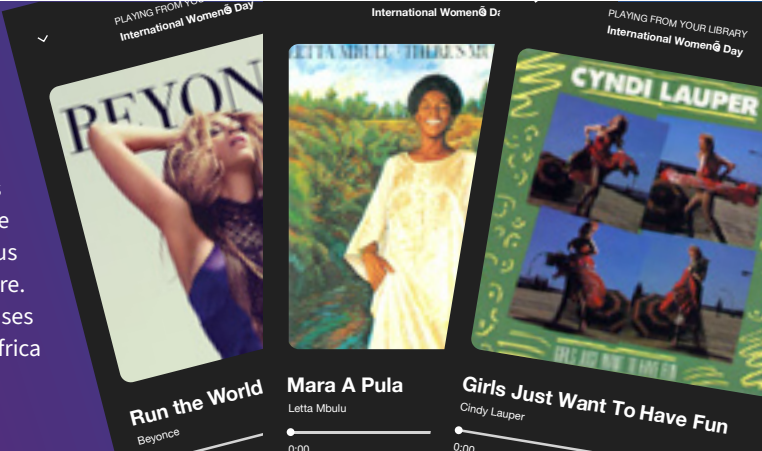
08 March:	Entrance Testing for 2026
10 March:	Lutsango Day (Public Holiday)
15 March:	Entrance Testing for 2026
05 April:	UWC Day
15 April:	Parents Evening
17 April:	Term ends
19 May:	Term 2: Lessons Start
24 May:	Regional Entrance Testing – East Africa
2025 School Calendar	

A new public holiday has been introduced in Eswatini, known as **The Lutstango Holiday** which is “**a moment to celebrate the resilience, strength, and vital role women play in shaping our society**”. This holiday will take place on **Monday 10th March**, which means there is no school on that day. We will be back in class at 08:00 on Tuesday 11th March.

On Repeat

Your go-to spot to discover fresh music and new bands! Whether you’re looking for something upbeat or a little more laid-back, we’ve got you covered. Got a favourite song or band that you can’t stop playing? **Send it our way, and you might just see it featured in next week’s edition!** Let’s share the music that gets us through the week and keep the good vibes flowing.

These songs are a celebration of International Women’s Day, featuring empowering anthems that honor the strength, joy, and resilience of women around the world. **Beyoncé’s “Run the World (Girls)”** sets the tone with its bold declaration of female power and independence, while **Cyndi Lauper’s “Girls Just Want to Have Fun”** reminds us of the importance of freedom, joy, and embracing who we are. To add a global touch, **Letta Mbulu’s “Mara a Pula”** infuses the playlist with soulful rhythms, celebrating women in Africa and beyond.



Update Your Details

Staying in touch with you is our top priority! In order to do so, we also kindly request your co-operation by **updating your contact details**. It is important for the school to always have your most recent contacts.

Help Us Improve Our Newsletter (Feedback)

Help us improve our newsletter (Feedback) We kindly ask for feedback concerning this newsletter. The purpose of the weekly newsletter is primarily to inform parents about anything and everything school-related, from school activities on campus to management decisions, news, schedule changes, updates, events, and other community developments. We kindly ask for your feedback or ideas in terms of how to improve the newsletter – we would like to know whether or not it is helpful and how best to improve it.

Send us an email: communications@waterford.sz