

The Phoenix

Weekly Newsletter



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Together we change

UWC Day 5 April 2025

Principal's Message

Let PEACE be our word.

SAMO Round 2

Our mathematicians
shine.

CAS

Mpaka Refugee Camp
and survey.

Athletics

We are the
CHAMPIONS!

Peace my word. . .



At the heart of the UWC Mission is the concept of Peace. **Peace** — not as a lofty ideal, but as an intentional daily practice. In a world that often seems divided by difference, conflict, and strife, it is worth examining what it means to carry the word peace in our hearts, on our lips, and through our actions.

As a UWC school, we are bound by a shared commitment “to make education a force to unite people, nations, and cultures for **peace** and a sustainable future”. Peace is the active creation of environments where every individual thrives. It is the courage to speak up for justice, the empathy to listen when it is hard, the strength to build bridges where walls might otherwise rise and the practice of pausing, reflecting and reminding ourselves and others to breathe.

In the moments between lessons, on the sports field, in the day student centre, in Ekukhuleni or Emhlabeni, and around the dining hall tables, we see peace taking root. It is in the friendships forged across cultures on campus, the shared laughter in different languages (this past Wednesday some of our staff members shared words in slang at assembly - and it was laughter galore). The support shown when someone is struggling with their assignment, or the depths we go to support those in need around us, as is also reflected in the service we render to our neighbours (Please read about the Mpaka CAS Service campaign below). Peace is also reflected in the small acts of kindness that we show to our families and members of our community. From our participation in the ALAMAU - Model United Nations conference in Johannesburg and at the athletics day at Mavuso last weekend, to the numerous sporting codes on our grounds, the embrace of camaraderie and sportsmanship - are all true seeds of **peace**.

Each year, UWC Day is celebrated by thousands of people worldwide, including students and staff at UWC schools and colleges, national committees, UWC alumni and friends. Next weekend, we will gather to celebrate UWC Day, in our true Kamhlaba fashion. Let this celebration serve as a reminder that through championing peace, together we change. **Let peace be our word.**

UWC Day & Programme - 5 April 2025

UWC DAY



Dear Waterford Community,

We are excited to invite you to UWC Day 2025, a special celebration of unity, diversity and our celebration of the UWC movement. This year's theme, "Together We Change," highlights the power of collective action at all levels in creating a more sustainable and inclusive world.

UWC Day will be taking place on Saturday, 5th April 2025, starting promptly at 10:30am with the annual Parade of Nations assembly. Join us for an inspiring day filled with thought-provoking discussions, engaging student performances, and, of course, delicious cultural foods. As always, it will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate our diversity and reflect on how we can all contribute to shaping a better future.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

The Link Group (Leo, Keke, Marianna and Seanna)



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Standard

Single room E1890.00
Double room E2090.00

Deluxe

Single room E2180.00
Double room E2380.00

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Single room E3460.00
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BOOK NOW

Planning to join us for **UWC Day on 5 April** or traveling for End of Term on **17 April**, take advantage of our special accommodation rate with Hilton Garden Inn. Make your reservation and pay directly with them today under UWC-Waterford Kamhlaba!

Terms & Conditions apply.

UWC Day

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PROGRAMME - 5 April 2025

10:15	Arrival and seating in tutor groups
10:30	Marimba Group: Mr Eze
10:35	Opening address by Link Group
10:40	Principal address: Mrs Jackie OTULA
10:45	Keynote address: Mr Khulekani Msweli
11:05	Governing Council address: Dr Sibongile Gumbi
11:10	Tribute to victims of conflict zones: Gloria and Scarlett
11:15	Countries parade
	Eswatini Balkans Botswana Celtic Nations China Democratic Republic of the Congo East Africa Ethiopia Europe Germany Haiti India Jordan and Palestine
11:45	Choir
11:50	Countries parade
	Latin America Lesotho Mozambique Nordic Nations North America Slavic Nations South Africa Taiwan Thailand Uganda Ukraine West Africa Zambia and Malawi Zimbabwe
12:15	Closing address by Link Group, End of Assembly

SAMO Round Two Qualifiers

The 2025 round one of the South African Mathematics Olympiad was concluded on 13/3/2025 at 4pm and out of the over 200 contestants, 45 are proceeding to round two. The distribution is as follows:

- 3 students from lower school
- 3 students from form 4
- 12 students from form five
- 13 students from IB1
- 14 students from IB2

CONGRATULATIONS to all those brave mathematicians who stood firm on the online contest. The qualifiers are advised to keep practising for the May 2025 round two competitions. Details of names shall be shared in classes. The following are scheduled to battle it out on 11th April 2025 in the Euclid University of Waterloo contest.

Radha, Arsema, Carlos, Marin, Phuc Anh, Mlindi, Kamohelo and Agustya all from IB 2. Any student willing to join this team can register with Mr SD in the Maths department.

CAS Student Leads Corner

Dear Waterford Kamhlaba students,

As a new student group, our goal is to improve your experience of CAS at Waterford Kamhlaba.

We encourage all students to take a moment to complete the CAS feedback survey. Your insights will help us understand what is working well and what can be improved to make CAS an even more enriching experience for everyone.

Survey Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewsvgz7dZtcz90cfONyLEWZbK1fISAW2G2P4Pgsi79A6-MNQ/viewform>

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making CAS an enriching experience for all.

Best regards,

Nigel, Sulaiman, Muhle & Trust



Food Donation Drive for Mpaka Refugee Camp



***Thank you for
your support!***

Nonkazimulo Fakudze IB2 & Zara Merchant IB2

We Did It Again. . . 3 Years in a row :)

Last week on the **20th and 21st of March**, Waterford participated at the Inter School Athletics Competition hosted at the Mavuso Sports Center. Our athletes competed against 8 other schools from around the country in both the track and field events. We aimed to secure our third consecutive victory in this event after winning for the past two years. Over the course of two days, our athletes gave their all, delivering outstanding performances. Their hard work paid off, and we successfully defended our title, making **Waterford Kamhlaba the 2025 Inter-Schools Athletics Champions**. Throughout the two days, the team demonstrated amazing teamwork and team spirit through their continuous support and encouragement for each other, a great example of the power of teamwork and sportsmanship. A special thanks to all the schools that participated. As a school, without the participation of these schools, we would not have achieved our highest potential and we have them to thank for that.

A special mention and congratulations to the following athletes who won individual awards:

Abby Begg - Under 14 Victrix Ludorum

Caleb Preko - Under 19 Victor Ludoum

Well done and thank you to the coaches who prepared the athletes for this competition and to the athletes who participated and represented Waterford.

By: Ella Begg & Martina Vugs IB1



2025 Important Dates

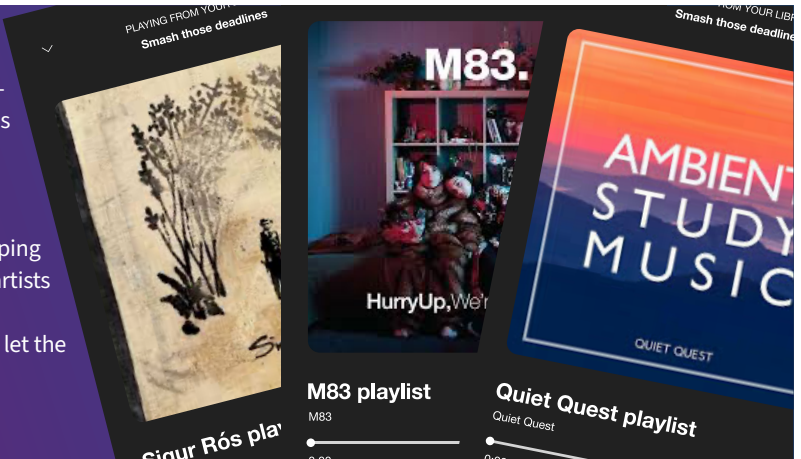
05 April:	UWC Day
15 April:	Parents Evening
17 April:	Term ends
19 May:	Term 2: Lessons Start
24 May:	Regional Entrance Testing - East Africa - Nairobi
2025 School Calendar	

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.

This week, we're gearing up for the crunch time of deadlines and exams, and what better way to keep your focus sharp and your motivation high than with a playlist designed for deep concentration and productivity!

Featuring the ethereal sounds of **Sigur Rós**, **M83's** enveloping ambiance, and **Quiet Quest's** serene atmosphere, these artists provide the ideal soundtrack to power through those last minute study marathons. Stay focused, stay inspired, and let the music carry you through!



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.

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