

# The Phoenix

Weekly Newsletter

4 APRIL 2025

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## Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Inter Schools Swimming Gala



## Merchandise

Will be sold at UWC Day



## Our drivers

Behind the wheel every day



## Unplugged

Students light up the stage



**Together  
we change**

UWC Day 5 April 2025



## Can't is Never an Option



***“We are used to hearing that some things “can’t” be done. That some conflicts can’t be resolved. That some ecosystems can’t be saved. That some communities can’t get education, healthcare or hope. But at UWC schools and colleges, “can’t” doesn’t hold us back!” (UWC 2024).***

Tomorrow, we celebrate UWC Day; under the theme - Together we Change. The UWC schools and colleges commemorate this day as a community of diverse backgrounds, languages, and cultures, bound by a shared vision—a vision of unity, transformation, and progress. The day reaffirms our commitment to the values that make us who we are. This year’s theme, **“Together We Change,”** resonates deeply within our context. It speaks to our past, our present, and our future. The theme is a call to action. UWCers can mark the day by taking action in support of the UWC values in diverse ways.

**Together, we change** the narrative of our histories, ensuring that our future is one of opportunity, justice, and prosperity. **Together, we change** the systems that limit access to education, healthcare, and equality. **Together, we change** the way the world sees us—we are nothing but beacons of potential and progress. May our celebration - to be marked by the parade of nations, the wonderful delicacies representing diverse foods from across the world, and the rich discourses held so freely with each other, remind us that no matter where we come from, no matter what challenges we face, when we stand **together we change**. “can’t” doesn’t hold us back!”

**Happy UWC Day to all...**

*Jackie Otula*

Jackie Otula: Principal

## UWC DAY



Dear Waterford Community,

UWC Day is this upcoming **Saturday, 5th April 2025**. This is a compulsory school day and all students are expected to be in attendance. Below we have attached the schedule for the day. Kindly take note of important arrangements made:

1. Buses will pick up day students at all regular stops, **an hour after their regular times**. This means you are normally picked at 07:30am, the bus will pick you on Saturday at 08:30am.
2. Breakfast for boarders will be served from **07:30 -09:00am**.
3. Stalls are expected to set up as much as possible between 08:00 and 09:30am
4. At 09:30 there will be a tutor period outside your normal tutor locations for registration. You will also receive meal vouchers worth E60.00 from your tutor. **There will be no lunch served at the cafeteria** so please use these to buy lunch from the various stalls. Extra tickets will be on sale from 09:00am. Cash or card will be accepted to buy extra vouchers, however as there is one speedpoint we recommend you bring cash to avoid long queues.

After tutor period, please move directly to the amphitheatre for Parade of Nations. **You must be seated by 10:15 for a prompt 10:30am start**. You can find the programme for Parade of Nations attached below. Stalls will commence selling food from 12:20. There will also be performances from 14:00pm. You can find the programme for performances attached below. **UWC Day will end at 16:00pm**. All students are required to participate in clean up efforts. As such, buses for day students will depart from campus at 16:30pm

Family and friends of the college are invited to participate in the celebrations. You are all encouraged to wear your traditional attire. If there are any questions, please reach out to one of the Link Group heads (Keke, Leo, Seanna and Marianna) or your tutor. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Let's make UWC Day an incredible celebration!

Kind Regards

Link Group Heads 2025

PROGRAMME

SCHEDULE

AFTERNOON  
PROGRAMME

TUNE IN LIVE

# WK merch

Shop the PHOENIX!

E550



E70



E70



**Will be sold at UWC Day! See our price list and come prepared, PREFERABLY, Cash money.**

## Price list

Hoodie E550 | Buffs E50 | Scarf E70 | Beanie E70 | Combo (Beanie & scarf) E120 | Keyholder E40  
Hoodie with middle zip E500 | Sweater E450 | Water bottles E150 | Bucket hat E80 | Golf caps E100  
Round neck t-shirts E150 | TOTE Bags E100 | Golf shirt E200

## We have NEW stock!

AAA batteries  
50/20 pockets flic files  
Expanding/Concertina files



## 2025 GMAD Projects & Teams - Waterford Kamhlaba

This year, Go Make A Difference received a total of 100 applications, all of a very high standard in both innovative ideas and the quality of plans submitted. Of these, GMAD will support a total of **23 projects**, to be delivered in 2025, from students across **14 schools/colleges**. For Waterford Kamhlaba, Cultivate and Care was selected as a winning proposal and awarded USD 1900, and a total of 8 proposals were submitted by our students with support from the CAS department.

Project name	Students
<b>1 Cultivate and Care</b> GMAD winner!	Thembelihle Gwetu, Thelma Saungweme, Tawananyasha Mhuru, Yeukai Tambokwisa
<b>2 Her Horizons</b>	Ruomiao Zhong, Morong Liu, Rixt Galama, Marin Seielstad, Luxi Li, Gabrielle Sourza Cardoso
<b>3 NGO Viridis</b>	Gloria Idjwela
<b>4 Smiling Souls</b>	Nandy Ingabire, Jenny Grazia Mizero
<b>5 Hawane's Haven</b>	Emihle Dlamini
<b>6 Beyond Borders</b>	Thikoi Molapo
<b>7 Thuto ke bokamoso</b>	Nthabiseng Lebele
<b>8 Makongo Library</b>	Praise Mtui

### About Cultivate and Care

*Our project is called Cultivate and Care. This project will address the issue of hunger and starvation as we aim to create a garden and chicken-rearing project that will provide food and a source of income for its beneficiaries (disabled and underprivileged children at a children's home). The project is also a form of empowerment to the disabled children as it serves as a reminder that they are differently abled rather than having an inability. The disabled should not feel marginalised hence this is both sustainable in food production and also a form of social justice. This project will be delivered at Jairos Jiri Mukuwapasi in Rusape, Zimbabwe. We aim to start this project on 5 August 2025 and complete the establishment on 5 September 2025. We will be at the location for 4 weeks to deliver the project. - project members*

### From GMAD Selection Team

The quality of applications was outstanding, as co-founder **Jill Longson** (UWCA81) noted:

***"We continue to be amazed by the creativity and diversity of ideas students propose. It was particularly encouraging to see well-structured plans with clear explanations, well considered timelines, and comprehensive budgets. The applications demonstrated that UWC students had carefully planned how to implement their ideas. With 100 applications to review, selecting the recipients was no easy task! Those given grants this year should be very proud of themselves".***

Co-founder **Colin Habgood** praised the exceptional standard of applications this year, stating:

***"So many ideas were innovative and impactful. I was particularly impressed by the drone initiative in Singapore, which presents an affordable solution to a global issue. Across all the winning projects, we saw themes of building peace, supporting sustainability, addressing climate change, and improving education, proof that UWC values are alive and thriving in this year's applicants".***

## Students making a Humanitarian & Environmental Impact

Your trash could be someone's treasure. **Sleep Greener** is a student-led program that aims to provide sleeping bags for the purpose of humanitarian aid to refugees at emergency shelters around Eswatini. Our sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, including BOPP and LDPE plastics, the same ones used for chip packets like Doritos and Lays. So we, as a team, are asking that you put your used chip packets in the designated bins that will be placed at the tuck shop and at the various hostels. We also request that you begin to collect these chip packets in your rooms, and families collect them at home, as we will have a prize for the person who brings in the most chip packets. These packets must be brought by Tuesday, the 15th. A simple chip packet from you can help someone fall asleep at night.

**Sleep Greener Team**

# Chip Packet Drive



**SLEEP GREENER**

**Collect as many chip packets as you can by the  
15<sup>th</sup> of April to win a pizza**



## Inter Schools Swimming Gala

This past Saturday, the 29th of March, Waterford participated in the Inter Schools Swimming Gala hosted by Enjabulweni School. Our swimmers performed extremely well, and their hard work in the days leading up to the event was showcased when Waterford placed runners up overall.

Waterford also participated in its first aerobathon as an aerobics team. Our participants had a fantastic time and experience and we look forward to attending more events in the future as well as possibly hosting our own aerobathon on campus for fundraising efforts.

A special mention and congratulations to the following who won individual awards at the Inter School Gala:

**Alwandze Dlamini** - Victor ludorum U16

**Alex Ramsamy** - Victor ludorum U20

Our Basketball Senior Girls are also rigorously preparing for a tournament next weekend at Usutu Forest School. We wish them all the best in their preparation and we know they will make us proud.

Thank you to all the coaches who worked hard in the days leading up to the events preparing students and to the students themselves who participated and represented the school.

**By: Ella Begg & Martina Vugs IB1**

## Music to our ears

Some photos from the recent student organised music recital, Unplugged 2025, where students showcased their musical abilities through a variety of compelling performances.





## The Dedicated Transport Team Behind the Wheel Every Day



*Left to right: Mr Gama (Supervisor), Thembamusa Manyatsi, Sipho Mavimbela, Tito Mbingo, Eric Masilela, Sandile Mziyako.*

### The Waterford transport department & The Role of the Transport Department

The Transport Department at Waterford Kamhlaba is responsible for managing the logistics of student and staff transportation. This includes organizing daily commutes, coordinating trips for extracurricular activities, and ensuring safe and reliable transport for all. The department also oversees the maintenance of vehicles, ensuring they are in optimal condition to serve the community.

### Supporting Student Life

Transportation is integral to student life at Waterford Kamhlaba. The department facilitates trips to local communities for community service projects, enabling students to engage with and contribute to the surrounding society. It also organizes transportation for sports events, cultural outings, and other activities that enrich the students' educational experience.

### Our Drivers

Mr Gama is the supervisor of the transport department managing the daily schedules as well as daily vehicle inspections and maintenance. Mr Gama runs a team of five very special individuals who transport our staff and students, being Mr Eric Masilela, Mr Sipho Mavimbela, Mr Sandile Mziyako, Mr Tito Mbingo and the newest addition to the team Mr Thembamusa Manyatsi. Every one of these individuals are highly skilled drivers who have an amazing rapport with our students, knowing all the day students by name and with an exemplary record. We so appreciate our transport team who are always available to assist with transport day or night and are the first people to arrive in the morning and the last to leave every evening.

### Siyabonga bo Babe



## 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 Saturday, we're celebrating the rich diversity that makes our school so unique as we mark UWC Day! With over 60 nationalities represented within our community, UWC Day is a powerful reminder of the importance of cultural exchange, global understanding, and unity in diversity. To honor this spirit, we've curated a special playlist of **folk music from around the world**.

This musical journey through folk songs from all corners of the globe celebrates not only our differences but the bonds that bring us together. Let's come together as one UWC community and celebrate the diversity that makes us strong!



## 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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