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Dear Parents

## London Bomb Blasts

Naturally our thoughts and prayers are with those people who have been affected by these blasts, including those people within our own community and the wider UWC community who have relatives and friends who have been affected. The bus blast at Tavistock Square was directly outside the UWC International Office. I am relieved to report that none of the office staff was injured.

## This Weekend

On Saturday we conduct entrance tests for local applicants into IB as well as hosting the Independent Schools' Hockey Festival. Also on Saturday the IB Theatre Arts students and staff depart for a visit to the Grahamstown Arts Festival.

## Form 3 to IB2 Parents' Evening

A reminder: parents are invited to meet with their children's teachers on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## King Sobhuza's Birthday

King Sobhuza's Birthday is celebrated on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. There is no school on this day. Of course boarders may leave on the Thursday afternoon, but the residences will remain open for the duration of the weekend.

### Public Lecture

I am delighted to announce that Mr Albie Sachs, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and former freedom fighter, has agreed to deliver a lecture on 'Constitutions and the Rule of Law' at 7.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July in the Michael Stern Hall. All parents and friends of Waterford are invited to attend. Senior representatives of Government, the Diplomatic Corps and the UN as well as representatives from civil society also will be invited to attend. Given that Swaziland is in the final stages of developing a new Constitution and given the challenges this country has faced and is facing related to the rule of law, this should be an important and informative lecture.

### Community Service Focus

The Mbabane Street Children Drop In Centre under the auspices of SACRO has welcomed support and assistance from Waterford Kamhlaba over many years. In 2003 our SACRO community service project was awarded the Robert Blackburn Award for the most outstanding community service project in Africa (in IB schools). Since last reporting about this project in Tindzaba in 2003, the following have been accomplished:

- 16 children have been successfully integrated into schools in the last year, (and funds found for their school fees). Over the duration of the programme over 100 children have been through SACRO and 83 have gone back to school.
- At present SACRO have 36 children in their care, all of whom eat at least one meal a day at the facility.
- The extended family members have agreed to assist the children with the vegetable patch and the garden is in full use again.

Thank you to members of the extended Waterford family who assist with school fees and funds for the purchase of food and the equipping of the centre. And thank you to the Waterford students who interact with these children on a weekly basis and who provide ongoing educational stimulation and support.

Advance Notice of Term Dates for 2006

Term 1

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	IB Orientation begins
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Orientation for new students in the Forms
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Lessons begin at 8am
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Lessons close at 10am (Good Friday is Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April)

Term 2

Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Lessons begin at 8am
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Lessons close at 10am

Term 3

Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lessons begin
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Lessons close at 10am

Midterm dates will be determined in conjunction with other independent schools in Swaziland.

Yours sincerely

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