



WATERFORD KAMHLABA

United World College of Southern Africa

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Dear Parents

HIV and AIDS Awareness Week

The HIV and AIDS Awareness Week started with a special assembly on Wednesday, at which Vusi Matsebula, an HIV activist who has lived with HIV for 15 years, spoke movingly about his life, about trying to overcome stigma, about moving from the 'ABC' method of prevention - abstain, be faithful or condomize- to 'SAVED' – engage in Safe(r) practices, promote Access to treatment and Voluntary testing, Empower people and promote Disease prevention and control.

Many parents commented on how the Love Matters programme provided a platform for them to discuss matters related to sex with their children. I encourage parents to use this week as a similar platform.

The following are open to parents as well as students and staff:

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| 3pm Sunday 14 th | Movie screening of 'Yesterday' |
| 5pm Sunday 14 th | Sylvia Khuzwayo (a social worker) hosts a question and answer session |
| 4pm Monday 15 th | Debating Society: '(As role models) teachers should be compelled to disclose their HIV status' |
| 5pm Monday 15 th | Debating Society: 'Churches are responsible for the spread of HIV and AIDS' |
| 7pm Monday 15 th | Guest speaker: Nomcebo Dlamini on 'Women and HIV' |
| 6.30pm Tuesday 16 th | Movie screening of 'Beat the Drum' |

Principal's visit to London and Duino

As you receive this, I am in London. Last night I attended a meeting of the Waterford School Trust (WST), the trust that has assumed the major responsibility for funding bursaries at Waterford. It comprises individuals who are all hugely busy in their own professional lives, but whose passion for the history and ideals of Waterford and for the opportunities of learning that this college brings to young people enables them to give generously of their time, contacts and resources. In recent years the WST has provided in the order of GBP300 000 pa for bursaries, as well as funding for other initiatives (such as obtaining the funding for the building and equipping of the Jane Holland Centre for Creative Learning and funding the creation of the Development Office). Even if your child does not receive bursary support, the work of the WST impacts positively on every student and member of staff at WK through enabling this College to recruit students of high ability and potential from many different walks of life and through its generous support for infrastructure development over the years.

On Monday and Tuesday I meet with two major WK funders, Vitol and HSBC, and then proceed to our sister College in Duino, Italy, to attend a meeting of the UWC Heads and the UWC International Board. I return to WK on Monday 22nd October.

Form 5 Study Leave

Form 5 students begin their study leave today. We wish them well as they prepare for their final IGCSE examinations.

Weekend Activities

The Form 1,2 and 3 boarders leave today on a weekend visit to Badplaas in South Africa, a trip for which they have planned and raised funds over a long period.

Several members of staff have expressed anxiety over the appropriateness of a wide age range in school socials. As a result the staff has decided to separate the socials into senior and junior socials. The Senior Social is scheduled for 7pm on Friday evening, in Emhlabeni Residence. The Junior Social will be held after midterm break at a date to be set by the SRC.

Last weekend both the senior boys and girls won their respective basketball tournaments.

This Saturday the junior basketball teams compete in an inter-schools' tournament at Waterford and the cross country team travels to Mananga.

Parents and students are reminded of the Golden Lion Film Festival at 2pm on Saturday at the Theatre Club. WK has received 60 free tickets for students for this event.

IB2 Visual Arts Examination Exhibition

Parents, students and friends are invited to the IB2 Art Exhibition from 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Sunday 14th October, in the Sheila and Richard Attenborough Fine Arts Centre. I saw some of the IB2 students' work at the Annual Art Exhibition and it is of a high standard. Please support this exhibition.

Midterm Break

A further reminder: lessons close at 12.40pm on Thursday 18th October and resume at 8am on Monday 22nd October. Transport to Johannesburg will depart early on the Thursday morning and transport from Johannesburg will depart at 1pm from Park Station and at 2pm from O R Tambo International Airport on Sunday 21st.

Yours sincerely

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Principal