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### Winter Edition: Wrapping Up the Semester!

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

As the crisp winter air settles in and holiday lights brighten our days, we find ourselves at the close of another remarkable semester. Whether you're bundling up to head home, staying on campus, or embarking on exciting winter break plans, this season is a time for reflection, connection, and celebration.

In this Winter Edition of our ENews - last edition for 2024, we've gathered everything you need to finish the semester strong and embrace the holidays:

News, Events, Cooperations and Activities at UWC Mostar!

Take a moment to soak in the season's warmth, celebrate your hard work, and prepare for the exciting opportunities that await in the new year.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy start to the new year!

With gratitude,  
UWC Mostar

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## News and Cooperations



#### **Appointment of the new Head of UWC Mostar**

On behalf of UWC Mostar and UWC Mostar College Board we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Hendrik Flier as the new Head of UWC Mostar, starting in August 2025!

[Please read the official announcement and press release.](#)

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#### **Teachers for Future**

Teachers for Future programme organized by UWC Mostar - Center for Professional Development of Teachers and supported by the Schmitz Stiftung implemented workshops with the topics from Chemistry Module.

We were joined by 23 participants from 16 cities of BiH who were welcomed by our facilitators, Chemistry teachers Amina Čolaković and Jasminka Omerović.

They participated in four workshops:

- Systems of evaluation and assessment of knowledge in Chemistry teaching
- Experiments in Chemistry teaching
- Methods of study in Chemistry teaching – positive examples from practice
- Use of Information Technology in Chemistry teaching – Positive examples from practice

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### "Between Four Walls"

UWC Mostar hosted the exhibition "Between Four Walls", a significant artistic initiative by the award-winning photographer Aida Redžepagić. A panel discussion on the topic of the exhibition for UWC Mostar students with the Author and the Head of EU Delegation in BiH and European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina Ambassador Luigi Soreca organized by UWC Mostar PR and Communications Coordinator Adla Velagić and EUH Officials took place prior to the official opening, emphasizing the importance of this topic. The exhibition presents photographs and testimonials of everyday life and situations faced by almost every second woman in this society. The exhibition opens the fourth wall and invites the audience to witness the consequences of gender-based violence. The unique way of portraying the photographs and deep stories, through white boxes inviting the audience to step between the four walls, discover the artwork but also the hidden stories.

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A poster for the Physics Lab Experiments Program. The background is purple and features a Newton's cradle with several spheres. The text is white and includes the title "PHYSICS LAB EXPERIMENTS", the subtitle "Program za srednjoškolce", the dates "Dec-2024. / Jan-2025.", the introductory lecture "Uvodno predavanje 4.12.2024. / 19:30", and the mentor "MENTOR: DR. SC. MILJAN RUPAR". Logos for UWC Mostar and the American Corner Mostar are at the bottom right.

**PHYSICS LAB  
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MOSTAR

### Physics Lab Experiments Programme

A new cycle of one of the most successful STEM programs in cooperation with the American Corner Mostar has begun!

[Physics Lab Experiments](#) has brought together a new generation of participants from different schools in Mostar who will be mentored by UWC Mostar's Physics teacher Dr. Sc. Miljan Rupar.

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### **UWC NC BiH and UWC Mostar sign a new Memorandum of Understanding**

UWC NC BiH held a meeting in Mostar to prepare for the upcoming selection period, exchange opinions with the UWC Mostar College Board Subcommittees and sign a new Memorandum of Understanding with UWC Mostar.

We are grateful for the great cooperation in the past years and are looking forward to enhancing our collaboration in 2025!

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## **Events and Activities**



UWC Mostar students visited RIT Croatia this week, a global campus of the prominent American university, Rochester Institute of Technology <https://www.rit.edu/croatia/>  
11 UWC Mostar students participated in a panel discussion with RIT Croatia students and in two

thematic workshops on speech and programming with RIT Croatia staff.  
The students also visited the campus and had a guided tour of old city of Dubrovnik.

Thank you to our University Counseling Department!

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#### **Wellness Day 2024**

Wellness Day is a new event and initiative at UWC Mostar dedicated to supporting mental health and promoting self-care within our community!

Organized by the welfare commission and our house parent Ana Maria Sobrado this day focused on recharging, building healthy habits, and learning strategies to manage stress effectively.

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**Find out more about Outdoor Activities at UWC Mostar - Via Ferrata Blagaj and Overnight Hike at Bijele Vode**

**"Dare to Dream"**

Join us in raising funds for new scholarships. Every donation we receive will be matched by our friend and supporter Shelby Davis, doubling the impact and providing educational opportunities for aspiring UWC Mostar students. [Visit our website](#) to contribute and share this initiative with your network.

Don't miss the chance to be part of a brighter, more educated future.

Thank you for your support!

The "Dare to dream" scholarship gave me a chance to continue my education which I stopped due to war in my country. Every moment at UWC Mostar is a gift I carry forward while discovering my potential to change the world.  
Mozn Eltayeb  
Sudan  
Class of 2026

UWC Mostar broadens my perspective. What once seemed impossible now feels within the reach of my hand.  
Roko Damiani  
Croatia  
Class of 2025

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**In Memoriam**



With much sadness, we say farewell to our great friend and esteemed colleague and trustee of the UWC Mostar Endowment 'Bridge to the Future', Sir Mike Jackson.

General Sir Mike Jackson GCB CBE DSO DL was Chief of the General Staff of the British Army from 2003 to 2006. The Times has described him as “the highest-profile CGS since Montgomery, and one of the last big beasts”. He held various significant roles during the war in former Yugoslavia, as commander of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) from 1995 and Commander of NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) in 1997. In June 1999, the US Supreme Commander of Nato ordered Sir Mike Jackson to block the runway in Pristina, worried that the Russians may fly in reinforcements. Sir Mike's response was 'I am not going to start World War III for you'. In the end, the situation was defused — helped by a hip flask of whisky that Jackson shared with his Russian counterpart.

Through these experiences in the former Yugoslavia he developed a soft spot for that region. He was delighted to become a trustee of the UWC Mostar endowment 'Bridge to the Future' which seeks to ensure scholarships for young and bright students from the Western Balkan region and elsewhere to attend the United World Colleges in Mostar. The mission of UWCs is to unite people through education for a peaceful and sustainable future. We will miss his wisdom, his wit and his direct style in communicating. Whether in person, or on zoom, “General Mike” was a strong and charismatic presence.

We send our deepest condolences to his wife Sarah, who is also a friend of the UWC Mostar Endowment, and to his children, Amanda, Mark and Tom.

Thank you General Mike, we will miss you.

Board of Trustees of the Endowment "Bridge to The Future"

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**Alumni**





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