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"Building bridges between people and cultures through inspiring, quality education"

#### **UWC Mostar Newsletter**

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

#### A Month Full of Energy, Inspiration, and Connection

As the year unfolds, UWC Mostar is buzzing with activity, reflection, and community spirit. This month's E-News presents stories that showcase the passion and dedication of our students, staff, and alumni.

We're excited to share updates on the **Atlas Project**, along with insights from our **Alumni Talks**, the **12-Hour Race** of endurance and teamwork, while the **Teachers for Future** programme highlights the incredible efforts of our educators driving positive change.

We're also proud to announce **Bridging Cultures**, an initiative fostering intercultural understanding, alongside a variety of **outdoor activities** that make the most of our stunning surroundings.

From pushing limits to strengthening bonds, February was a celebration of everything that makes

UWC Mostar extraordinary. Let's dive into the month's highlights!

With gratitude, UWC Mostar

## **News and Cooperations**

### Atlas Project - Mostar-Stockholm Exchange Program

As a part of the Atlas student exchange program, our students, along with participants from Global Gymnasium (Stockholm, Sweden) and Gimnazija Mostar, took part in an exciting joint STEM activity: "Urban Arboretum Carbon Exploration" with hands-on research aimed to raise awareness

about the vital role of trees in urban environments and the importance of reforestation efforts in our city. Read more





# Announcing "Bridging Cultures" Short Course in Mostar 2025

This summer, high school students will come together in Mostar to engage in interactive workshops, discussions, and artistic activities led by a team of facilitators and volunteers. Through this immersive experience, they will explore diversity, acceptance, identity, peacebuilding, and activism in a dynamic and inspiring environment.

More details



12-Hour Race- Pushing Limits for a Good Cause

A test of endurance, teamwork, and resilience, 12-Hour Race organized by UWC Mostar students brings our community together every year to run or walk for 12 hours —all for a meaningful cause.

12 - hour race is organized as a part of the 24 Hour Race - the largest student-run global movement to end slavery on Earth. The 24 Hour Race movement has its presence across 20 countries mobilizing tens of thousands of youth every year. So far hundreds of thousands of youths have been taken a stand against trafficking, raising awareness and funds. Read more

## **Events and Activities**







# Completion of the "Teachers for Future" Project – Final Phase & Resource Sharing

We are excited to announce the successful completion of the Teachers for Future 2 (TFF) project!

Led by UWC Mostar – Center for Professional Development of Teachers, with the support of

Schmitz Stiftung and UWC Germany, the project concluded with a webinar and an evaluation

workshop focused on the Physics module.

Participants shared their experiences in implementing new teaching methods, discussed challenges in daily classroom work, and explored sustainable solutions for quality STEM education.

This was followed by the evaluation workshop, where attendees reflected on the program and provided suggestions for future initiatives.

Read more



Act of Solidarity with Students in Serbia

UWC Mostar and Gimnazija Mostar students observe 15 minutes of silence every Thursday to honor the victims of the railway station canopy collapse in Novi Sad, Serbia and as a gesture of solidarity with students in Serbia and their pursuit of a just society. <a href="More">More</a>



**UWC Mostar Student Excels in the International Youth Math Challenge** 

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our student Anđela Grujić who earned top recognition in the International Youth Math Challenge 2024, a prestigious global competition for high school and university students with winning National Award – Achieving the highest nationwide score and Bronze Honour. Read more

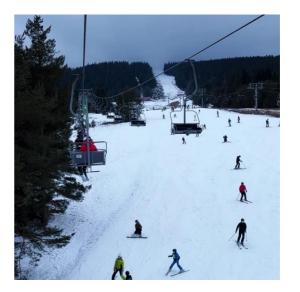




"Exploring BiH #2": Visiting the Tunnel of Hope and the Olympic Museum in Sarajevo

The second "Exploring BiH" trip this academic year was designed to help students engage with key moments in the country's history, from the devastation of war to the unity and pride fostered by international events like the Olympics. More









### Alumni



#### **Alumni Talk Series**

This February we welcomed Marta Santivanez, who explored how migration has become a crucial tool in political discourse, used by politicians across the spectrum. She also discussed how the narrative around migration shapes public perception and political outcomes.

Having covered British politics extensively, Marta took us through the past decade of migration debates—from the 2015 migration crisis to Brexit, the ever-changing prime ministers, and the recent election of the first left-leaning government since 2010.





### **UWC Mostar & Booking.com**

Use the <u>UWC Mostar micropage</u> on Booking.com when reserving accommodation for your trip, Booking.com will automatically donate a small percentage of the amount to our school, more specifically, to the travel fund for scholarships students coming to study at UWC Mostar.

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