



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

Dear Friends of UWC Mostar,

It is the time of college applications and acceptances. We can see some schools around the world posting acceptances of their students to ivy league colleges and other prestigious institutions on their social media accounts. Do we have students being accepted to such places? Yes we do; and to many other small and big colleges and universities. Results have been trickling in since November, especially early decisions and soon with regular decisions coming in, and with the regular decisions for US colleges and the European and other (in the world) applications by April or May, most of our second year students will have placements at colleges and universities and a few have plans for gap years. It makes one think of what can be considered a successful closure to the two year UWC IBDP journey. At UWC Mostar, we are clear that it is definitely not just the admission at a college; it is the manner in which the two year journey has been made and the learning during that time, of course, academic learning, but also contextual and mission related learning - attempting an understanding of the city and country that the college exists in. Developing a historical, social and cultural perspective of the place and the people - and in many ways becoming ambassadors of the region and the city. And I am very glad that this does happen; resulting in us celebrating each of our students' journey as a beautiful experiential and learning journey. Albert Einstein did have it right when he said:

"I never teach my pupils, I only provide the conditions in which they can learn."

This is what we attempt to do at UWC Mostar.

With a strong belief in learning through experience,

Sonia Rawat

Head of UWC Mostar



The launch of the UWC Endowment Fund!

We are excited to announce the launch of the UWC Endowment Fund!

The Fund's mission is to increase the number of scholarships available to talented but financially-constrained students to attend UWC.

The Fund will look to partner with exceptional external investment managers across markets, asset classes and strategies with a long-term mindset. The objective is to generate strong risk-adjusted returns that will finance scholarships each year, while ensuring the preservation of capital into perpetuity. This way, potential donors should feel confident that their donations will pay for scholarships not only now but on an ongoing basis. [Read more](#)

Cooperations and activities



UWC Mostar Open Days in Mostar, Sarajevo and Banja Luka

As a part of promotional activities our Open Days were organized in Sarajevo, Mostar and Banja Luka this year. In addition to the in person Open Days, UWC NC BiH in cooperation with UWC Mostar organized two Online Open Days in order to make sure everyone got the opportunity to be a part of the event. This event was intended and organized for our applicants, future students and their parents and covered the topics of UWC Mostar, our work, scholarships, applications, selection, academic and college life. [More](#)



Professional Development Workshops for Physics Teachers

We walked into the new year with very successful professional development workshops for Physics teachers from Herzegovina-Neretva Canton.

UWC Mostar together with [Pedagoški zavod Mostar](#) and [Zavod za školstvo](#) Mostar organized a Physics workshop held by UWC Mostar Physics teacher Dr. sc. Miljan Rupar and attended by 49 elementary school and high school Physics teachers. [Read more](#)



Professional Development Workshops for Mathematics Teachers

UWC Mostar in cooperation with [Pedagoški zavod Mostar](#) and [Zavod za školstvo](#) Mostar organized Mathematics workshop held by UWC Mostar Mathematics teachers Elmir Čatrnja, Josipa Gotovac and Marija Lovrić.

Our Spanish room was full and we welcomed 85 Mathematics teachers from elementary schools and high schools from Herzegovina-Neretva Canton who attended this workshop. [More](#)



Outdoor Programme in January '24

Our Outdoor Programme started the [ski season](#) this January with our student and staff teams spending wonderful weekends on Mt. Ravna and Mt. Kupres!





Cooperations of the month

We get to pick two favourites every month, here they are this January:

[English Conversations Sessions](#) in cooperation with the American Corner Mostar is an ongoing successful cooperation where young people from Mostar have an opportunity to spend time together, improve their English language skills and learn about critical thinking.

[Physics Lab Experiments](#) in cooperation with the American Corner Mostar program continues with its great work in the UWC Mostar laboratory this year too. The third generation of students improves their theoretical knowledge in physics with practical work and interesting experiments.

Events and Initiatives



Host Family Programme

UWC Mostar Host Family program is a volunteer program where our families welcome students into their homes for a weekend or a longer break.

For students it's a new adventure, a rest from studies and a chance to develop close relationships

with BiH families.

We are truly grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality of the wonderful student families from all over BiH! Read some of our wonderful stories on our [social media platforms](#).



Announcing "Bridging Cultures Short Course" 2024

As a part of our ongoing commitment to fostering positive change and building a more inclusive world, we are excited to announce our upcoming "Bridging Cultures Short Course". This short course aims to equip participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to bridge cultural divides and promote effective communication in diverse settings. The program will focus on key principles of multicultural understanding and nonviolent communication, providing practical tools that can be applied in various personal and professional contexts.

The short course will take place from June 24th - July 2nd, 2024. All information and details will be available on our official website www.uwcmostar.ba.



UWC Mostar: January in the Media

Selected features

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Alumni



UWC Mostar & Booking.com

Use the [UWC Mostar micropage](#) 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.

It's a really easy way to make a meaningful contribution, so please encourage parents, family and friends to use it!

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