UWC ROBERT BOSCH COLLEGE

17th May 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians, dear National Committee Representatives,

For those who have access to the Internet and wish to follow the RBC Closure Ceremony for graduating students on livestream, the link is:

https://live.uwcrobertboschcollege.de

The livestream should start around 10.00am CET on Sunday 22nd May 2022.

As you know, currently RBC has a small outbreak of Covid-19 infection on campus. Under normal circumstances, RBC would hold the Closure Ceremony in the Auditorium. Under current circumstances, if weather permits it is planned to move the Closure Ceremony to the Student Village Square, where students in the Isolation House also may feel close to being part of the Ceremony (the balcony and several room windows overlook the Village Square). One of the downsides of an outdoors venue is that some aspects of the livestream might be less satisfactory, including the streaming of a recorded speech.

The advertised Afternoon Tea for visiting Parents and Guardians (and their children) is still planned for 3pm Sunday 22nd May, and coffee / bretzels will be available from 8am until noon on Monday. Again, the venue is planned for outdoors.

RBC is trying to make relatively safer arrangements for students and staff for the Leavers weekend, including re-directing activities outdoors wherever possible, and with regular testing of students and staff. I think it would be close to impossible to lock up healthy students in their Student Houses for the weekend in a way that students would keep away from each other. Throughout Sunday night, students will be saying farewell to each other, with or without school-endorsed rituals. And so, while on the surface it might not seem the most sensible approach, it is my intention for RBC to work within customary rituals (such as the "string game" on the Sunday evening) rather than to ban these for the sake of appearances but with little to no effect on possible Covid-19 transmission this weekend.

With best wishes,

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