

29th April 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians of Graduating Students,

Cc 10th Generation,

You are warmly invited to join what at RBC is called a 'Closing Ceremony' starting at 10:30am on Friday 23rd May, either online or at the College. The event is scheduled to last around 2 ½ hours.

The link to the livestream is: <https://live.uwcrobertboschcollege.de>

For those Parents and Guardians who have decided to attend in person, you also are invited to 'Coffee and Brezeln' starting 9:30am, Friday 23rd, in the Mensa Courtyard.

If you are intending to arrive by car, there is very limited parking available in the area next to reception and, on this occasion, spaces will be reserved for anyone with a disabled parking permit/mobility issues. More parking is available at the car park down the hill from the student village but if possible, we would recommend parking elsewhere and arriving on foot.

There is limited seating for the Closing Ceremony, especially if we need to move indoors because of poor weather (that will be decided fairly last minute). All second year students have been allocated two tickets. I'm afraid that you cannot join us for the ceremony if you do not have a ticket.

After the Closing Ceremony, lunch will be served, to which you are all warmly invited.

We kindly request visitors to depart Campus by 4:00pm, to allow the college community again to become inwardly-focused in saying goodbye to each other at the end of almost two years of deeply-shared living and learning together, partly through rituals that have evolved in UWC and at RBC over the years.

The graduated students are required to have departed Campus by 12 noon on Saturday 24th May.

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For Parents and Guardians travelling to Freiburg on Thursday 22nd May:

The Thursday is a somewhat awkward day for visitors. It is the day of the big clean-up in the student houses, and for packing. These are time-consuming tasks that need to be done, and often there is little energy or enthusiasm for this. Most students arrived in August 2022 with one or two suitcases, and most will not be able to leave with more than they arrived with - despite the steady accumulation of things over the almost two years. Experience suggests that these cleaning and packing tasks are not achieved before at earliest mid-afternoon. If you are visiting, please do not aim to meet with your child / RBC's graduating student before 18:00 and before their House is released – if they leave before the House is released, they likely will be most unpopular with their roommates and House Tutor!

With the heavy work accomplished, on Thursday evening a closed college-community BBQ is scheduled, followed by a 'Handover' Ceremony from the graduating students to their 1st year peers. Again, by its nature this is a closed event.

I look forward to your joining either online or in person.

With best wishes,

Helen White

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