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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to share an update on the many activities and events that have shaped our community since I last wrote just before Fall Break, which seems such a long time ago. During that week, many students returned home (some taking peers home with them) or took the opportunity to travel, whilst others enjoyed the quietness of the campus or the opportunities to engage in activities and excursions in the local area in a programme offered by some of our staff members.

After that, life resumed its busy pace, we enjoyed one of our regular Cafés, RBC's in-house variety shows that highlighted the incredible creativity and talent of our students and celebrated our linguistic diversity through a languages assembly where around 20 students presented in 15 different languages and spoken English was relegated to the sidelines.

We also hosted more university visits - 44 Universities and Colleges in total this term. We are seeing increased interest among our students in options outside the US, particularly in Germany, Canada, Hong Kong, and other parts of Europe. To address this trend, RBC is strengthening its advising on diverse university destinations, building new partnerships beyond the US, and, where possible, encouraging students to consider opportunities in their home countries as well.

November can be quite a challenging month with a change in weather, the evenings draw in and Freiburg often experiences mist and fog, all of which can impact on a sense of well-being. Added to this, second years have had IB deadlines to manage, as well as university applications and the whole school has just completed Block Week - where extended class times are allowed for comprehensive academic work and exams. RBC is very conscious of the need to prioritize student well-being and remains committed to supporting our students through individual and group counseling sessions and other support programs focused on mental health, grief, and overall well-being. These resources are available to all students as part of our commitment to their holistic development and resilience.

Now, though, as we move into December, the city of Freiburg has switched on the Christmas lights, the Christmas market has opened, and we've already enjoyed the first snowfall on campus. I would like to announce an important change within our Board. After 14 years as Board Chair, Dr Christof Bosch passed the position to Lukas Bosch (his son and UWC in Mostar Alum) at the Board Meeting on December 3rd. At the same time, Daniel Kuhagen, currently Chair of UWC Deutsche Stiftung and member of the Finance and Audit Committee of UWC International (and UWC Atlantic College Alum) has taken

over the position of Vice-Chair from Dr Christian Hodeige. Christof Bosch and Christian Hodeige will both stay as members of the Board, with Christof Bosch stepping back in November 2026. Further to this, Dr Kurt Liedtke has retired. Kurt is the former Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Robert Bosch Stiftung and has been involved with our Board since the start of RBC and has been a truly wonderful supporter of our College in many different ways.

Looking ahead to the springtime, a significant milestone in the school year is the Closing Ceremony, where our 2nd-year students have the option to invite family members to celebrate their time at RBC. This year, the students have chosen to welcome their families, giving parents and guardians the opportunity to meet staff and friends and visit the places that have become meaningful to them. Please understand that seating is limited, so each student will receive a maximum of two guest tickets for the ceremony and luncheon. We kindly ask that you plan accordingly, as we are unable to accommodate additional guests under any circumstances.

Key Dates Spring Term 2026

To assist with your planning, here are some of the key dates for the upcoming term:

Date	Event Details
Wednesday 7th Jan	Campus opens at 10:00. Students to return to campus by 19:00 .
Wednesday 1st April	Last day of classes before Spring/Easter Break. Students who leave for the break may do so after any commitments (including CAS), or on Thursday 2 nd April.
Campus remains open for Spring Break.	
Sunday 12th April	Students to have returned to campus by 19:00 .
Monday 27th April	First IBDP examinations
Wednesday 20th May	Final IBDP examinations
Friday 22nd May	Closing Ceremony in the morning for 2nd year students at 10:30
Saturday 23rd May	2nd year students depart campus by 12:00 .
Friday 19th June	Campus closes at 10:00 . Students may leave the campus on Thursday 18 th after 18:00 but would miss the final dinner.

As we mark both change and continuity in our community, the end of term brings its own sense of tradition and joy as we approach the Christmas Dinner on December 17th following some intensive cleaning of the student Houses during the day. Students are

invited to stay for this celebration before the campus closes at noon on December 18th. Those who leave after 17:00 on the Wednesday, however, may miss this special gathering which takes place in the corridors of the Kartaus.

Thank you for your unwavering support and engagement in your child's RBC journey over the past term. Wishing you and your family peace, joy, and togetherness in the weeks ahead.

With best wishes,

Helen White

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