

# Westwood News



Westwood International School

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## Our Mission Statement

*Westwood International School provides a quality international education that enables students to meet future challenges as confident, socially responsible, life-long learners.*

## Our Vision

*Inspiring Excellence – Instilling Wisdom.*

## **FROM THE SCHOOL HEAD**

### **International Week – What a Happy Success!**

Dear Students and Parents,

Our International Week has just concluded in a most joyful way – with our students from a total of 39 counties parading, singing, dancing, reciting, and simply revelling in the many cultures which, coming happily together, make us Westwood.

In preparation for our International Parade it was such a pleasure to see the Secondary students working together with their Primary counterparts, all busily making flags on poster boards and practicing their cheers – Vive la France!

The CIS University /College Fair was a tremendously engaging success here at WIS on this Wednesday morning past, with university admissions officers from 22 schools visiting us from the US, Japan, Switzerland and Spain. Each of the colleges and universities presented to our Secondary students, and many parents, the possibilities for higher education at their respective institutions, either in the library, or outside at their booths.

This morning our intrepid WIS Secondary Swim Team drove to Francistown in order to compete in the annual ISSSA Botswana nationwide swimming competition taking place at John Mackenzie Secondary. We wish them all success!

**A second reminder that, concerning tuition fee payments, to all parents, 2 weeks ago your child (ren) should have given to you a hard copy Term 2 2018 tuition fee invoice. This payment, including forwarding proof of payment, must be made either before, or no later than, Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Proof of payment reserves an ongoing place for your child(ren) in Term 2.**

Again, kindly refer to the reverse side of your hard copy invoice for dates and times when our Finance Office is open during our Term 1 school break; on the same reverse side, you will find our payment modes and bank account details.

An ongoing reminder that we do not accept Post - dated Cheques.

**A third, and final reminder, reminder apropos a clarification concerning all outstanding tuition fee payments for Term 1. To the large majority of families who have completed their Term 1 payment, many thanks, indeed. To those families who have not yet completed that payment, your child(ren) should have given to you a hard copy three weeks ago explaining that payment remains outstanding and had to have been paid in full by last Thursday, 29 March, or, if you pay by the month, that you must update your monthly installment by that time. If any family has any questions concerning that letter, please call Mr. Nyasha Majoni, our Business Manager at: 7134 5404. As above, proof of payment reserves an ongoing place for your child(ren) in Term 2.**

**Coffee Chat**

**When: Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

**4:30 – 6 p.m.**

**Where: School Foyer**

**Topic: Open to Parents!**

I wish you all a most gentle and peaceful week-end.

Warmly yours,

Mr. Matthew

Matthew Kirby  
Head of School

**IBDP 2 - Blood Drive CAS Project**

Dear Westwood Community,

We are Year 13 students at Westwood and as a part of our 18 month community service journey, we have partnered with the National Blood Transfusion Service of Botswana in order to organize a community blood drive here at Westwood. As a team, we identified a need in our community of not just Westwood, but Botswana as a whole, which is the need for blood donations. In Botswana, the target amount for blood is 40,000 pints annually; however, the National Blood Transfusion Service's milestone is 25,000 pints, which is nearly half. Thus, as a team we thought it would be meaningful and compassionate to organize a blood drive here at Westwood to encourage community health and wellness, global awareness, and providing help to those in need. Donations, therefore, would greatly help those in need.

The blood drive will be on April 10th, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 3:30pm. We are therefore inviting all parent, students, and anyone between the ages of 16 and 65 years of age to donate blood for a worthy cause.

- Motse, Baisana and Mieke

# Model United Nations

Our simulation of the annual General Assembly conducted by the United Nations

On the 20th of March 2018, the Model United Nations (MUN) club held a simulation of the United Nations' General assembly at Westwood International School. This assembly gathered to debate on the topic of *Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons based on religion and belief*. This topic was specifically chosen by the students participating, as it was recognised to be an issue which is prevalent in multiple, if not every, societies around the world, and therefore must be addressed in order to work towards a more peaceful and accepting global society. This is something that we, as internationally minded learners, strive for.

The assembly was structured according to the official method of proceedings practiced by the United Nations. We began with the introduction, followed by the opening statements, formal caucus, Informal caucus, voting and finally the conclusion. The debate was composed of the President, Anika Knezevic, and the three delegates Iran, Libya and the United Kingdom. These delegates were comprised of students from both year 11 and DP 1. Their task was to debate on the topic, in order to reach informed conclusions. These conclusions then became the resolutions of the Model United Nation.

We concluded that immediate action must be taken within all member states to combat this issue, and that all allegations brought up against Iran's policies on religious intolerance be excluded and/or taken back. This resolution was voted for by Iran and Libya.





It is time to start thinking about the Upper Primary Production ... it is going to be very interesting and will be performed toward the end of next term. Auditions will be held in The Primary Arts Room on Monday from 1:30 - 2:30. All interested and committed students from Year 3 - 6 are welcome. Please note that you will be committing to attending rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons next term if you audition for this.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Dates to Remember	Event
Tuesday, 10 April	Secondary ManageBac Information Session 2 (BYOD), 12:15 - 13:00
Wednesday, 11 April	PYP 3-Way Conference, 7:00 to 15:00, Homerooms
Thursday, 12 April	PYP 3-Way Conference, 7:00 to 15:00, Homerooms
Friday, 13 April	Term 1, 2018 Ends
Tuesday, 15 May	Term 2, 2018 Begins