WATERFORD LIVES UP TO ITS NAME

In 1967 His Majesty King Sobhuza II, Ingeswiniya of Swaziland, granted Waterford the title ‘Kamhlaba’, eloquently describing Waterford’s culturally rich and diverse community.

Waterford Kamhlaba United World College of Southern Africa (WK UWCSA) is one of Africa’s first multiracial schools and it has continued to live up to the legacy King Sobhuza foresaw.

It was founded in 1963 with just 26 students. Today, the school has over 660 students representing more than 50 nationalities, taught by staff from 18 countries.

Waterford’s earliest ideals of courage, leadership, and equality remain at its core.

Waterford Kamhlaba provides opportunities for academic achievement, personal growth, and leadership development for youth across Africa and the world.

Waterford offers education to Forms I to V, with Form V sitting the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) qualification, followed by two years dedicated to the International Baccalaureate (IB).

Mission and Values

Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA strives to lay the foundation for its students to become responsible citizens who have the skills, knowledge, and sense of purpose to provide leadership in both Africa and the world.

Waterford passionately believes that all young people must be given access to education of the highest standard to enable them to reach their potential.

Waterford Kamhlaba is proud to deliver that opportunity to disadvantaged yet talented African students through its scholarship programme.

Waterford highly values its socio-economic, cultural diversity.

United World Colleges

In 1963, Waterford was one of the first schools in Southern Africa to welcome students irrespective of racial, religious or socio-economic background.

Waterford Kamhlaba joined the United World Colleges (UWC) movement in 1981, having been the first associate member of UWC since 1978.

UWC is a movement of 16 colleges worldwide. The UWC values that are necessary to achieve this are:

- International and intercultural understanding
- Celebration of difference
- Personal responsibility and integrity
- Mutual responsibility and respect
- Compassion and service
- Respect for the environment
- A sense of idealism
- Personal challenge

A unique and personal experience of UWC schools, colleges, and programmes offer a transformational experience for young people, enabling them to discover the possibility of change through courage, action, personal example, and selfless leadership.

History of Academics

Of all three educational programmes offered at WK, the Waterford curriculum in the junior school, the IGCSE programme in the middle school and the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme in the senior school, it is the latter that is most often seen as the programme most aligned with WK’s vision and mission.

It is perhaps also the educational programme for which WK is best known.

WK remains one of the few IB world schools in Southern Africa and many students go to WK with the specific aim of graduating from the college with an IB Diploma.

A comparison of the mission statements of WK and the IB will explain why this is the case.

Like WK, the IB firmly believes that a genuine educational programme must offer more than a series of academic subjects.

Activities, sports, global concerns and a real engagement with the local community are as much a key to a successful completion of the Diploma programme as intellectual ability and academic achievement.

Like WK, the IB believes that the purpose of any education must be to help young people embrace diversity and difference.

Only then, says the IB mission statement, will education lead to a more peaceful world. This conviction is shared by the UWC and WK mission and vision.

Scholarships

Waterford Kamhlaba United World College of Southern Africa offers a number of scholarships to students who do very well in the testing who could not otherwise afford to attend the school.

In this sense the financial aid is both needed and merit based.

There are four parts to the examination:

1. A 30-minute Mental Agility Multiple choice paper.
2. A 30-minute Maths paper, see topics covered below.
3. A one hour English paper involving a reading comprehension and written composition.

For the IB Diploma Programme, there are five parts to the examination:

1. A 30-minute Mental Agility Multiple choice paper.
2. A 30-minute Maths paper, see topics covered below.
3. A one hour English paper involving a reading comprehension and written composition.

For the IB Diploma Programme, there are three parts to the examination:

1. A 30-minute Mental Agility Multiple choice paper.
2. A 30-minute Maths paper, see topics covered below.
3. A one hour English paper involving a reading comprehension and written composition.

Mathematics

Teachers and parents preparing students applying for entry into Forms I to IV, please note that the topics on the Mathematics Entrance Test are as listed below.

The questions are designed to test basic arithmetic skills, ability to interpret information and to solve simple problems.

Topics covered:

- Place value, rounding numbers to the nearest tenth, unit, ten, hundred, thousand.
- Addition, subtraction and multiplication of whole numbers (including the long multiplication of a 3 digit and a 2 digit number).
- Operations with simple fractions, decimals and percentages and conversion between these forms. Simplifying fractions. Practical applications, often including money or shopping.
- Time: 12 and 24 hour clocks.
- Units of length (mm, cm, m, km), area (square metres and square centimetres), capacity (litres and millilitres) and mass/ weight (g and Kg). Prefixes milli, centi, deci, kilo.
- Interpreting and drawing bar charts.
- Spotting and using number patterns.
- Measuring scales for length, estimating distances between points.

Not covered:

- Negative numbers
- Coordinate grids
- Area
- Volume

Calculators may not be used. The time allowed is 30 minutes. Please contact the Head of Admission, John Stever (careers@waterford.africa), for enquiries about testing arrangements.

Testing in for 2018

- Saturday March 11 at 8am for the Forms and IB (including all National Committee applicants)
- Saturday March 18 at 8am for the Forms ONLY

For more information about Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA, please visit www.waterford.africa