

GRADE 8 ACADEMIC INFORMATION EVENING 2025



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BISHOPS ACADEMIC VISION

- ✓ To **EMPOWER** our pupils to take their place in the global world they enter, and be constructive, fulfilled and caring participants in the shaping of what that world will become.
- ✓ They will be confident, self-motivated individuals who pursue excellence and whose habits of mind, enquiry and organization enable them to **ENGAGE** with people and communities in a sophisticated, multi-faceted and an intellectually alert way.
- ✓ We want them to be **EQUIPPED** to approach a wide variety of situations knowledgeably, imaginatively and sensitively.

Intranet

Using the webpage:



LEARN

means learn the work for tests and exams



INTERACT

videos and animations that you should view to assist with understanding processes



EXPAND

extra information for those who want to read further.

PRACTICAL

Practicals that you need to learn during the year are highlighted

Accessing the [Skills](#) page to develop your science skills.

TOPIC & CONTENT	ACTION	RESOURCES
Getting to know you and navigating Life Sciences 	1. Complete this  Getting to know you sheet for your teacher. 2. Introduction to Life Sciences.  Watch this video. 3. Teacher led journey through Life Sciences pg 3 - 4 of notes. 4. Laboratory orientation Activity on page 5 - 7 of notes. 5. Compass Point Activity on Collaboration on page 8 - 9 of notes	INTERACT  Video of 18 famous Biologists  A short history of Biology and biologists  Crash Course on Laboratory Techniques and Safety  Laboratory Safety Rules Amoeba Sisters  Great video on collaboration  Explanation on how to take notes from a video
Living Systems 	1. What is a living system? Do Systems thinking activity in notes on page 10 and 11 of notes. 2. Watch videos:  A cautionary "tail" on Systems Thinking and  A Systems Story and discuss in class and try and relate to systems thinking activity on page 10 of notes. 3. Do "what does it mean to be living?" on page 11 on notes.	EXPAND  A cautionary "tail" on Systems Thinking  A Systems Story  A great TED talk on the beauty of living systems (you can watch first 10 minutes in class and the rest at home).  An easy website with information on systems thinking



BISHOPS ACADEMICS

4th Industrial Revolution

"We need to identify and emphasize that which differentiates us from robots and accentuate that which makes us human"





Critical competencies





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1st XI Cricket

2019-01-25

Independent Schools Cricket Festival – Jan 8th – 11th Not only did Bishops host the 2...

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Bishops Entrance Examination for 2020

2019-01-24

We invite applications from boys currently in Grade 7 at any state or independent schools to...

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Tennis captain

2019-01-24

Congratulations and good luck to Rufus Florin (12G), who has been appointed tennis captain for th...

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Music Certificates

2019-01-24

A large number of music pupils played their Royal Schools of Music or Trinity practical exams in ...

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Sunday, 27 January 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 Grade 8 Camps Depart

18:30-19:00 Boarding Service [Brooke Chapel]

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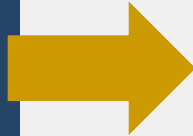
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Ronan King

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Ronan King



Pupil Code	KIN028
Initials	RA
Grade	11
House	Mallett House
Date of Birth	20 March 2003
School Email	ronan.king@bishops.org.za
Cell Number	
Tutor	Mr Kurt Baatjies
ID Number	0303205134081

Academic Planner
Marks
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Timetable

Subjects

Subject	Set	Teacher
English (Home Language)	E1	Mr Barry Emms
Afrikaans (First Additional Language)	A1	Mr Dean Sudding
Mathematics	M1	Mr Michael Vamvadelis

Sport

Activity	Description	Team	Teacher	Season
Sport	Cricket	3rd XI	Mr Marvin Bester	Summer
Sport	Football	All	Mr Jarred Bradley	Winter

Music Lessons

Instrument	Teacher
Instrument - Voice	Mr Vasti Knoesen
Instrument - Guitar	Mr Richard Brokensha

Extra-Murals

Category	Description	Team	Teacher
Cultural	Prize Giving		Mrs Van Schalkwyk
Cultural	General	Tafelberg Red	Mr Robertson
Cultural	Hiking	Tafelberg Red	Mr Robertson
Cultural	Choir	Ensemble	Mr Mitchell



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MARKS

- Rolling Averages

Grade 8 / Ogilvie					
Industry Reports		Rolling Average			
Subject	Set	%	Grade Avg	Teacher	Industry
Language, Literacy and Communication	E4 (26)	71.67	75.61	Mrs Bester	
show/hide details					
Description	Mark	Percentage	Weighting	Date	
Listening Comprehension	12 / 15	80%	7.5	January	
Prepared Oral	9.5 / 15	63%	7.5	February	
Language, Literacy and Communication (Additional Language)	A6 (26)	25	69.1	Mrs Hoefnagels	
show/hide details					
Description	Mark	Percentage	Weighting	Date	
General Vocab Test	5 / 20	25%	20	January	
Mathematical Literacy, Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences	M1 (24)	82.5	51.99	Mr Vamvadelis	
show/hide details					
Description	Mark	Percentage	Weighting	Date	
CT 1 Setting Test	33 / 40	82%	100	January	

- Always visible
- All year
- Weightings change through the year
- Staff can add comments

ACADEMIC PLANNER



MyBISHOPSLIFE

Pupil Details
Parent Details
Academic ▾
Pastoral ▾
Event Details

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Academic Planner
 Marks
 Reports
 Timetable

Jan				Mar	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30	31	1	2	3 1ENG (11) Task 2: Transactional Writing (25) - 1GK	4 1MAT (11) [Due] Tutorial 1: Quadratics - 1MAV 1MAT (11) Common Test 1: Quadratics - 1MAV
6	7 1MAT (11) [Assigned] Tutorial 2: Graphs & Inequalities - 1MAV	8	9 1AFR (11) Taak 2: Opstel - 1JAB	10 1ENG (11) Task 4: Comprehension & Summary (20) - 1GK	11
13	14 1ENG (11) Task 3: Unprepared Oral (15) - 1GK	15 1ENG (11) Task 3: Unprepared Oral (15) - 1GK	16 1ENG (11) Task 3: Unprepared Oral (15) - 1GK	17	18
20	21	22	23 1AFR (11) Taak 3: Taaltoets (Begrip&Taak) - 1JAB	24 1MAT (11) [Due] Tutorial 2: Graphs & Inequalities - 1MAV 1MAT (11) Common Test 2: Graphs & Inequalities - 1MAV	25 1MAT (11) [Assigned] Tutorial 3: Trigonometric Identities and Reductions - 1MAV
27	28	1	2	3	4
6	7 1SCI (11) Common Test 1 - 1AS	8	9 1AFR (11) Taak 4: Ops. en visuele gel. toets - 1JAB	10 1MAT (11) Common Test 3: South African Mathematics Olympiad Round 1 - 1MAV 1ENG (11) Task 7: Contextual Test (25) - 1GK	11
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Planner



REPORTS

Pass requirements

English 50%

Afrikaans 40%

Mathematics 40%

Others...

- Industry reports

			Grade Average	%	Industry	
Divinity	Mr B Commin	DIV2				
English (Home Language)	Mr G Maasch	E6	71	65	Very Good	
Afrikaans (First Additional Language)	Mr J Bradley	A3	65	59	Very Good	
Mathematics	Miss T Tshabalala	M5	67	61	Very Good	
Natural Sciences - Life Sciences	Mr G Noel	B2	71	60	Good	Works well in class.
Natural Sciences - Physical Sciences	Mr P Westwood	S2	65	64	Very Good	Elasticity seemed to cause him problems.
Social Sciences - Geography	Mr A Firth	G2	64	58	Good	
Social Sciences - History	Dr P Murray	H2	77	78	Very Good	
Arts and Culture - Art	Ms K Spindler	Art1	70	73	Very Good	
Economic and Management Sciences	Mr M Withers	EM2	69	64	Good	
Life Orientation	Mr W Richter	LO2	78	78	Good	
Technology	Mr A Williams	T2	75	83	Very Good	

- June and December reports

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ACADEMIC TIES and JERSEYS - CRITERIA

A student is awarded his Tie or Jersey when he has achieved three "notches". These can be in any exam seasons, not necessarily consecutive.

	GET Gr 8 & 9	FET Gr 10 - 12	
Tie: = half-colours	average of 85 % or 7 subjects* at 80 %	average of 80 % or 4 subjects at 80 %	All notches gained on the previous system are still notches.
Jersey: = colours	average of 90 %	average of 85 %	

averages here refer to rounded off values, so that e.g. 79.8 counts as 80%

Awards will be made when earned, but blazer badging is only allowed from Gr 10

LO mark is out of 50 when calculating averages.
80 % in LO is a valid 'Distinction.'

* NS-B and NS-S count as two subjects, NS is not counted

* SS-G and SS-H count as two subjects, SS is not counted

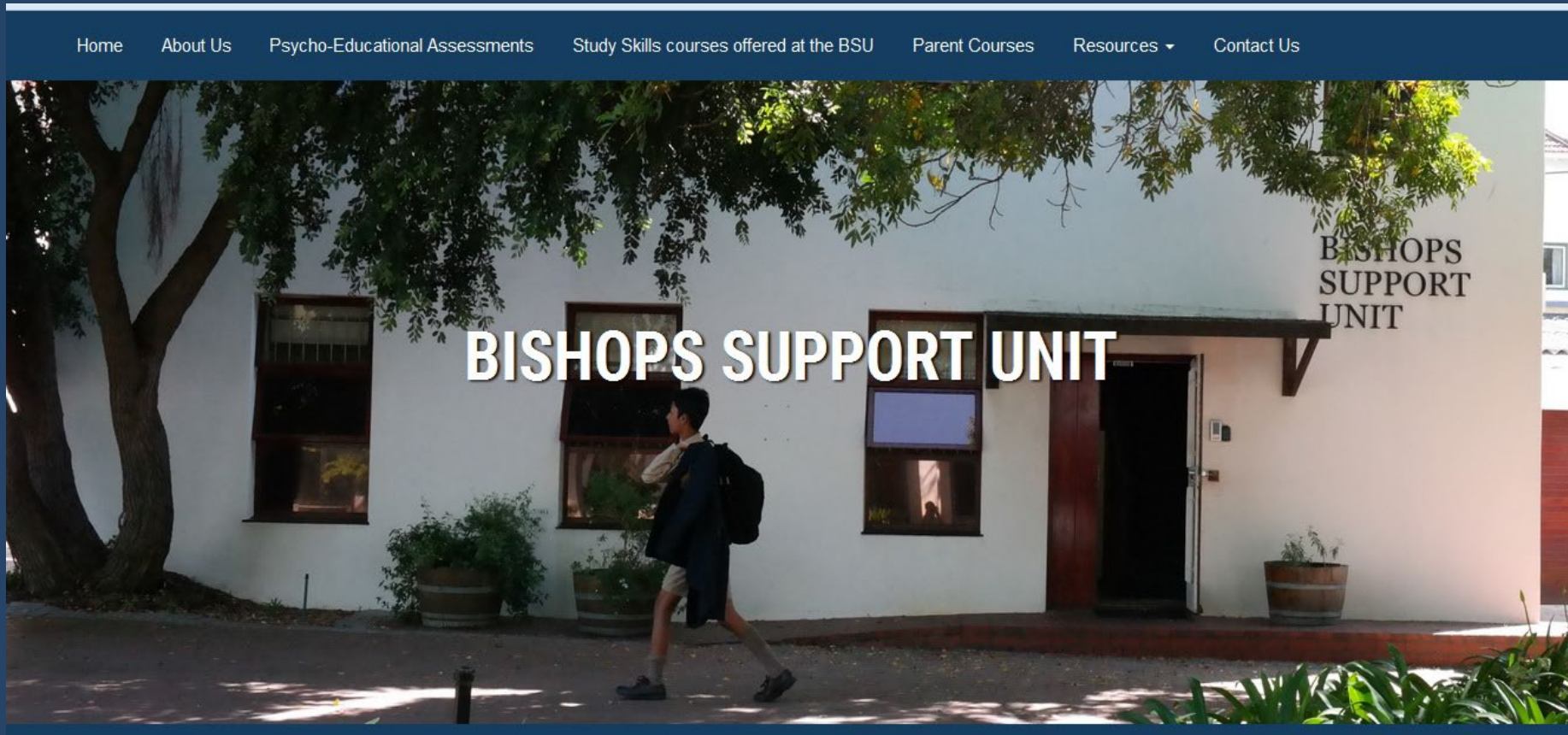
* FS Maths is counted



HIGH SCHOOL HABITS

- Get involved – out of comfort zone
- Independence
- Self advocacy and self discipline
- Organisational skills: Macroplanner, Outlook calendar

BSU Website – learning.bishops.org.za/bsu



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BSU Staff



Pete Farlam
Head of BSU
Clinical Psychologist



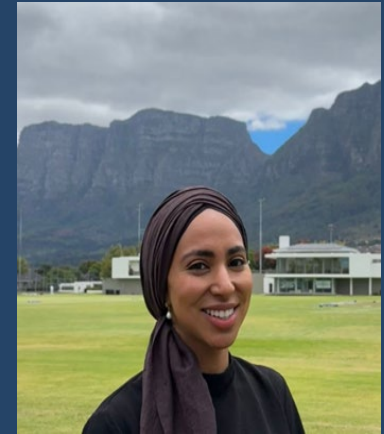
Marileen Harrod
Educational Psychologist
Academic Support
Co-ordinator



Nicky Lewis
BSU Administrator



Kirsty Shuttleworth
BSU Ed Psych Intern



Fatima Parker
BSU Ed
Psych Intern

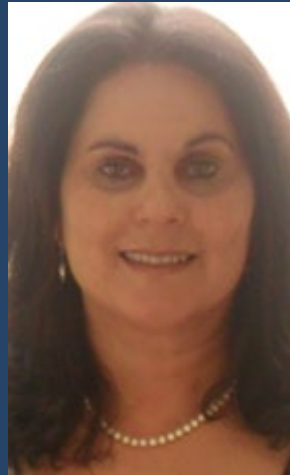


Support

Bev Morris
Life Orientation and
Career Guidance



Angela Ledwidge
Academic Support Teacher



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Services bsu@bishops.org.za

- Emotional – Peter Farlam
- Counselling and crisis intervention
- Brief psychotherapy
- Arrange psychiatric, psychological assessments and referrals
- Consultations with parents
- Concussion testing
- Consultation with parents



Services bsu@bishops.org.za

- **Academic** – Marileen Harrod
- Nicky Lewis – BSU administrator
- Psychological and educational assessments and referrals
- Co-ordinate exam concessions and liaise with the WCED
- Psycho-education courses for parents & staff
- Consultations with parents
- Support in executive functioning skills, guidance and monitoring with the pastoral tutor.
- Academic Support – Refer to support timetable regarding the subject support. Support sessions are done in the open period with the teachers. Should your son require more support then an individual tutor after school at home can be an option.
- If your son has a dyslexic profile and more support is needed then a private individual learning support session during the open period can be organised and Angela Ledwidge on aledwidge@bishops.org.za can be contacted directly.
- Study Skills and preparation for exam workshops
- Career assessments for Gr 11 and Subject choice for Gr 9



Career Centre (Mon-Thurs 13:00 to 16:00)

Career centre

- Bev Morris – Career consultation
- Career guidance and support for boys and parents
- Assistance with subject choice or changes
- Support with overseas or local tertiary institution applications
- Career assessment debrief
- Supply of resources (available online, in the career library, via presentations at Career Forum meetings or at the annual career expo)
- *bmorris@bishops.org.za*





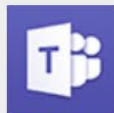
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Outlook



My OneDrive



Teams



Stream



Office 365



SmartPrint

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

College Calendar

2023 Term Dates

Term 1	Wed 18 January - Fri 31 March
Term 2	Tue 18 April - Wed 21 June
Term 3	Tue 18 July - Fri 29 September
Term 4	Tue 10 October - Fri 8 December

2023 Term Dates

2024 Term Dates



Spotlight

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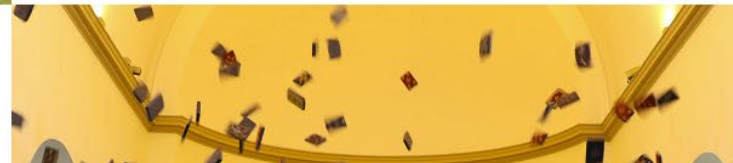
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MATHEMATICS

Mr Michael Vamvadelis



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COGNITIVE LEVELS

across all grades

- Knowledge 20%
- Routine procedures 35%
- Complex procedures 30%
- Problem Solving 15%



Grade 8

Work Schedule Term 1 (2021)

Work Schedule Term 2 (2021)

Work Schedule Term 3 (2021)

Work Schedule Term 4 (2021)

RESOURCES, TESTS AND TUTORIALS

2012

2017

2022

2013

2018

2023

2014

2019

2024

2015

2020

2025

2016

2021

2026

EXAM PAPERS

BISHOPS Past Exams

OTHER PAST TESTS

DEADLINES

Assessment Schedule
(Term 1 and 2) 2021

DBE GUIDELINES

CAPS Document

EXAM GUIDELINES

June Exam Guidelines 2021

November Exam Guidelines 2021

TEXT BOOK



NOTES

WORKSHEETS

VIDEO LINKS

GRADE 9 and BEYOND

- Grade 9 Big Ideas
- Research and information management skills
- Subject choice
- A Levels
- New 21st Century building for Academics



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Be the parent
- Give them opportunity to try/fail/succeed and to chat about it all



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

GRIT



Perseverance
and Tenacity



Stick-to-it-ness
Under Difficult
Conditions

STICK
TO IT!



Passion-Driven



Self-Control
Self-Discipline



EMPATHY

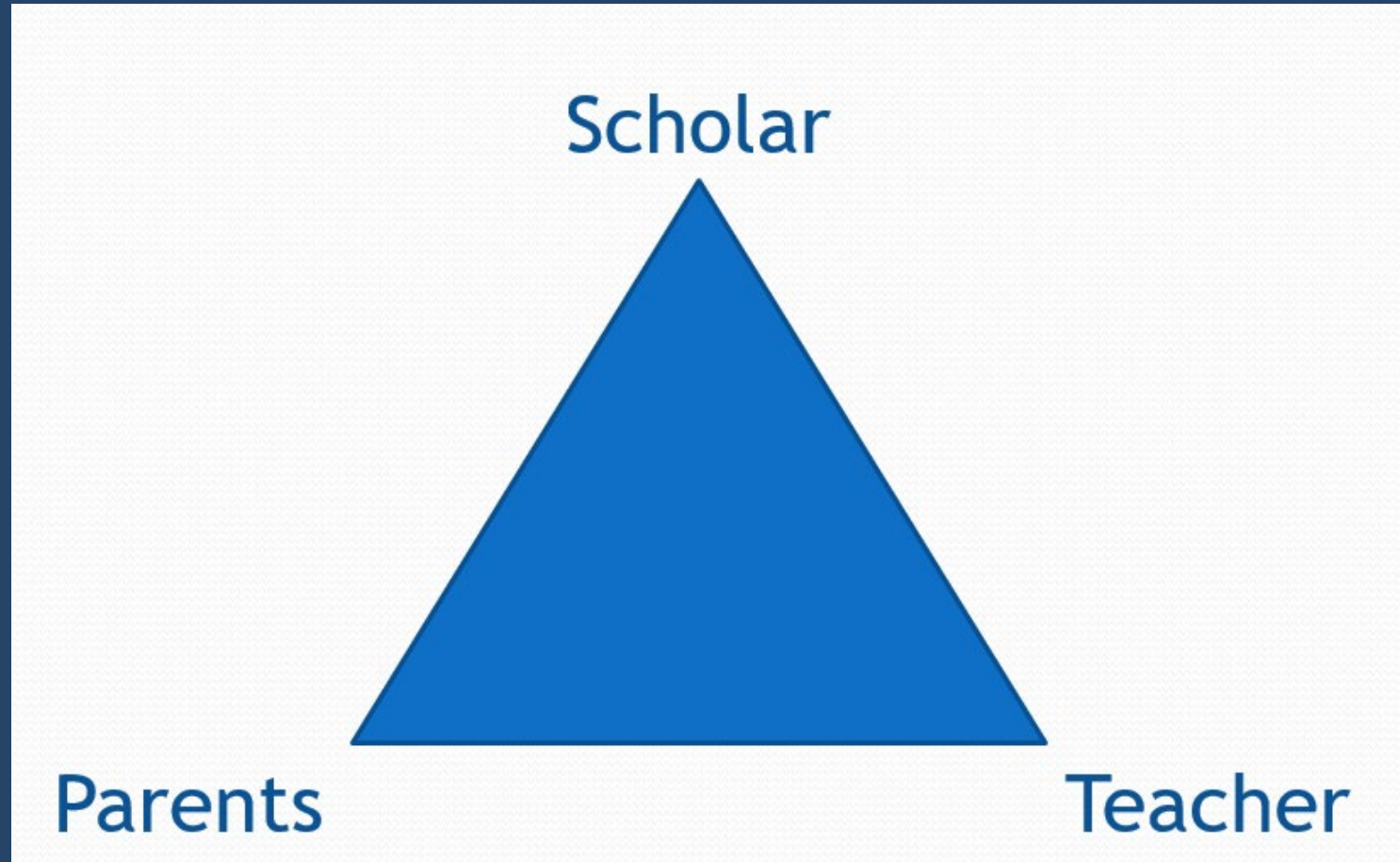


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The partnership



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