

# GRADE 8 ACADEMIC INFORMATION EVENING

2026



# Overview

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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
<b>Getting to know you and navigating Life Sciences</b>  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete this  <a href="#">Getting to know you sheet</a> for your teacher.</li><li>2. Introduction to Life Sciences.  <a href="#">Watch this video</a>.</li><li>3. Teacher led journey through Life Sciences pg 3 - 4 of notes.</li><li>4. Laboratory orientation Activity on page 5 - 7 of notes.</li><li>5. Compass Point Activity on Collaboration on page 8 - 9 of notes</li></ol>	 <b>INTERACT</b>  <a href="#">Video of 18 famous Biologists</a>  <a href="#">A short history of Biology and biologists</a>  <a href="#">Crash Course on Laboratory Techniques and Safety</a>  <a href="#">Laboratory Safety Rules Amoeba Sisters</a>  <a href="#">Great video on collaboration</a>  <a href="#">Explanation on how to take notes from a video</a>
<b>Living Systems</b>  	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is a living system? Do Systems thinking activity in notes on page 10 and 11 of notes.</li><li>2. Watch videos:  <a href="#">A cautionary "tail" on Systems Thinking</a> and  <a href="#">A Systems Story</a> and discuss in class and try and relate to systems thinking activity on page 10 of notes.</li><li>3. Do "what does it mean to be living?" on page 11 on notes.</li></ol>	 <b>EXPAND</b>  <a href="#">A cautionary "tail" on Systems Thinking</a>  <a href="#">A Systems Story</a>  <a href="#">A great TED talk on the beauty of living systems</a> (you can watch first 10 minutes in class and the rest at home).   An easy <a href="#">website with information on systems thinking</a>

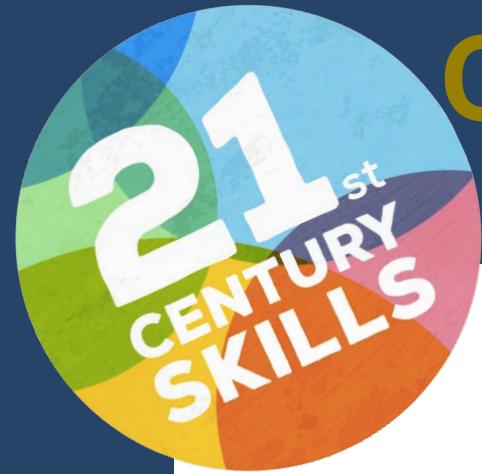


# BISHOPS ACADEMICS

## 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

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





# Critical competencies



Skills & Attributes of Today's Learner by Jackie Gersten  
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<b>1st XI Cricket</b> 2019-01-25  Independent Schools Cricket Festival – Jan 8th – 11th Not only did Bishops host the 2... <a href="#">Read More</a>	<b>Bishops Entrance Examination for 2020</b> 2019-01-24  We invite applications from boys currently in Grade 7 at any state or independent schools to... <a href="#">Read More</a>	<b>Tennis captain</b> 2019-01-24  Congratulations and good luck to Rufus Florin (12G), who has been appointed tennis captain for th... <a href="#">Read More</a>	<b>Music Certificates</b> 2019-01-24  A large number of music pupils played their Royal Schools of Music or Trinity practical exams in ... <a href="#">Read More</a>	Sunday, 27 January 2019  Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Grade 8 Camps Depart 18:30-19:00 Boarding Service [Brooke Chapel]  <a href="#">VIEW FULL CALENDAR</a>
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## Ronan King



Pupil Code	KIN028
Initials	RA
Grade	11
House	Mallett House
Date of Birth	20 March 2003
School Email	<a href="mailto:ronan.king@bishops.org.za">ronan.king@bishops.org.za</a>
Cell Number	
Tutor	Mr Kurt Baatjes
ID Number	0303205134081

Academic Planner  
Marks  
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Timetable

## Sport

Activity	Description	Team	Teacher	Season
Sport	Cricket	3rd XI	<a href="#">Mr Marvin Bester</a>	Summer
Sport	Football	All	<a href="#">Mr Jarred Bradley</a>	Winter

## Music Lessons

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

## Extra-Murals

Category	Description	Team	Teacher
Cultural	Prize Giving		<a href="#">Mrs Van Schalkwyk</a>
Cultural	General	Tafelberg Red	<a href="#">Mr Robertson</a>
Cultural	Hiking	Tafelberg Red	<a href="#">Mr Robertson</a>
Cultural	Choir	Ensemble	<a href="#">Mr Mitchell</a>



# 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	
<a href="#">show/hide details</a>					
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	
<a href="#">show/hide details</a>					
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	
<a href="#">show/hide details</a>					
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

  
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Pupil Details Parent Details Academic ▾ Pastoral ▾ Event Details Search for pupil profile

Academic Planner  
Marks  
Reports  
Timetable

Planner

Jan 2022 Mar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3 1ENG (11) Task 2: Transactional Writing (25) - 1GK	4 1MAT (11) [Due] Tutorial 1: Quadratics - 1MAV	5
6	7 1MAT (11) [Assigned] Tutorial 2: Graphs & Inequalities - 1MAV	8	9 1AFR (11) Task 2: Opstel - 1JAB	10 1ENG (11) Task 4: Comprehension & Summary (20) - 1GK	11 1MAT (11) Common Test 1: Quadratics - 1MAV	12
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	19
20	21	22	23 1AFR (11) Taak 3: Taaltoets (Begrip&taal) - 1JAB	24 1MAT (11) [Due] Tutorial 2: Graphs & Inequalities - 1MAV	25 1MAT (11) [Assigned] Tutorial 3: Trigonometric Identities and Reductions - 1MAV	26
27	28	1	2	3 1SCI (11) Common Test 1 - 1AS	4 1MAT (11) Common Test 3: South African Mathematics Olympiad Round 1 - 1MAV	5
6	7 1SCI (11) Common Test 1 - 1AS	8	9 1AFR (11) Taak 4: Ops. en visuele gel. toets - 1JAB	10 1ENG (11) Task 7: Contextual Test (25) - 1GK	11	12



# REPORTS

**Industry Report**  
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Mallett House | Grade 10 | March 2026

		%	Behaviour	Work Ethic
English (Home Language)	Mr G Klerck	74	Good	Exceptional
Afrikaans (First Additional Language)	Mr T Pasqualle	77	Exceptional	Exceptional
Mathematics	Miss M van Zyl	100	Exceptional	Exceptional
Physical Sciences	Mr K Warne	75	Good	Exceptional
Accounting	Mr D Russell	83	Exceptional	Exceptional
Information Technology	Mr T Dhaver	99	Exceptional	Good
Life Orientation	Mr C Ekron	95	Exceptional	Exceptional
Further Mathematics	Miss M van Zyl	85	Exceptional	Exceptional

**Tutor**  
[Redacted] has powered his way through another term at the College, and his excellent industry report reflects an incredible work ethic and an admirable commitment to learning. While he remains a reserved presence in my tutor group, [Redacted] performance throughout this term has resulted in four subjects over the 90% mark, with three of them being incredibly challenging to crack, within the first term, at the grade 10 level. Bravo! The 100% for Mathematics is brilliant and reflects Matt's deep problem-solving skills. I am sure that he will continue to do wonderful in class. Keep up this streak of excellence, Matt!  
Mr S Petersen

**House Director**  
This is a superb report and a wonderful way in which to start a very important academic year. Very well done [Redacted] keep it up!  
Mr C Smith

## Pass requirements

English 50%

Afrikaans 40%

Mathematics 40%

Others...

- Industry reports

March and September

- 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 <b>85</b> % or 7 subjects* at 80 %	average of <b>80</b> % or 4 subjects at 80 %
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

All notches gained on the previous system are still notches.



# HIGH SCHOOL HABITS

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

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BISHOPS SUPPORT UNIT



# BSU Staff



Pete Farlam  
Head of BSU  
Clinical Psychologist



Marileen Harrod  
Educational Psychologist  
Academic Support  
Co-ordinator



Nicky Lewis  
BSU Administrator



Shaad Boltman  
BSU Educational  
Psychologist Intern



Byron Allsopp  
BSU Educational  
Psychologist Intern



# Support

Bev Morris  
Life Orientation and  
Career Guidance

Angela Ledwidge  
Academic Support Teacher



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# Services [bsu@bishops.org.za](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (Tuesday-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](mailto:bmorris@bishops.org.za)*





MyBishopsLife (for  
students)



Outlook



My OneDrive



Teams



Stream



Office 365



SmartPrint

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

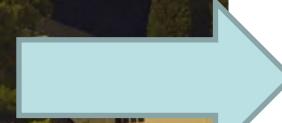
College Calendar

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

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# MATHEMATICS

Mr Michael Vamvadelis



# COGNITIVE LEVELS

across all grades

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



## NUMBERS

### PAST TESTS and MEMOS

	Name
1	2018_GBCT Numbers MEMO.pdf
2	2019_GBCT Numbers (IA).pdf
3	2019_GBCT Numbers MEMO.pdf
4	2020_GBCT Numbers (RJ).pdf
5	2020_GBCT Numbers NO MEMO.txt
6	2021_GBCT Numbers MEMO.pdf
7	2021_GBCT NumbersAlgebra (VN).pdf
8	2022_GBCT Numbers (RJ).pdf
9	2022_GBCT Numbers MEMO.pdf
10	2023_GBCT Numbers MEMO.pdf
11	2023_GBCT NumbersAlgebra (CSG).pdf
12	2024_GBCT Numbers (RAW).pdf
13	2024_GBCT Numbers MEMO.pdf

### WORK BOOKLETS

	Name
1	2025_G8 Numbers WORKBOOKLET.pdf

### ONLINE RESOURCES

[NUMBERS ACTIVITY](#)

[LCD and HCF](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

[Olico](#)

[Advantage Learn](#)

[Marios Maths Tutoring](#)



# GRADE 9 and BEYOND

- Grade 9 Big Ideas
- Digital Skills & Literacy Pathway. Research and information management skills
- Subject choice
- A Levels



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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



# G R I T

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

# E M P A T H Y



Stick-to-it-ness  
Under Difficult  
Conditions

STICK  
T@ IT!



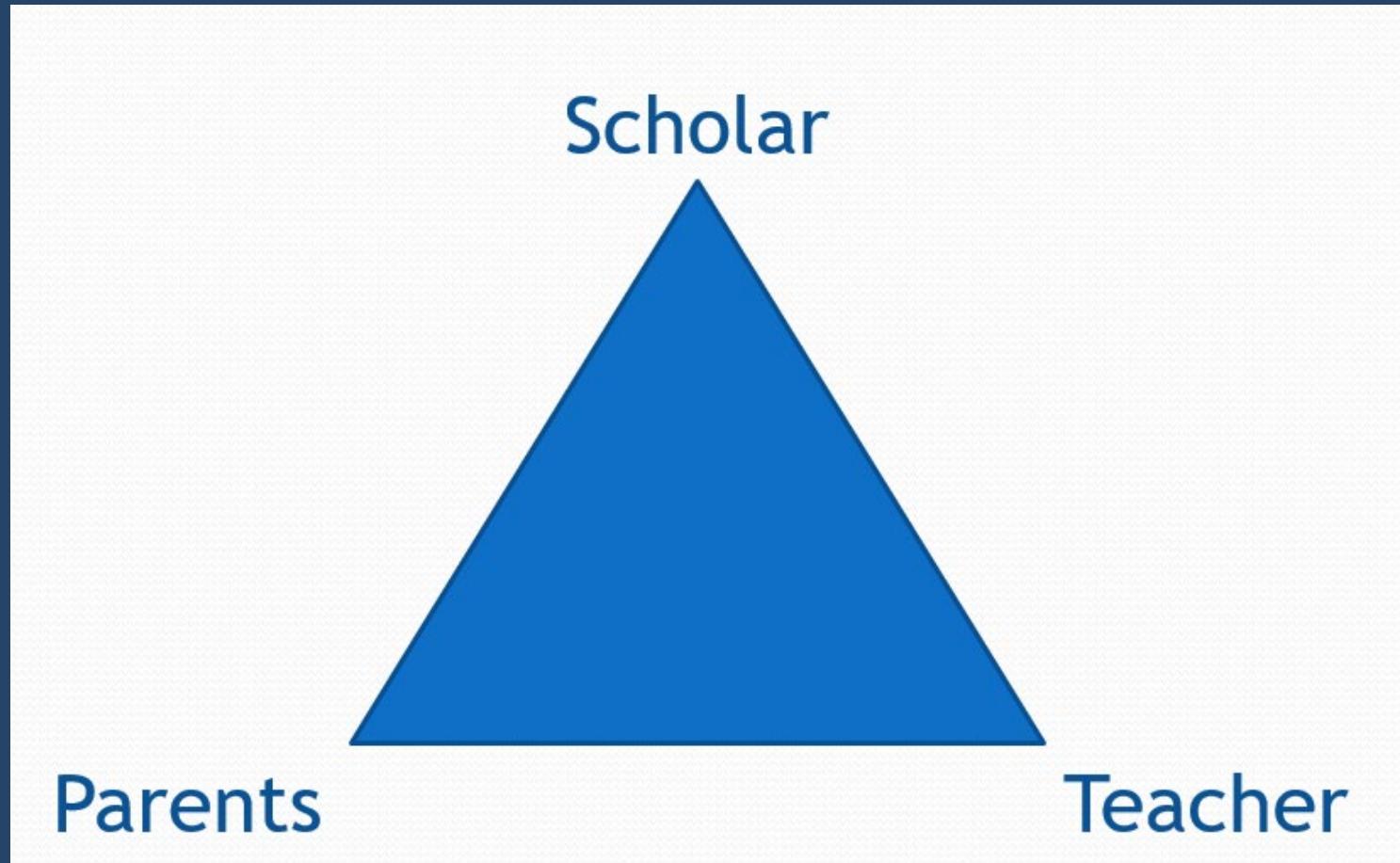


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# The partnership



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