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# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The publication of the annual school magazine is a highlight for many as it encapsulates the activities of the year gone by while also telling the Bishops story through these activities and the many reports and photographs. My thanks go to the team of staff, parents and pupils who make this possible each year.

This year saw the removal of the final Covid-19-related restrictions we have endured since March 2020 and it was a joy to see our school in full operation again. The renewed energy levels were palpable and seeing a full Chapel with boys singing their hearts out was simply wonderful. It has been a privilege to work with so many who have allowed our boys to survive and then thrive as the restrictions lifted and I thank all those who supported our boys through this chapter in our world's history. I have been amazed at not only the scope and range of activities for our boys but the level of expertise they have brought to each activity. They are certainly a talented group of young men and while they have the opportunity to showcase this talent, they do so with enthusiasm and great commitment.

As we move into the future, seeing our school and our lives return to normal, we cast an eye ahead to the opportunities that await us. I am often reminded of the enormous privileges enjoyed by our boys in this special place and, so, am acutely conscious of the need for us to

use that position of privilege. Many of our boys will go on to influence others greatly, be it in their families, their workplaces, or their communities and if we can inculcate a sense of community, a sense of giving and care for our fellow man, our boys can use their influence in their adult lives to improve the lives of others.

We are at a crossroads in our country's history as we battle with service provision, corruption, crime and various economic challenges. It would be easy to withdraw into a relatively sheltered space, looking after self and minimising exposure to the broader community. But, if we want success for ourselves, we need to experience success in our community and our country. Hence the need for those in positions of privilege to influence for the good.

I hope you enjoy this publication and have opportunity to reminisce as stories and photographs bring back memories. I hope it stimulates and challenges those who still have some time to go at Bishops as you think what your final magazine will look like and how it will report on your final few years. And I hope it gives you all a sense of Bishops, a school of great opportunity that has risen to so many challenges, seeking excellence in so many varied and wonderful ways.

*Tony Reeler*



Back: Warren Wallace, Tony Reeler and Peter Westwood; Front: Mark Mitchell and Michelle Van Schalkwyk

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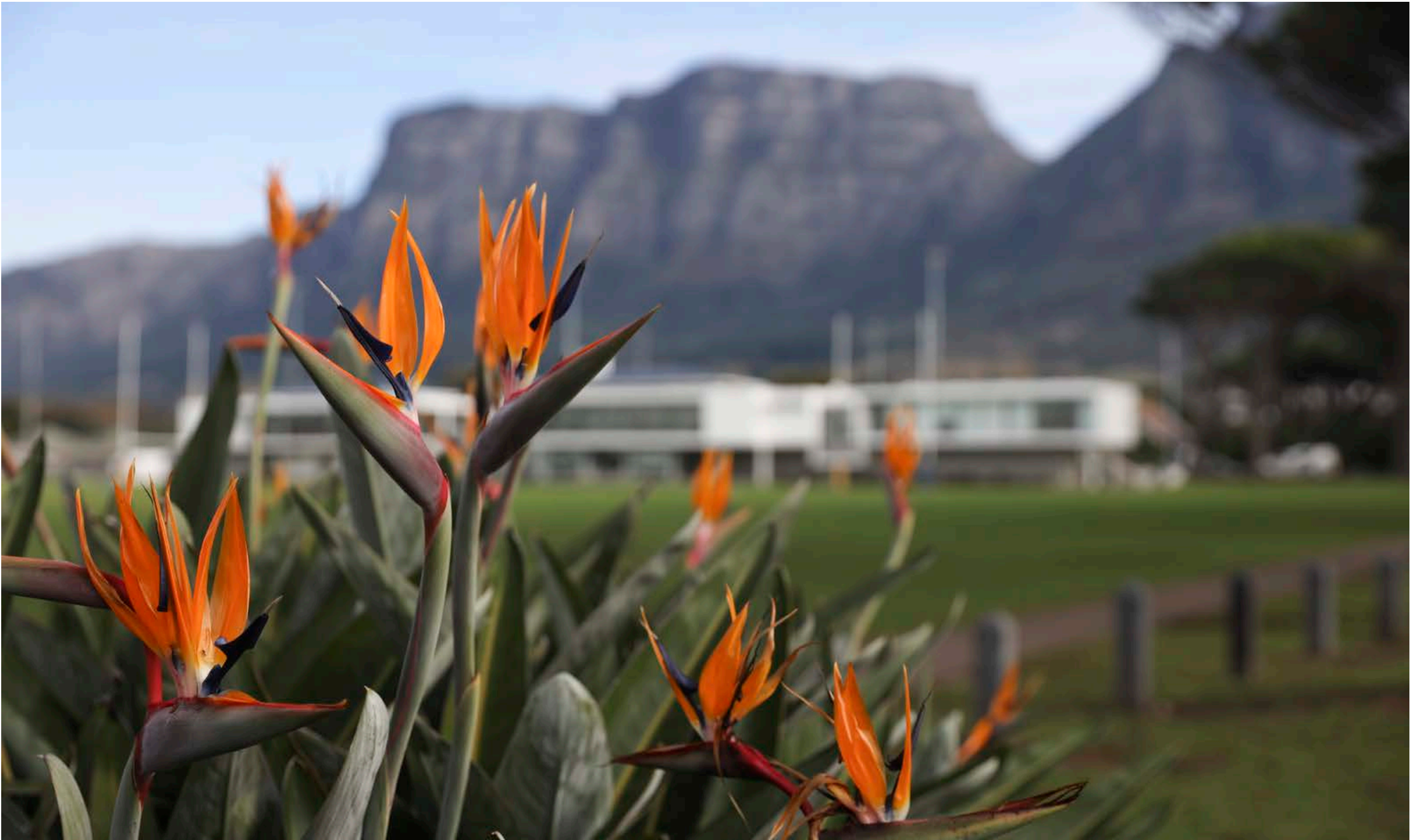
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# COUNCIL NEWS

## Role and constitution

In 1849 Bishop Robert Gray founded the Diocesan College and in the subsequent years the school grew and acquired properties and other assets. In 1891, through an Act of Parliament (No 11 of 1891), the Council of the Diocesan College was established, and all the properties and other assets were consolidated and transferred into the name of the Council. In terms of the Act, the Council comprises 12 men and women tasked with governing the school. The Council itself is a body corporate, which exists independently from its members.

In terms of the Act, the school is also incorporated as an Anglican Church school. The Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town is known as the Visitor to the school and is entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of Council.

The College Council is the governing body for Bishops' three schools: the Pre-Prep School, the Prep School, and the College. The reference to 'College' in the name of the governing body refers to the whole school's historic name, the Diocesan College.

The role of Council is to act in effect as the board of directors for the school. The Council is responsible for the overall wellbeing of the school and involves itself in every aspect, especially to the extent that such matters involve the strategy, structure, direction, finances, and policies of the school. It has complete oversight over

all financial matters and oversight of all aspects of the school relating *inter alia* to the overall operation of the school, the investments of the school, the risks that the school is exposed to, diversity and inclusivity at the school, the use of technology, the development and safekeeping of land and buildings, the excellence of facilities and the recruitment and retention of the best teachers, coaches and support staff.

Council does not involve itself at all in the normal operational aspects of the school, nor does it interfere in any way in the day-to-day management of the school. That is the domain of the Principal and his team. The Principal also has oversight and responsibility for the Pre-Prep and Prep schools. The Pre-Prep and the Prep schools are extremely well run on a day-to-day basis under the leadership of Sharlene Groom and Greg Brown, respectively. With a couple of exceptions, all staff appointments within the school are the responsibility of the Principal and his Executive.

There are clear delineations of responsibility between Council and the School Executive, much as one would expect in a business, between the board of directors and the executive management. However, while Council manages the school like a business, we do not manage it as a business.

Council is responsible for approving the operating budgets for the school each year and for the funding

of and allocations to capital projects, such as new buildings, etc.

Operationally, the school typically budgets to break even or make a small surplus each year. Surpluses, should they arise, are held in reserve for difficult years, as we experienced recently due to the Covid-19 pandemic, or are used to improve the school's facilities.

Council sets the fees for the school and determines the staff salary increases each year, based on recommendations from the Remuneration Committee and the Finance and Risk Committee.

By far the most significant responsibility of Council is that of finding, recruiting and retaining a new Principal for Bishops from time to time, when required.

Members of Council serve voluntarily and give freely of their time, effort and experience. They receive no remuneration, compensation, or reimbursement of any kind for their contribution to the school as members of Council. Bishops is extremely fortunate to have men and women of a very high calibre, with great experience and from a diversity of backgrounds, serving Bishops on Council and its committees.

## The year in review

By the middle of 2022, after more than two years, all the remaining meaningful restrictions placed on schools arising from the management of the Covid-19 pandemic had been lifted and life at Bishops could return to normal.

I believe that Bishops navigated the pandemic years extremely well, given the enormous uncertainties we

faced and the dramatic changes that were required in the ways in which we teach and learn, play sport, create music and drama, and generally socialise together. My thanks must go to our Principal, Mr Tony Reeler, his Executive team, all our wonderful academic and support staff and to our boys and their families for their resilience and their determination to get through this difficult time.

2022 was a busy year for Council, and its 12 members, the trustees of The Bishops Trust and the members of our subcommittees continued to work quietly and behind the scenes again this year, for the benefit of the school. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to each of them for volunteering so much time, knowledge and experience to Bishops. Membership of Council remained stable throughout the year. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank Mr David Burton, who will retire from Council in March 2023, having served the maximum permitted term of 10 years.

## OD Union

The Council does not involve itself in operational matters relating to Bishops Old Boys or to the OD Union, other than to the extent that the reputation of the school may be affected or to the extent that Old Boys engage directly with the school. The principal keeps the OD Union informed of developments at the school on a regular basis, while the chairman of the OD Union committee is invited to Council meetings as an observer and acts as a trustee of the Bishops Trust *ex officio*. In addition, quarterly meetings are held between the Chairman of Council, the Principal and both the President and Chairman of the OD Union to discuss matters of mutual interest. The relationship between the school and its alumni association is a strong one.

Sub-committees and The Bishops Trust

Council now has six subcommittees as follows:

Finance and Risk Committee

– chaired by Mr Graham Molyneux

Remuneration Committee

– chaired by the Chairman of Council

Nominations Committee

– chaired by the Chairman of Council

Buildings and Grounds Committee

– chaired by Mr Greg Deans

Investment Committee

– chaired by Mr Niall Brown

Diversity, Equity and Belonging Committee

– chaired by Mr Moshe Apleni

Membership of the various committees is made up of Council members, independent experts in the relevant area of focus for the committee, ODs, parents, and members of staff.

All subcommittees make recommendations to Council for its consideration. The Chairman of Council is *ex officio* a member of all subcommittees of Council.

Council is also responsible for the efficient functioning of The Bishops Trust.

To facilitate closer ties between Bishops court and the Anglican schools in the Western Cape, during the year the Archbishop tasked Bishop Joshua Louw, who is

already his representative on Council, with looking after all the local Anglican schools.

Elections to Council

In terms of the Act constituting the Diocesan College, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and the Council each elect six members of Council. In practice, these days, Council and the Archbishop discuss and agree on all elections to Council, other than the member appointed by the Archbishop to be his personal representative.

Members of Council are elected for an initial term in office of five years and this term may be extended at Council’s discretion for a further five-year term.

Council meetings

Council meetings are held at least quarterly and are attended by the 12 members of Council. The Chairs of the Prep and College Parents’ Associations and the Chairman of the OD Union attend Council meetings as observers. The Principal, the Deputy Principal, the Headmaster of the Prep School (who also represents the Pre-Prep School) and the School Business Manager also attend Council meetings. The Head Boy and his two deputies are invited annually to present to Council their strategies for leading the school.

In terms of the Act, decisions are to be taken by members of Council only, but in practice all attendees at Council meetings take part in discussions and decision-making. Almost every decision of Council is unanimous.

ODs and parents at Council meetings

There are currently seven ODs and nine parents or past parents of Bishops boys attending Council meetings.

Chairman and Principal

As Chairman of Council, I meet with the Principal once a week for an hour or two. Additionally, we often discuss matters as they may arise daily and on occasion, we talk to each other several times a day.

It is said that the Chairman of Council of a school serves as the closest confidant of the Principal as well as being his harshest critic in private.

The relationship between a chairman and a principal is critical in the running of any successful school. There needs to be a high level of trust and frankness. I am delighted with the relationship that Tony and I have developed over the past two-and-a-half years.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Tony for the enormous enthusiasm and hard work that he has brought to his role. I know that he relies heavily on Rose for support. Thank you, Rose, for all that you do for Tony and for Bishops.

The Bishops Trust

The Bishops Trust is the body that raises funds for Bishops from time to time. It is governed by a board of trustees led by Mr Jan Newman.

The Bishops Trust has set ambitious fundraising targets in what are difficult financial times. The Bishops 175 Campaign seeks to raise significant funds over the next

two years as we approach the school’s 175th anniversary. There remains much work to be done to reach our goal of building up a significant bursary fund and building the facilities that the school so badly needs.

Council recently approved a material capital project, funded largely by funds raised through the Bishops 175 Campaign, that will see the academic hub of the College revitalised next year through the demolition of the NLT and the construction of a new Learning Commons. The Learning Commons will include, among other facilities, two floors of multipurpose collaborative working spaces designed with the requirements of teaching the so-called 21st-century skills in mind, as well as a new staff room. The Learning Commons will physically connect with the library and with adjacent classroom blocks to create a vital core to the academic precinct. The Learning Commons is intended to be opened in 2024 as part of our 175th anniversary celebrations.

New Chairman of the College Council

As has been announced, I will be retiring as Chairman of Council at the end of 2022 and my successor will be Mr Crispin Sonn. Crispin is an experienced executive, with a strong track record of serving his community in leadership roles. Crispin and Lisa are parents to Franklin, who will be in Matric at the College next year. I am confident that Crispin will be an outstanding Chairman of Council.

It has been a privilege for me to serve Bishops over the past five years and I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of the Bishops community who have shown me support.

Simon Peile  
Chairman of Council

# THE BISHOPS TRUST

## Bishops Trust 175 Campaign

There was a distinct silver lining to the 18-month interruption to the Campaign caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, during which it was not possible to undertake active approaches. This gave us the opportunity to refine the objectives of the Campaign to ensure they were relevant to the vision and strategy of Bishops.

With the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions earlier this year, we were at last able to initiate our private approaches phase in SA and outside SA, which takes the form of selective personal approaches to sources of potential major funding. The aim of this phase is to kick-start the momentum and credibility of the Campaign by raising a substantial sum before opening the Campaign to general approaches to parents, ODs and other supporters of Bishops.

The responses to these early approaches have been very encouraging and demonstrate that our key objectives for Bishops are understood and shared by key potential supporters and donors.

Precisely when we launch the public phase of the Campaign is dependent upon progress during this all-important initial phase. This is unlikely to be before summer 2023, but we will be in touch with all ODs and parents at the appropriate time.

*Jan Newman*  
*Chair of The Bishops Trust*

# THE VUSA ACADEMY

The VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy is based in the vibrant community of Langa, just eight kilometres away from Bishops.

VUSA's mission is to provide support and mentorship for children in the Langa community through structured academic, sports, feeding and extramural programmes, thus ensuring primary school children have access to skills and opportunities to provide more choices towards a brighter future.

VUSA's programmes include numeracy and literacy development and a mobile library project for three registered early childhood development centres in Langa. The Atlas Digibus programme (a mobile classroom that has been purpose built into an IT classroom) supports the transition from the mother tongue to English as the language of instruction at five Langa primary schools. An after-school programme offers competitive rugby, academic support (Maths, English and homework), recreational outings and a feeding scheme.

VUSA employs 15 staff, most of whom reside in the community. They know the children, understand their circumstances and being coaches and facilitators, offer them guidance, mentorship and support.

What is unique about this programme is its strong partnership with Bishops. The school provides financial



and administrative support, but what has been really special to see is the community rallying to support its neighbouring community.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Bishops parents and ODs came together and delivered soup, bread and fruit to the Prep kitchen, which was transported to the children daily. The PA provides incredible support for VUSA and works closely with VUSA to arrange interactive excursions for Bishops and VUSA children to enjoy together. This year we enjoyed a beach day at Fish Hoek, an Easter craft day and egg hunt at the Prep and, most recently, an outing to Norval Foundation. Furthermore, they go above and beyond to treat our children when they are hosted by Bishops. We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and boys who volunteer and assist the VUSA programme.

Grade 6 and 7 parents arrange a magical Christmas party for the children every year but what truly stood out in 2022 was the community coming together at the Investec 24-hour Cycle Challenge. Due to a limited number of bikes, we had to restrict the number of teams, but there was plenty of gees to make up for it. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, volunteered, or cheered for our staff, parents and boys.

Our VUSA children love playing rugby against their Bishops peers (see the QR code on the opposite page to watch a short clip on a VUSA/Bishops rugby day). A highlight for our U13s was an invitation to this year's Independent Schools' Rugby Festival, held at Bishops in July. After years of engagement (despite the Covid-19 interruption), our players knew many of the Bishops boys. They had a weekend of fun and adventure with their friends, seeing new places in Cape Town and doing what they love most – playing rugby. They also won all their games, which did so much for their confidence

since they were competing against some of the best schools in the country.

The U13s ended their last rugby season with a Market Day and 7s tournament. After a six-week entrepreneurial workshop with staff from Capitec Bank, our children set up a market selling everything from pancakes to pot plants. Thanks to the parents who supported our young entrepreneurs despite the miserable weather. The tournament ended with a Bishops vs VUSA match. The contest ended with a mixed-team game. It was a special day, to see our South African children oblivious of race, religion and socio-economics, coming together in Cape Town's oldest township to celebrate a game they love.

Special thanks to Bishops, Coronation Fund Managers, Standard Bank, Capitec Bank, Shoprite Checkers, Sygnia, The Atlas Foundation, The RB Hagart Trust, The HCI Foundation and the Lunchbox Fund for your generous support. Thank you also to the Ikey Tigers, Ubumbo Legends and all the volunteers who give so generously of their time to create opportunities for our children.

How to support:

- **Volunteer:**  
<https://www.vusarugbyacademy.com/https://vusarugbylearningacademyvolunteersasme>
- **Donate:**  
<https://www.vusarugbyacademy.com/make-a-donation>
- CSI funding OR Make an introduction
- Donate products (books, clothes, food)
- Get your boys involved

*Brendan Fogarty*



Scan to watch a  
VUSA/Bishops rugby day clip



# THE ROBERT GRAY AWARD

The Robert Gray Medal is the most prestigious and only award that the school can bestow on an OD who has made a significant and exceptional contribution in his field of endeavour, or to society in general. The Principal, Chair of Council and Chair of the ODU form part of the selection committee, with final approval from the College Council. On 9 March 2022 the Robert Gray Medal was awarded to Mr Geoffrey Burton and Professor Hugh Corder at a ceremony in the War Memorial Chapel.

## Mr Geoffrey Burton

Mr Geoffrey (Geoff) Burton attended Bishops, matriculating in 1953, and doing post-Matric in 1954. He then studied at UCT, at the London School of Economics and London University, followed by a career in business. Geoff Burton has made a lifelong dedication to improving the lives of less-resourced communities. He was recently admitted to the Order of Simon of Cyrene (with the Southern African Anglican Church) and received the Bishop Lavis Service to Humanity Award which was first given in 2018 by the Community Chest – the culmination of a lifetime of working to improve the lives of many underprivileged South Africans. In addition,

he has been involved in the support, including the financing, of St Michael's Primary School in Khayelitsha which managed to remain a private Anglican institution even during the Apartheid era, and continues to provide a higher-than-average level of education to the pupils who attend the school. Warm meals are also provided free to learners each school day. Mr Burton founded The Carpenter's Shop, an NPO, (now renamed The Hope Exchange) in Roeland Street, Cape Town, 40 years ago in 1981. This three-storey building was originally known as the School of Industry and was closed in 1975. Mr Burton took it over soon after then. Mr Burton stepped down from the Management Committee at the beginning of last year and is now the Patron of this second-phase organisation, providing training as well as short-term accommodation of up to six months for homeless people. About 100 casual 'street people' wash, shower and perform their ablutions there, and can wash clothing each weekday up to 10am.

## Professor Hugh Corder

Professor Hugh Corder matriculated from Bishops in 1971, winning the first-ever Lidderdale Prize for

considerateness and care for his fellow person. He was Head of School House and the Second Prefect in that year. He was the elected Rhodes Scholar for 1979, having graduated from UCT with BCom and LLB degrees. His DPhil thesis at Oxford focused on the role and attitudes of South Africa's appellate judiciary, 1910 to 1950; he was supervised by a distinguished OD, the late Tony Honoré (F, 1939). He returned to South Africa to teach constitutional law at the University of Stellenbosch, after which he was appointed Professor of Public Law at UCT from mid-1987. He was the Dean of the Faculty from 1999 to 2008, and retired at the end of 2019. He acted as a Deputy Vice-Chancellor for about 18 months, during turbulent times. He was elected as a Fellow of the University in 2004. He is now a Senior Research Scholar in Law. Professor Corder has followed the path of an activist in civil society. He participated widely in extramural activities while a student, through the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS). He volunteered for the Border Council of Churches (BCC) in mid-1974; its purpose was to support black communities forcibly removed to Dimbaza because of apartheid. It was during his work here that he met the black consciousness pioneer and leader, Steve Biko, which was a life-changing experience. The highlight of his career in the wider community of law and human rights was his service as an adviser on drafting South Africa's first-ever Bill of Rights during the multi-party negotiations of 1993. Professor Corder currently serves as a trustee of the African Scholars' Fund; as a founding director of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and of Freedom under Law; and as a member of the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC).

*Paul Murray*



Geoffrey Burton



Hugh Corder



COLLEGE

# STAFF NEWS

A number of new staff joined us: Carryn Boden (Nursing Sister), Alaric Hobbs (Creative Arts – Art), Nhlanhla Mbuyazi (Science), Wandile Nzuza (English and History) and Clea Schultz-Mofokeng (English). We bade farewell to two members of staff at the end of the first term. John Knight retired after a distinguished and lengthy time at Bishops and Nella Freund, our Librarian, left to take up a new career opportunity in desktop publishing and proofreading.

Andrea Rutter and Richard Smith took up the reins as HoD of Music and Life Orientation respectively. Richard Smith (Gray), Julian Vincent (Gray) and Nokuzola Gololo (Ogilvie) were promoted to Assistant House Directors.

At the end of the second term, we bade farewell to Burgert Maree who contributed greatly to Bishops over almost twelve years in the Afrikaans Department, as TIC Athletics and as the driving force behind the Big Ideas programme. At the end of the year, we said farewell to several staff, part-time and full-time, temporary and permanent, at various functions. Our grateful thanks go to the following people for their service to Bishops over varying lengths of time: Bev Howman (part-time piano teacher for 34 years who retired), Wendy Moulton (temporary Librarian for six

months), Pieter Smith (temporary Afrikaans teacher for six months), Julina (Jolene) Josephs (cleaner who retired after 25 years), Myrtle Page (1st cook in Central Kitchen who retired after 17 years), Iona Beukes (Music Department administrator for six years who took up a new opportunity serving the community on the Cape Flats), Dr Steve Cornell (School Doctor for 13 years who will be travelling to visit his children more frequently), William Koopman (History teacher and TIC Hockey who left on promotion to Kingswood College as a boarding House Director after three years at Bishops), Trudy Hoefnagels (Afrikaans HoD who retired after 13 years), Bev Morris (LO HoD who retired after 16 years but who runs our new Careers office in the BSU), Sue McPetrie (Mathematics ex HoD who retired after 21 years) and Marion Gardener (Mathematics ex HoD and Mallett HD who retired after 25 years).

*Wayne Tucker*

## Long Service Awards

### 5 years

Marvin Bester  
Iona Beukes  
Cara Cato  
Ruan Ellis  
Angela Fordham  
Shaun Hewett  
Basil Mondzinger  
Cedric Opperman  
Mark Sickle  
Brad Smith  
Nadia Snyman  
Michelle van Schalkwyk  
Alungile Williams

### 10 years

Leon Botha  
Lorraine Chateau  
Tania Gombard  
Jonathan Holtmann  
Catherine Howard  
Sean King  
Patricia Levendal

Elizabeth Merrington  
Donovan Murray  
Fiona Pamplin  
Nwabisa Simelela  
Michael Vamvadelis

### 15 years

Tyrone Adams  
Mabel Andrews  
Ziyaad Fataar  
Ronald Jacobs  
Trevor Kolbe  
Bev Morris  
Jean Nolte  
Clarissa Pieters  
Yolanda Raman  
David Russell  
Bangiswa Sitofile (Cynthia)  
Richard Smith  
James Swift  
Alex van Selm  
Angelinah Vula  
Willem Zolile (Zorro)

### 20 years

Diane Murray  
Natalie Petersen  
Graham Robertson  
Andrea Rutter  
Mervin Walsh  
Joc Wrensch

### 25 years

Sally Bowes  
Felicity Clemence  
Angus Firth  
Marion Gardner  
Glen Gibbon  
Julina Josephs  
Jacky Withers

### 30 years

Paul Murray  
Peter Westwood

### 35 years

Phil Court  
Doreen Lottering

# STAFF FAREWELLS

## Marion Gardner (25 years)

Marion started teaching at Bishops in 1997. She had already gained a formidable reputation as a Maths teacher and this was quickly cemented at the College. Marion has not only been excellent in the classroom, teaching boys of varied abilities, but has also been at the cutting edge of Maths teaching in the College. Soon after arriving, she started AP Maths lessons in the evenings that both Bishops' pupils and children from other schools could attend. This chance to take Maths to a higher level became highly sought-after and appreciated, and after a few years was introduced into the daily teaching of the Maths Department for all the pupils who had the ability in the senior grades. Not all managed, but for those who took up the challenge it has been a great exercise in intellectual extension. Marion has been involved in AP Maths at a national level for many years and her reputation now extends far beyond Cape Town. She presented at conferences and was a senior marker.

As a colleague in the Maths Department, Marion has always been highly valued. Steady, calm, kind, helpful and intelligent, her input into the – often feisty – department meetings was always appreciated. She had a huge capacity for hard work and was extraordinarily organised. The result was that she appeared to manage her complex school life with aplomb.

When Marion started at the College she produced a number of plays and staff plays in the days before Wayne Tucker took over. One of her most successful productions was the musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*.

In 2000 Marion started Simply Blue, an a capella singing group of boys in Grades 10 and above. After 21 years this group is still going strong, and year after year Bishops and other communities have been entertained royally by these talented and enthusiastic young men. Marion has always looked to maintain a high standard, despite the challenges of the boys being so busy. For many years the group went to the Grahamstown Festival but it also toured outside the country, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and trips to Argentina and Greece. Stephen Carletti will continue to lead this group, but one can expect Marion's legacy to remain with us for many years.

While Barbara Swart will always go down as the first woman House Director at Bishops, Marion was the first who completed all 10 years of her tenure. Marion has always been an excellent pastoral leader in the school. Her caring and empathetic heart, along with her firm dignity, has meant that she has always been held in high esteem by the pupils. She was appointed as Assistant House Director in Birt House in 2003 and she, Graeme Klerck and Warwick Richter made a great team. Appointing Marion as House Director of Mallett

was an easy decision for the executive and over the next 10 years, she proved consistently that this was a great appointment. Mallett was quite a tough House when she took over and was largely seen as primarily a sporting House. Marion quickly tackled this image, celebrating achievements in all spheres of College life. Mallett's reputation grew very quickly under her care and, although they did not manage to win as many Owls as she would have liked, Mallett could always be relied upon to be engaged in all facets of school life, led by a highly functioning leadership team under Marion.

Marion has seen three sons move through Bishops and has therefore had a very close relationship with the school over many years. We have been very fortunate to have had someone of her calibre with us for so long and we wish her and Rob all the best in retirement.

*Peter Westwood*



Marion Gardner

## Sue McPetrie (22 years)

Sue arrived at Bishops in 2001, having previously taught in Johannesburg and then Herschel. No doubt the fact that she had three sons was part of the driving force for the move to Bishops! From the start it was clear that in Sue we had a superb Maths teacher and a very gentle and caring person. These traits have been true of Sue for all the years she spent with us, and Bishops has been blessed by her on so many levels.

In the Maths Department Sue was known for her professionalism and hard work, and for being highly creative. More importantly, she has always been known as someone who cares for others in the department, including the interns who came and went each year. Sue always seemed to have the time to listen patiently to people's problems and find a solution. In 2004 she was appointed as Head of Department, a post she held for the full 10-year tenure. This time was both challenging and rewarding for Sue as she led under the guidance of Marcus Bizony, a leader she admired hugely. The department was very strong under her leadership and produced some excellent results at national exam and Olympiad levels. Sue led from the front, both in what she produced and in her astonishing work ethic. Probably the most challenging part of being Maths HOD was the interaction with parents whose sons were battling. No other department has to engage with parents to the same degree. On handing over the reins of leadership to Jenny Campbell, Sue continued to be a deeply valued member of the department until retirement.

Although maths was very much Sue's main involvement in the College she also made valuable contributions elsewhere. She was a tutor in Mallett House from its formation and a very good one. All the boys who passed

through her hands knew that they were known and cared for by Sue. She was also involved in the life of the House over the years, adding to the growth of Mallett into the strong and balanced House it is today. I know she was highly valued by both Dave Ledwidge and Marion Gardner, the House Directors.

For a number of years Sue ran SMILE at the College. This was an outreach that involved a number of Grade 10 boys helping young children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic English. Sue was wonderfully faithful to this over many years and it was a project that helped our Grade 10 pupils and the many little children who passed through their hands.

Sue loved the Epic and was the base leader at Sanddrif for a number of years. As one would expect, she was highly organised and had a wonderful can-do attitude to any challenges that arose, usually as a result of being the furthest base from the Clanwilliam Spar! Sue's happy and positive presence made it all a special time for boys and staff.

In her last few years Sue joined Road and Trail and ran with Bev Morris and the boys, something she loved despite the odd injury. Sue was also a wise and passionate member of the College Disciplinary Hearing Committee and spent many hours listening to sorry tales of boys in trouble and looking for ways to help them back onto the right path.

Sue was a lay minister at Bishops for many years and spoke in Chapel on many occasions. It was always good to listen to Sue because one knew that her faith was shown not only in words, but in the living of her life at Bishops day after day. Sue is a wonderful Christian woman who poured herself into her family, her friends

and the boys of this community over many years. We wish her all the best in her retirement and hope she will enjoy some 'me' time as she runs around the Southern Suburbs!

*Peter Westwood*



Sue McPetrie

### **John Knight (18 years)**

John Knight retired from Bishops at the end of the first term, after a career in education that spanned many years and schools. He began as a boarding housemaster at Charterhouse, one of the UK's premier schools. He then moved to St Stithian's in Joburg, then to Wynberg

Boys', and finally to Bishops in 2004, where just one year later he started in Gray as an Assistant House Director.

John is a real schoolmaster in the finest tradition, as he always finds what is best for the 'whole boy', from an academic, sporting, cultural and emotional perspective, and is always able to see the bigger picture. John's own education saw him elected as Head Boy at one of the UK's top schools, Oundle, and then he earned a Double Blue at Oxford, playing 1st team cricket and squash almost full time, while completing an Engineering degree on the side.

At Bishops he held many responsibilities, from teacher-in-charge of squash and cricket, to coaching the 2nd XI and then the 1st XI for his last nine years. Apart from Bishops, he has also coached the 1st XI at Charterhouse, an unusual achievement for a teacher in this day of professional coaches. His concern is always for the wellbeing of the boys, and he tackles all problems with his absolutely cool and calm approach, talking boys and staff around to the best possible outcome, no matter the difficulty, in his diplomatic yet caring manner. John has also been a Maths teacher of high regard, teaching AP Maths to top sets most of the time, and he was also our A Levels post-Matric maths teacher, in the days when Bishops had post-Matric. John's own passions include mountain biking (he's completed numerous stage races, including two Cape Epics), golf and cricket, particularly when England is playing. John is a man of strong principles, and in all his dealings in life and at school looks for not only the fair, but the correct and right way to do things. He brings this sense of always doing the right thing to all his dealings, whether in the classroom, House or sports field.

After an excellent and lengthy career in education, John will leave an enormous hole to fill in so many areas of



John Knight

school life. I will certainly miss him as the last man standing at most House functions, often with a parent or two keen to chat into the early hours of the morning, and then as sure as clockwork he is again the first man at work the next morning! John, we sincerely thank you for all you have done, in so many areas of school life, and particularly for all your unquestioned support of Gray, its staff and boys. We wish you all the very best as you join your wife Jessica in retirement, and no doubt are finally able to spend a little more time in your beloved Knysna – we shall miss you enormously in Gray and salute your long and fine career in education.

*Joc Wrensch*

## Beverley Morris (16 years)

BRM – where do we start?

The answer is with her name, Beverley. I researched her name, and ingenuity and tenacity were two key characteristics associated with it. Other characteristics: a born leader, courage, determination, perseverance, discipline, success and dynamism.

So, I would like to match our Bev to her name story and some of the associated hallmarks and characteristics. Firstly 'ingenuity'. Bev has developed Life Orientation (LO) as a subject in the school and built our department from the ground up. In the beginning, there wasn't much guidance from the Department of Education, especially around the content and curriculum in those interesting outcomes-based education years. Bev showed immense creativity and resourcefulness in guiding a 15-year process from the beginning stages of the subject to the point where it is today, and she can look back on her achievements with much pride and satisfaction. In fact, she shared numerous resources in guiding the curriculum and content the department implemented in those early years, and she is quite literally the Godmother of LO to more than just our school.

Secondly, the characteristic of being a 'born leader'. Bev is the epitome of a servant leader with an eager-beaver mentality, especially in her first few years when she said yes to every task she was asked to help with or participate in. This on top of 12 classes of teaching, being HOD, and running the Road and Trail club, which was her initiative. She was also involved in organising career expo events including setting up the career forum, her Civics programme responsibilities, LO sports science testing, hiking, and running many Epic rotations

at one of her favourite places, Sanddrif, her diligent lay minister duties, and service to the Chapel, Big Ideas, helping Guy manage the ODs, and her recent work in the BSU as a counsellor, and much more. However, there was one time she said, 'No more!' and that was in passing off the Matric Dance organisation to another outstanding servant leader, Trudy Hoefnagels.

Bev's sense of duty is of the highest order, and even when she is completely overwhelmed, she manages to keep her wits, poise and patience, especially in a crisis (which seemed to occur regularly in our department). However, there was one exception – Pencil Box. This, on occasion, resulted in Bev coming into my classroom (M5) for an unload session around exam and IR time.

The next characteristics associated with Bev's name are her immense determination and perseverance, not only in handling all the crises in our department around me and managing Phil, but especially in her unbelievable courage when facing adversity, including dealing with breast cancer and other health issues. Furthermore, Bev was a much relied upon help and support to other staff who went through their battles with cancer, and through this process, very much lived the life lessons we were teaching in our content. And let's not forget, the unbelievable grit and resilience she displayed in running and completing countless marathons and several Comrades, which personified her courage, perseverance and determination.

Bev's contributions to the school have been immense and proved highly successful in the programmes she initiated, gave to, and improved on.

Bev, I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for everyone in our department – our incredible

muse and mentor to the younger men in Brad, Chris E and H, the middle-aged like myself, Burgert and Merv, and then to the senior counsel in Dave.

On a personal note, Bev, you are my number-one mentor and very, very special friend, best work colleague ever, and the best fairy godmother I could have asked for in my life. I wish you well. Enjoy the extra time with your family, friends, grandkids and, of course, Richard.

*Richard Smith*



Beverley Morris

## Nella Freund (14 years)

It is difficult to do a workplace farewell speech when you are good friends with the person, as to separate the job and the person can often be tricky. But Nella is so much

more than a job. We are losing quite a big piece of the Bishops puzzle in her moving, because of who she is as a human being – the warmth, the intelligence and the wonderful sense of humour. The ever-reliable and great listener, the giver of sound advice... and she always has *the best* book recommendations. She is unbelievably kind, insightful and reassuring and her presence brings calm. But she rules, Glinda-esque, from her glass bubble and there are Grade 8 pupils who, not knowing that she has screens in said glass bubble, are petrified of her beyond-this-realm psychic abilities – she will suddenly arrive unannounced in an upstairs reading room to settle them down.

She is your ideal team player and working with her is an absolute pleasure and fun on top of that. Those of us who have worked closely with her on the magazine, in Research and Referencing or Big Ideas have learnt so much from her. She always appreciates one's input, she listens, and she offers constructive and useful ideas. She is kind, committed, and always goes the extra mile. She does not seek recognition, but quietly does what she does – even when abseiling during Epic to give a group of terrified Grade 10s some courage, or hiking in Nepal, or swimming long distances in very cold water.

Nella has also worked closely with the boys on her library committee and in the Literary Society. They all speak very highly of her, and I would like to read what some had to say:

'It is clear for everyone to see just how hard she works to make the library the incredible facility we are so used to it being. She puts so much effort into making it a smoothly operated educational centre, a treasure trove to inquisitive minds, a welcome home to anyone with a passion for reading or learning, and a safe space for those who feel marginalised.'

‘As a library monitor, I know what lengths Mrs Freund goes to to keep the library fresh in its reflection of the literary world. She ensures that the library is stocked with up-to-date subscriptions of newspapers and magazines, as well as regularly updating the “recommended” shelf with very good, relevant and cutting-edge reads.’

It would be remiss of me not to end this farewell with a message from the ex-HOD of Life Sciences, Gerry Noel, with whom Nella worked closely in the Molteno Library: ‘Our friendship ignited from the very start and I am so grateful for the time that I spent working with such a beautiful, caring, intelligent and interesting human. We ran an ISASA librarians’ conference together in our first year. Along with Nikki Gerhardi and Sally Bowes, we pushed for creating a transformative resource space in the school and it is still a shining example of how one makes connections and not collections in a library space.



Nella Freund

She is a superstar! A one-of-a-kind person who stumbled into Bishops and our hearts somewhat accidentally. She really made a difference and an impact in the lives of those who worked alongside her.’

Nella, thank you for being such an integral part of Bishops life. We are going to miss you very much and we wish you all the very best in what promises to be a wonderful and exciting change for you.

**Wayne Tucker**

### **Trudy Hoefnagels (13 years)**

It has taken me a couple of sittings to put this together, not because it is laborious, but because I did not know where to start. Not because it was tough to think of things to say, but because it seemed impossible that words would be adequate to justify my appreciation and gratitude.

Trudy, I don’t know whether it was a momentary lapse in judgement and clarity of thought, or the alternative streak within you, but for whatever reason, I am eternally grateful for your role in my journey to the N Block. Upon my arrival, I was greeted by your friendly smile and the sweet sounds of Die Tuindwergies. All my fear and anxiety subsided as I was filled with excitement and expectation. Today, however, that fear and anxiety rear their ugly heads again, this time as I prepare for your departure from N Block.

No task too big, no complaint too silly, no story too boring... You were always there to listen, give guidance and offer a helping hand.

Whether it was the latest calming spray or soothing scented candle, rusks and wine that magically appeared

on my desk, or a quick solution to what seemed like a crippling problem, you have been a presence of comfort and reason. Your willingness to help, your laugh-until-you-cry stories and your kind, nurturing, and sensitive soul are unrivalled and will be dearly missed. You have been an incredible captain and we love and appreciate you for that. Much wiser than an Eisteddfod owl, with a list of talents and skills longer than the red carpet at the Matric Dance and a heart bigger than the Cederberg, you will mostly be missed for your *menswees*.

A toast to Trudy. It has been a pleasure and honour to have been your mentee, neighbour (and small burden at times). May your years ahead be filled with love, happiness, well-deserved rest, lots of wine and yoga, and time with your loved ones. Give that woman a Bells!

**Jarred Bradley**



Trudy Hoefnagels

### **Burgert Maree (12 years)**

Burgert will go the extra mile... and then he’ll go a bit further... and walk a bit more... until it is difficult to spot him in the distance. Then he’ll turn round and walk back, just to ask you whether there is anything he can do to help.

Such is his desire to help, that a couple of months after we moved into a flat in Harfield Village, we decided to take the train to work. A short commute between Harfield and Rondebosch stations. Burgert (the kind and thoughtful individual that he is) took the liberty of purchasing monthly passes for both of us. He handed me my laminated monthly pass with a big smile on his face. A week later we would embark on our short journey, not knowing that we would almost not make it to work on that fateful day.

At around 6.50am, having just narrowly avoided a physical altercation, Burgert Daniel Maree and I were arrested, escorted off the train and taken into custody at Rondebosch Station. It was hot and scary in that 2x2-metre ticket booth. We were given one phone call. ‘I’ll make the call,’ said Burgert after a long silence. He was willing to do the dirty work and take the fall for us both, without any hesitation, not knowing what the consequences would be. Fortunately, we emerged unscathed, with a hefty fine (that amounted to buying another monthly pass). What I’m trying to say is, Burgert is the best partner in crime.

My second story speaks to his love for travel and adventure. And involves another train, of course. We decided to take the train through to the Brass Bell for an early supper on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We had fortunately rid ourselves of the monthly passes that almost resulted in our incarceration. After a while, taking

in the scenery, we noticed that we had not heard any trains passing by for quite some time. In an unexpected comedy of errors, I had left my phone at home and Burgert's phone battery was draining at the speed of the last train that had rumbled past us 40 minutes earlier. With no phone and no trains, there was only one thing to do... We were to walk to a friend who lives on the opposite side of Lakeside – not the best of walks on a full stomach in the dark. But such is Burgert's kindness and generosity that he offered to carry me on his back all the way. I politely declined, to which he proposed a counteroffer: he'd take a brisk jog to Harfield Village, get the bakkie, and come and pick me up. Once again, I politely declined, but Burgert is super-creative, especially when it comes to solutions.

He has always had an immense love of travel, adventure and the outdoors, whether adventuring on a train, conquering the 13 Peaks of Cape Town, doing a back-to-back hike in the Cederberg or enjoying the surf at Muizenberg. And I believe this love of travel and adventure played a huge role in his decision to broaden his horizons, spread his wings and go and further his education in Finland.

A quote from *Shawshank Redemption*: 'I have to remind myself that some birds aren't meant to be caged. Their feathers are just too bright. And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does rejoice. Still, the place you live in is that much more drab and empty that they're gone. I guess I just miss my friend.'

Not only will his presence be missed, but his absence will leave a void in the hearts of so many.

*Jarred Bradley*



Burgert Maree

### **William Koopman (3 years)**

I first came across the name Will Koopman when his standout CV reached my inbox in October 2019. His sincerity, goodwill and passion for education featured prominently in his letter of application and it became clear, from the get-go, that this was a candidate who had to be shortlisted for the vacancy. Will duly interviewed for the post and, unsurprisingly, emerged as the preferred candidate. Bishops was thus delighted when Will agreed to join the History Department as of the beginning of Term 2 2020. Little did anyone know at the time that Will's introduction to teaching at Bishops would be unprecedented as Covid-19 and the resultant national lockdown forced him to begin his career here

by way of online classes and without the benefit of face-to-face learning.

Will was three months into his time at Bishops when an easing of lockdown-related restrictions (finally) permitted him to meet his colleagues and the members of his classes in person. It was to Will's great credit that he embraced fully the challenge of this unconventional start and he soon earned the unequivocal respect of his peers and those under his tutelage. With the easing of restrictions and a return to campus, Will found his feet quickly as an outstanding teacher of History who challenged the members of his classes to read and think beyond the textbook. I particularly appreciated his strong desire to extend the boys' depth of knowledge on themes via innovative and contemporary assignments and tasks. Will was always ready to think outside the proverbial box.

Teaching aside, Will thoroughly enjoyed his role as a Founders House tutor and, qualified lawyer that he is, introduced the Law Society at Bishops. He also revelled in his role as a Big Ideas mentor and thoroughly enjoyed the freedom that the programme afforded to deliberate and implement content in new-age ways. Will was happy to roll up his sleeves and get involved when it came to extramural activities, too, and found his niche as a respected basketball and hockey coach. He embraced the role as Head of Hockey in 2021 with great efficiency and was an ever-present force at Woodlands (and other Astros) on Friday nights and Saturday mornings throughout winter. In short: Will's career at Bishops was flourishing as it approached its third year and it came as a shock, to his colleagues and pupils, when he broke the news towards the end of 2022 that he had been offered a post as boarding house director at Kingswood College in Makhanda. I know that Will thought long and hard

about the offer and he was quick to state that he was very happy at Bishops. It was, however, an opportunity that was too good to turn down and he duly tendered his resignation. Will's absence from the History Department and the Bishops campus will be deeply felt. He is a born educator and will be (very) fondly remembered at Bishops as a respected colleague who cared, genuinely, for the wellbeing of his co-workers.

*Shaun Hewett*



William Koopman

# REMEMBERING ETHAN MATTISON

I am so blessed that I had the opportunity to share life with this amazing young man and I have learnt so much from him – I celebrate the way he approached life.

We were all amazed by Ethan's positive energy from his first day in Birt House. Whether he was getting ready for a water polo match or zipping up his wetsuit to go out for a surf, those closest to him knew that they were going to experience something special and would be able to feed off his sheer energy and love for life. His passion for life was contagious and we will miss that dearly.

Besides the drive and energy Ethan had, those who sat down and chatted to him would be pleasantly surprised to find out just how deep a thinker he was. From dreams to business plans, Ethan's brain never stopped working. He could hold his own in any serious conversation and rumour has it that he even managed to silence Mr Vamvadelis on an occasion or two during their witty Mathematics classroom debates.

When it came to being well-rounded, Ethan set a great example of what it means to have a holistic approach to life. On the sporting field he was a fiery competitor, never backing down from a challenge, but once he sat in front of the piano, he could calm an audience and take them on a journey far away from here. He devoured numerical subjects and thrived in the Mathematics and IT classrooms. He was always willing to offer a helping hand to those in need, whether they were at the College or within his community. He was a young man who stood up when you walked into a room and was kind enough to come and chat to you about his concern for some of his peers going through a tough time. The perfect gentleman.

'If you are not living on the edge, you are taking up too much space' – a quote that perfectly sums up Ethan's adventurous side. His tutor, Mr Smith, would never struggle to get his Monday Motivation tutor lessons going when Ethan was around. Besides his traditional sports, Ethan would enthusiastically share the adventures that he and his dad had undertaken on the weekends

or holidays. Whether skiing, climbing or enjoying an adrenalin rush on the motocross track, Ethan made the most of every second he was granted.

Through his jam-packed life of 17-and-a-half years, Ethan showed us how to make the most of every day and how to just enjoy life. But one thing I will always remember about this fine young man was his kindness. The neighbourly love he shared with every being he met on life's journey was simply inspiring and testimony to how he was raised. We tend to get wrapped up with preconceived ideas and external influences, but all we need to do is to follow Ethan's example, and just be kind to all those who walk beside us.

Birt House and Bishops have lost a son and although our hearts are broken, they still beat with a warmth that celebrates the way Ethan approached life. In Afrikaans we say '*Totsiens*', as this is not our final goodbye. We will meet again in a life after this. Go well, my friend!

*Ruan Ellis*



# A GLANCE AT 2022 ACCOLADES

## Extraordinary

### Fencing

Daniel and Aidan Richards ranked sixth and ninth in the U17 epee respectively at the All-African Championships in Lagos, Nigeria, and were selected to represent South Africa at the Junior World Championships in Dubai. They were then selected as part of the South African team to attend the Commonwealth Games in London. Daniel had a very tough poule and made the top 64, and Aidan made the top 32 in individual epee. In the team events, they were knocked out in the quarterfinals by Canada 45-33.

### Ice Hockey

Oliver Beek played for the South African U18 (vice-captain) and U20 Ice Hockey teams. He played in the Division III World Championships in Bosnia and Herzegovina where he was ranked fifth overall in the tournament with 7 points. He scored 1 goal in each game, and achieved a total of 4 goals. He was 'Most Valuable Player' in his first international game against



Aidan and Daniel Richards

Bosnia and Herzegovina. He also played for the SA team at the 2022 International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships and was awarded 'Most Valuable Player' again, ranking as the top goal scorer for the tournament for South Africa. South Africa ranked first place for scoring efficiency. Locally, he has played for the 'Storms' senior men's team, as well as the U18 and U20 Western Province teams.

### Karate

Zuhayr Mohamood participated in the South Region Karate Championships, competing in the Junior Under-76kg Division against contestants from Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Angola and Mozambique. He finished in second position and brought home the silver medal. He went on to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Karate Championships in Birmingham. He lost in the semi-final and returned home with the bronze medal.

### Maccabiah Games

The Maccabiah Games, first held in 1932, is an international Jewish and Israeli multisport event now held quadrennially in Israel. It is the third largest sporting event in the world, with around 10 000 athletes and 80 countries participating. Five Bishops boys represented South Africa: Adam Lieberman and Bryce Herbert in water polo, and Ben Levy (captain), Ben Isserow and Leo Letschert in futsal.

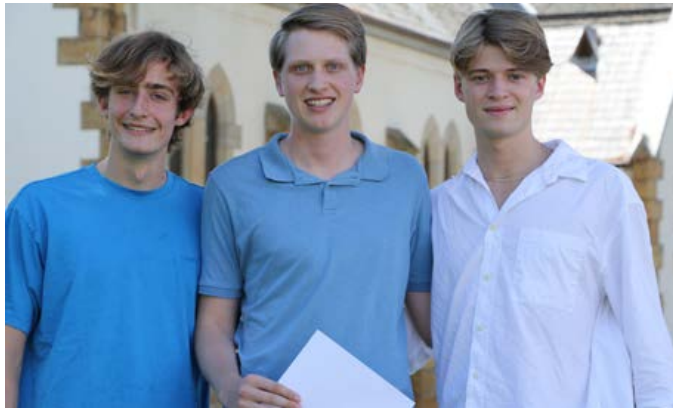
### Music

Sebastian Boeddinghaus won first prize in the International Youth Music Competition in the Piano category. To enter this competition, he submitted a video recording of himself playing a piano piece. He was invited to perform the piece at the New York Prize Winners' Concert.

## Academics

### Matric Results

The Matric class of 2022 achieved exceptional results: 147 pupils wrote the NSC examinations and achieved a 100% pass rate; 96.6% achieved a Bachelor's pass. There were 553 subject distinctions (3.76 per candidate); 16.8% of all subject results were above 90%, and 51.5% of all subject results were above 80%. There were 70 A aggregates (48%) and 12 boys achieved an aggregate of 90% and above. The top student was Robert Kotze with an aggregate of 96.2%, followed by Erik Todd with 93.5% and Michael Beaumont with 92.8%. Nine distinctions were achieved by Robert Kotze and Jonty Couves; eight distinctions were achieved by Michael Beaumont, Sebastian Boeddinghaus, Conrad Green, Louie Hart, Suhayl Khalfey, Sebastian Le Grange, Adam Lieberman, Michael Naude, Sebastiano Panieri, Rishay Thakersee and Eric Todd; seven distinctions were achieved by Jonathan Bennett, Haydn Dampers, Ben Derman, Robbie Dicey, Robbie Dow, James du Preez, Murrough Epstein, Trenowyn Giles, Rupert Holmes, Aadam Jaffer, Nimba Mahlati, Matthew Malan, Ben Mitchell, Jack Moyle, Daniel Neuhoff, Liam Petersen and Thomas Saurma-Jeltsch; 21 pupils achieved six distinctions and 13 pupils achieved five distinctions. 44% of the class achieved five distinctions or better. Dieter Karlein scored 100% for Mathematics. At the annual awards ceremony presented by the Western Cape Education Department, Bishops was announced as placing third in the province. Rob Kotze received an award for being in the top 40 individuals (no places were announced outside the top 5) and Dieter Karlein came joint first in Mathematics.



The following boys received awards at the National English Olympiad:

**Gold:** Hasheel Govan

**Silver:** Michael Kruse, Stuart Whitelaw, Nimba Mahlati, Erik Todd, Ben Anderson, Jacob Fried

Science students took part in the annual Eskom Expo for Young Scientists and won two bronze medals and a silver medal, as well as a Top of Category award.

**Bronze:** Nicholas Basson and Peyton Leigh

**Silver:** Andrew Betty and Rohit Patel

Top of Category Award in ENERGY for their project that investigated 'The effect of minor external temperature changes on the capacity of a lithium-ion battery in a laptop': Andrew Betty and Rohit Patel

Trenowyn Giles' essay on 2022 being the international year of glass won the Royal Society's Annual Essay Competition for Scientists.

## Culture

Ben Reid auditioned for, and was accepted into, the Youth Jazz Festival (he is the pianist in a jazz band made up of young students), and performed at Artscape.

Robert Kotze, Sebastiano Panieri, Conrad Green, Oliver Thom, Daniel Thom and Craig Ressel completed their Gold President's Award.

Four boys represented South Africa at the Online World Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championships. Erik Todd came third in the Persuasive Speaking category and placed 21st overall in the

competition; Nimba Mahlati was awarded the ESL prize for the competition. He also competed in the Interpretative Reading finals (placing in the top 20). Ben Anderson competed in the Debating Finals (placing in the top 16). He placed 29th overall in the competition. Michael Beaumont competed in the finals for the Persuasive Speaking category (placing in the top 20).

Devon Marshall, Nicholas Basson, Grant Weich and Daniel Kushner won the Peak Academy Bridge Building Competition.



President's Award recipients

## Sport

Joseph Oelz was awarded his SA colours for go-karting. At the Western Province award ceremony, he received the Victor Ludorum for best overall driver of the year, the trophy for winning the WP championships, and his senior provincial colours.

Kai Zander competed in the South African Lifesaving National Championships.

Bruce Sherwood was selected for the SA U18 Rugby team for the second year in a row. The following boys were selected to take part in the Craven Week Rugby trials: Shaywan Blankenberg, Adam de Waal, Ronan Dutton, Rupert Holmes, Gilermo Mentoe, Haashim Pead, Fiekie Petersen, Bruce Sherwood and Nicholas Steinhagen. Haashim Pead was selected for the Western Province U18 team that took part in the Craven Week Tournament. Shaywan Blankenberg, Gilermo Mentoe and Fiekie Petersen were selected for the Western Province Academy team that took part in the National Academy Week. Lucca Mynhardt earned selection for the WP U16 team that competed in the Grant Khomo Week.



Bruce Sherwood



Four boys achieved their Western Province colours for Junior Touch Rugby: Conor Day, Andoni Augoustatos, Cayden Mushonga and Rowan Piorkowski. Conor Day and Cayden Mushonga were selected to represent South Africa at the Touch Rugby World Cup in 2023.

Jordan De Sousa was selected to participate at the FINA World Cadet U16 Men’s Water Polo Championships in Greece.

Jerseys

Academic

**Grade 12:** Sebastian Boeddinghaus, Haydn Dempers, Robbie Dow, Conrad Green, Louie Hart, Chris Hodgson, Jaeseo Hyun, Aadam Jaffer, Kwon Hee Kim, Sebastian Le Grange, Nimba Mahlati, Zami Moyo, Farhaan Osman, Ben Reid, Craig Ressel and Rishay Thakersee

**Grade 11:** Nic Allison, David Brunt, Michael Cadiz, Daniel Egerer, Benjamin Hatty, Ben Levy, Malick Majiet, Joseph Mudge, Daniel Richards, Jack Whitaker and Stuart Whitelaw

**Grade 9:** Michael Bailes, Matthew Griffin, David Lewis and Daniel van den Heever

Ties

Distinction

**Fencing:** Aidan Richards and Daniel Richards

**Hockey:** James Flint, Brett Horn and Daniel Neuhoff

**Karate:** Zuhayr Mohamood

**Music:** Matthew Newton

**Public Speaking:** Ben Anderson, Michael Beaumont, Nimba Mahlati and Erik Todd

**Tennis:** Ben MacFarlane

Academic

**Grade 12:** Jonathan Bennett, Rahul Chagan, Felix de Bruin, Ben Derman, Enrico Dundulachis, Rupert Holmes, Suhail Janoodien, Yasin Omar, Michael Richardson, Nicholas Steinhagen, Sebastiaan Terblanche, Rishay Thakersee and Connor Todd

**Grade 11:** Jamie Chester, Nic Macdonald and Solly Nankin

**Grade 10:** Jonty Bresler, Thomas de Waal and Arun Nayar

**Grade 9:** Michael Bailes, Zeno Benolich, Muhammad-Zayd Bhorey, Jack Buckham, Aadil Dawood, Conor Day, Christopher du Toit, Noah Edmunds, Connor Fletcher, Rynard Gordon, Matthew Griffin, Kieran Hollis, Massi Hunt, Michael James, Daniel Kushner, David Lewis, Noah Macnab, Matthew Maurel, Shankara Moodley, Ben Myburgh, Matthew Owen, William Prestage, Michael Ressel, David Tripe, Daniel van den Heever, John van der Watt, Daniel von der Heyden, Matthew Walker, Ryan Webb and Grant Weich

AAP

Jarred Chu, Trenowyn Giles, Thomas Maurel, Sam Schluter and Josh Smith

African Relations

Mohamed Bilaal, Ayanda Bonoyi, Dean Cooper, Lutho Cutshwa, Lihlumelo Daweti, Luke Flax, Benjamin Hatty, Majiet Malick, Nam Matyeba and Xhanti Ngxangane

All-Rounders

Andrew Betty, Oscar Blatch, Nashe Chahwahwa, James Collins, Liam Day, Michael Kotze, Ben Levy, Nic Macdonald, Malick Majiet, Max Molyneux, Jack Noussis, Troy Phillips and Craig Ressel

Debating

Saleh Ameen

Ensemble

Oscar Baum, Michael Beaumont, Sebastian Boeddinghaus, Jared Chu, Jonty Couves, Felix de Bruin, Robbie Handley, Chris Hodgson, Jaeseo Hyun, Kwon Hee Kim, Thando Kumalo, Nimba Mahlati, Thomas Maurel, Ben Mitchell, Max Molyneux, Zami Moyo, Matthew Newton, Liam Petersen, Kiran Pillay, Ben Reid and Sebastiaan Terblanche

GIN

Nikolaos Augoustatos, Zac Heyns, Jaeseo Hyun, Ronaq Sayed and Jack Whitaker

Interact

Thando Kumalo, Michael Lawson, Malick Majiet, Joseph Mudge, Farhaan Osman, Sebastiano Panieri, Rohit Patel, Graham Seaward, Michael Sun and Jody Syndercombe

PR

Nic Allison, Nikolaos Augoustatos, Sam Berrisford, Ra’eed Bhagoo, Oscar Blatch, Matthew Brodziak, Adam Buckham, Michael Comitis, Zac Coovadia, Liam Day, Gavin Dingley, Jean du Toit, Luke Flax, Divakaran Govender, Zac Heyns, Richard Horton, Michael Kruse, James Louw, Malick Majiet, Richard Mason, Zuhayr Mohamood, James Morkel, Evan Noussis, Jack Noussis, Josh Petersen, Alexei Pouroullis, Michael Ritz, Dane Rogers, Ben Sachs, Cayden Smith, Dylan Todd, Ilyaas van Graan, Bouwe Wagener, Jack Whitaker and Stuart Whitelaw

Quadrangular

Luca Broggian, Shariq Davids, Ben Derman, Adam de Waal, Callum Jenman, Zimvo Joxo, Abdul-Kareem

Kerbelker, Werner Koster, Dylan Krause, Storm Lanfear, Max Olbrich, Fiekie Petersen, Connor Todd and Chevalier Unite-Penny

#### Service

**AV:** Jett Bacher, Bradley Calow, William Jones and Johann Steyn

**Bell Ringing:** Trenowyn Giles, Hugh van Hasselt, Christopher Siebert and Luka van der Merwe

**First Aid:** Carl Elvin-Jensen, Suhayl Khalfey, Kwon Hee Kim, Sebastian le Grange, Joshua Smith, Erik Todd, Hugh van Hasselt and Timothy van Heerden

**Flags:** Lutho Cutshwa and Presa James

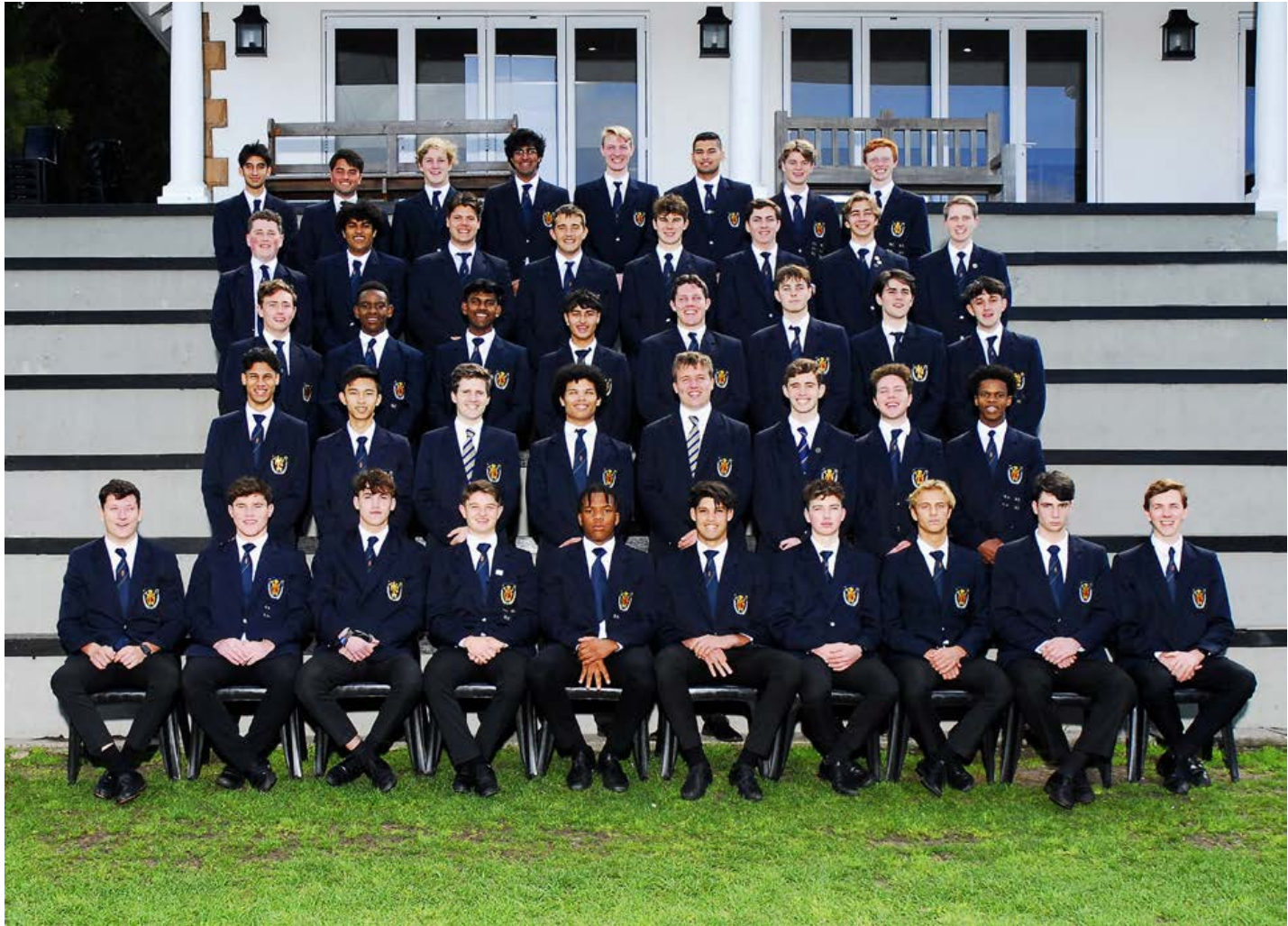
**Rugby:** Matthew Brodziak



# HOMAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2022



Matrics 2022



13-Year-Tie recipients



Founders House



School House



Birt House



Mallett House



White House



Gray House

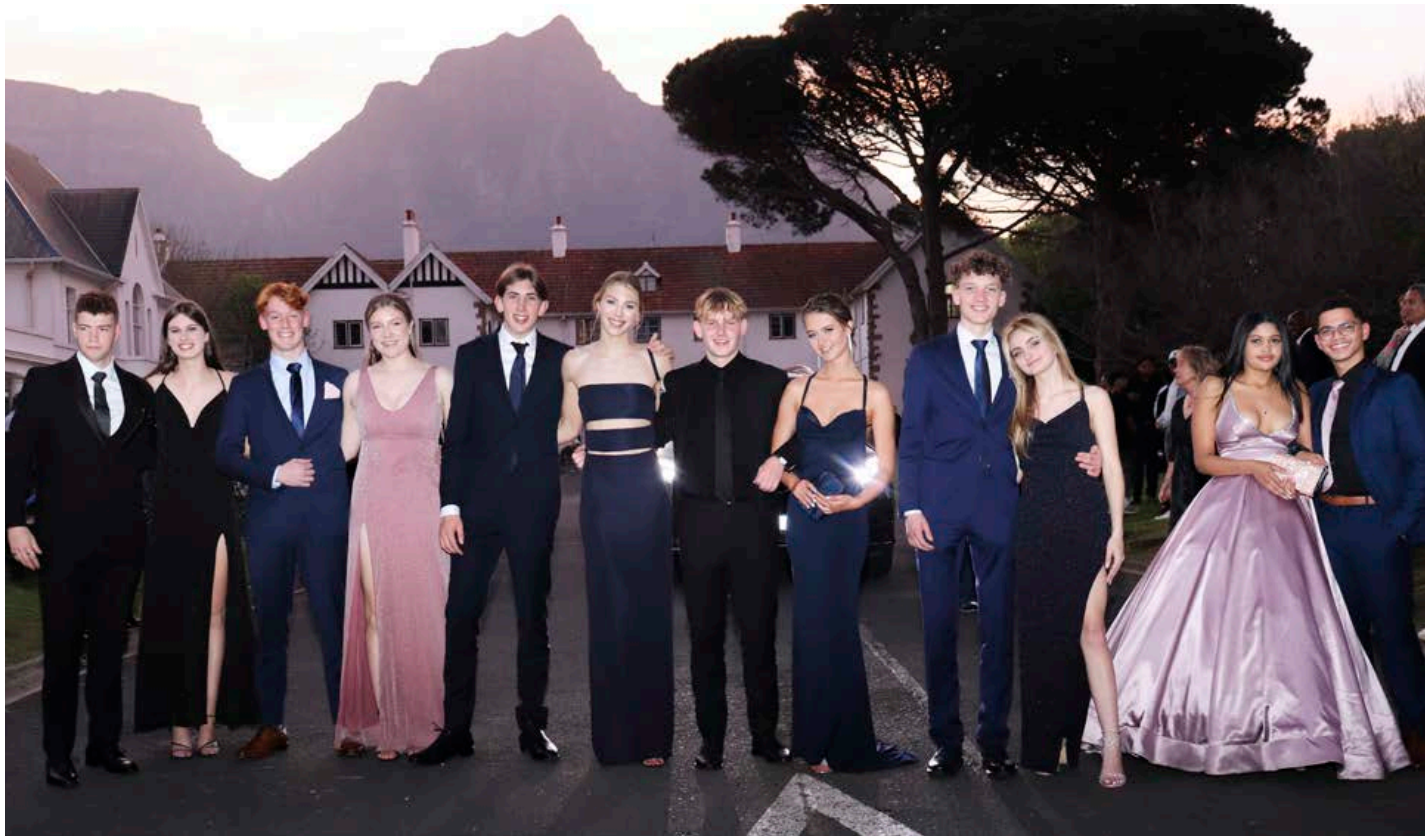


Ogilvie House



Kidd House









SPIRITUALITY

# REPORT FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Emerging from Covid-19 brought a lot of excitement and uncertainty because we were used to social distancing, and working and interacting online. Most people breathed a sigh of relief as more restrictions were relaxed, bringing about the much-needed Chapel time that we had missed. However, getting back to some normality brought new challenges because we had both learners and staff who had not had a 'normal' Bishops start. For new learners and staff members, including those who had been at Bishops for longer, getting back to Chapel services meant learning how, or remembering how, we conduct ourselves in the Chapel space. Bearing in mind that 2022 was our first full year without Covid-19 disruptions, we are still healing, teaching, learning, and working our way back to worshipping as a Christian Anglican School. There is always room for improvement but the progress we have made thus far is pleasing and commendable.

It is of great importance to our school that the Chapel, which was used during Covid-19 for various purposes other than worship and assemblies, is being used once again for its core purpose. We need to work hard to ensure that those who use the chapels respect the sanctity of the space during chapels and assemblies.

We benefit from the privilege of celebrating Mass three times a term, but post-Covid-19 we remain cognisant of where we have been, both as a school and as a country.

I remain grateful for the positive support that I continue to receive as I minister at Bishops. Our lay ministers, and those who share messages alongside me, have been superb. I am delighted with all our Chapel messages shared by visitors and new and long-serving members of staff. The end of this year brings sadness because Mrs Sue McPetrie and Mrs Bev Morris, two of our longest-serving and most valuable lay ministers, retired at the end of the year and shall be sorely missed. In our final Eucharistic service, we acknowledged them and expressed our heartfelt appreciation of their excellent service to God and our community at large.

Four new lay ministers will be joining us from next year. It is important to note that the number of altar boys and those who are willing to speak in Chapel has increased – it is heart-warming to have them contribute to our acts of worship. I am equally delighted with the ecumenical interactions as well as the support that I receive within our diocese and the two surrounding dioceses. Such



interactions mean that special services are marked by inviting preachers outside of Bishops. Two of our three College Evensongs were taken by former staff members, Mr David Ledwidge and Mr Peter Hyslop. Reverend Natalie Simons-Arendse, a parent, preached at the other College Evensong and took a Prep and a Pre-Prep service.

Having an OD, Reverend Guy Axelson, return to take a College and Prep homily is a highlight. He took one service, and then shared a homily with Mr Warren Furman, also known as Ace on the British TV show *Gladiators*. He shared a touching story about his journey that was well received by both the College and the Prep boys.

This year's Confirmation Service, hosted by St Cyprian's, saw 31 young people prepared and confirmed at a very special service where The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba presided and preached.

The year 2022 had its ups and downs, but there is a lot to celebrate and build on. Having the Bishop of Table Bay attending events like Founders Day, our



annual Grade 12 Prize-Giving and Valedictory Service is indicative of the Anglican Church's presence and support for our school. Bishop Joshua Louw has been a source of strength throughout this year. His guidance, presence, and his presiding at one of our Eucharistic services confirms his support and passion as the chief pastor of the Diocese of Table Bay. Having our Bishop and other retired and well-vested priests like Reverend Courtney Sampson at Bishops is not only a highlight of this year but an indication of the overwhelming support that our school enjoys.

The 2022 Matrics had a challenging year, but this did not deter the group from achieving what has been recorded as another successful year. I remain humble and honoured by the opportunity to guide and support our community.

With everything that happened this year, and this includes losing our beloved Ethan Mattison, Mrs Nicola

Nicklin, Dallas Wichmann, and many more people linked to our school, I can confirm that the hand of God has guided and held us all.

Our Valedictory and Remembrance services assure us that we are under the watchful eye and love of God; hence we should take heart in knowing that He who is able to keep us from falling remains in full control and present at Bishops.

I pray that more opportunities of worship and gathering as a whole school will present themselves. Bishops Praise was a celebration where Mr Keegan Davids gave a memorable message and reminder on the importance of having 'kind eyes'.

We give thanks to God for His mercy and grace. *Pro Fide et Patria.*

**Reverend Monwabisi Peter**



ACADEMICS

# REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD ACADEMICS

*'I am most sincerely glad that hindsight is 2020 at last.'*  
- Daniel Thorman, *Calamity at Conclave*

We speak of 'a rising from the ashes' after a natural disaster like a fire. The year 2022 saw many new projects being borne out of the ashes of Covid-19. Staff have been creative about rebuilding their academic footprint and, ultimately, the legacy that their innovation will leave for future Bishops boys.

A personal ideal has been to prepare our boys more adequately for tertiary studies by developing a roadmap that ensures that each boy leaving Bishops in Grade 12, has been educated and challenged on the quality and presentation of his research. We have planned a different intervention in each grade to hone information-management skills, as well as expose the boys to various types of research and the appropriate presentation of an academic argument. Understanding the value of academic integrity and authenticity and learning appropriate referencing standards, are essential life skills, and have been the fundamental focus of our research pathway. Turnitin is being used actively to monitor and assess success in avoiding plagiarism. We started in earnest with this initiative last year and now have a very active pathway that teaches essential skills, incrementally.

The intranet page for each subject is the cornerstone of the laptop and academic programme and we started this year in earnest by re/training all teachers who started at Bishops since 2018. We maintain that the intranet must be the sole place that boys find information and details about their subject.

The response of the boys to the new Grade 8 Conversational IsiXhosa/Afrikaans remains positive. Boys who offer Afrikaans FAL are compelled to take IsiXhosa Conversational classes and likewise, boys who offer IsiXhosa FAL are compelled to take Afrikaans Conversational classes. The rationale underpinning the Conversational classes, is bridging gaps between boys, through speaking one another's language. Likewise, Coding and Robotics has been included into the Technology curriculum in Grade 8.

The Big Ideas programme – which aims to equip Bishops boys with 21st-century skills, like problem-solving, creativity, empathy and an awareness of the world they live in – had a record 58 boys signing up for it.

We are in the process of upgrading existing teaching venues. The focus is on modernisation, improving safety and aesthetics. We completed the K block in 2022.

This year we freed up Mrs Bev Morris from some teaching so that she could develop a Careers Library and be available for counselling in this area for both boys and concerned parents.

We finalised an assessment policy that all boys will sign at the start of 2023 to standardise and tighten up the process and policy around submission and management of assessments.

A recruitment policy for employing academic staff has been tabled that details the process for the fair appointment of staff and to ensure that implicit biases can be prevented.

We had several new staff joining us. Mrs Clea Schultz-Mofokeng joined us in the English Department. We created a new post in the Mathematics Department filled by Miss Victoria Nkosi teaching junior Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy. Mr David Motsi replaced John Knight, who retired from the Mathematics Department. Mr Nhlanhla Mbuyazi joined in Physical Science. Mr Wandile Nzuza started teaching History and English. Mr Alaric Hobbs became the new part-time Art teacher. Mr Richard Smith and Ms Andrea Rutter were appointed as the new HODs of LO and Music respectively. Our Mathematics interns, namely Prudence Mathebula and Thabani Hlabisa, and English and Maths/Life Science Interns, Kirwan Klein and Blaine Bahnmann, made significant contributions.

*'We have let go of Covid-19, but we have kept the valuable lessons it taught us.'* – Chiara Gizzi (adapted)

*Michelle van Schalkwyk*



## GRADE 12

**PRIZE-GIVING****Address from the Principal**

Good morning and welcome to this, our annual celebration of the efforts of the Matric class of 2022 where we have an opportunity to recognise individual achievement but also acknowledge and thank those who have contributed to the school in the past year.

A special welcome is extended to the Grade 8 and 12 boys, the Grade 12 parents and guardians, the staff and our honoured special guests as mentioned by the Chairman of Council in his welcome.

I begin by thanking Council and all those who serve on the Council sub-committees, for their wisdom and guidance. The role of Council is to ensure good governance and to guide strategic thinking. It is not operational by nature but supports and oversees the efforts of the Executive teams in each school, being responsible for policy making and setting the annual budget, among other things. They have drawn up the Diversity and Transformation Policy, the Anti-Racism Statement and had insight into the policies governing appointments and procurement to name but a few policies in support of our transformation efforts. In addition, a strategic session gave rise to the re-working of the Vision Statement, which was circulated for comment and is still a work in progress. My thanks to them for the countless hours in service to the school.

My thanks in particular go to the outgoing Chair of Council, Mr Simon Peile, who has led Council for the past five years, through many challenges and change. His worth to Council and the school cannot be valued highly enough and his calm wisdom and clear thinking in often very difficult matters has been greatly appreciated. A highly intelligent man with historical context through

his being an OD and having two sons at Bishops, he is also acutely aware of the need for Bishops to be not only relevant in today's world but a leader in boys' education nationally and globally. We thank him for all he has done for Bishops and the extraordinary contribution he has made in support of the staff and boys of our College. I thank him for the support he has given former Principal, Guy Pearson, and me personally as we met on a weekly basis to discuss the school. Thank you, Mr Peile, we will miss you!

The ODU represents thousands of alumni of the school and we have enjoyed a very good relationship with them. My thanks go to the Patron, Mr Raymond Ackerman, the President, Mr David Carter, and the Chairman, Mr Wilbur van Niekerk. Each of these gentlemen have, from time to time, picked up a phone or sent a text or email of encouragement or support that has been greatly appreciated. The role of the ODU is to support



the school and it exists only because the school exists. It provides a networking opportunity for so many men after school that is so valuable for our school leavers.

Thanks to the PA under Mr Bobby Couves, which continues to play a vital role in supporting and advising parents, particularly those new to the College. As more and more social activities have opened up again, so too will this group play a greater role and I thank them for their support and the work they do to build fellowship among our parents and guardians.

The Executive teams at the Prep and College have played a significant role in guiding the school on a day-to-day basis, managing and implementing policy while also being involved in its development. We are blessed to have an extraordinary team at the College that complement each other in terms of thinking, and I thank Mrs van Schalkwyk who has led our academic programme, including the launch of our new A Level programme and the entire arrangement for today's special function, ably assisted by Mr Wayne Tucker, Ms Yolanda Raman and the team of support staff. Mr Mark Mitchell has overseen our cultural offering and all that encompasses, bringing his creative energies to bear as we held an Eisteddfod in all its glory again, and Mr Warren Wallace has overseen a return to full activity for our sports programme after Covid-19, while having also to manage a number of difficult challenges in the discipline of our boys.

I pause to thank Mr Peter Westwood, a member of both the College and School Executive teams, for the calm leadership and institutional knowledge that he brings, coupled with a deep care for the boys and staff. He retires next year after more than 30 years of service to Bishops and we will have an opportunity to thank him appropriately then.

The School Executive team includes our Prep Headmaster, Mr Greg Brown, who continues to run the Prep with great skill and ability and it is much comfort to me knowing that he and his team of Mrs Karen Dallas, Mr Chris Groom and Mrs Sharlene Groom provide the space for almost half of our College boys to develop in preparation for their College careers. My very grateful thanks to them. Our Business Manager, Mr Sean King, cannot be thanked enough for the work he does. This is a big organisation and he oversees not only the Finance Department but also operations, ably assisted by his team of dedicated staff. The hours he works are remarkable and his efforts are highly appreciated.

Finally, while not part of the Executive teams, I thank my PA, Mrs Shelley Windell, for her professional competence that makes it a pleasure to work with her. She brings a level of efficiency and a warmth to the role that is highly appreciated. Nothing is too much for her and she is a most valuable member of our team.

Our school has, at its core, the Christian faith and I thank our Chaplain for all he does for our community in the countless services and the wonderful support he gives boys and their families in moments of loss or grief, of happiness and achievement. His role in helping the school cope with the awful loss of one of our boys earlier in the year cannot be underestimated and I thank him in particular for what he did at this time, but also what he means to so many of our boys, staff and parents.

Our staff are the heart of our school and I thank them, both teaching and support staff, for their efforts, many times quietly and without want of recognition. For the countless lessons in the classrooms, sports practices, ensembles, tours. For ensuring the facilities are top notch and ready for our boys, providing meals and an

environment we can enjoy. Thank you, too, for your emotional support and for being there for our boys in quiet moments when encouragement was needed. A kind word to a boy in need has often made a huge difference to him and I thank our staff for how they support our boys. This year we have four teachers retiring who have given an extraordinary amount of not only time but care, expertise and commitment to our boys and we thank Mrs McPetrie, Mrs Hoefnagels, Mrs Morris and Mrs Gardner for their significant contribution to Bishops. Ms Julina Josephs also retires from the Cleaning Department, having served Bishops for 25 years and we thank her for her service to our boys.

Our boys are the reason for our existence for more than 173 years. The class of '22 has had great success and wonderful moments we have all enjoyed as they led the school out of Covid-19 and into the next chapter of our history. Their task was not easy as 60% of the school had not experienced a full Bishops life these past two years, and while there were moments of hardship and great challenge in this time, they can be largely proud of their efforts. I am pleased the Grade 8s are here today to celebrate with them as they leave us for what we hope is a bright future.

I wish to thank the two Deputy Heads, Robbie Dicey and Dan Neuhooff, for their leadership as we faced this year. Leadership is not always easy and the two did well as they guided the school and the Matric group in particular. Their steadfast devotion to building a place of belonging was appreciated as they sought to reinvent the school after Covid-19 and build pride in the Mitre. Special mention goes to our Head Prefect, Suhayl Khalfey, who is a remarkable leader. Blessed with a firm moral compass and an acute sense of what is right, Suhayl faced many difficult moments in his time

and remained true to himself always. His strength of character is admirable and I have really enjoyed working with him. I thank him for his insight and wisdom and his unswerving desire to do what is right. I also acknowledge his parents, particularly his mom Mrs Dilshad Khalfey, who worked so hard to give our Matrics a special year. My thanks go to Rob Kotze who led the SRF this year and to him goes my appreciation of the intelligent and insightful manner in which he facilitated discussion and debate.

My final thanks go to my wife, Rose, who is always a source of support and great strength to me. Very few people know exactly what a school principal does and has to deal with but a spouse often has the greatest insight. For her constant encouragement, words of advice and gentle care, I thank her deeply, along with my two children, MJ and Lexie.

This has been the first full year without Covid-19 and when the restrictions were finally lifted in June, we breathed a sigh of relief. Two years of restrictions have taken their toll on everyone, including organisations like schools. Boys have had to get used to being together again and what behaviours are expected of them in groups as their natural energies were able to emerge again. The younger boys were not used to having older leaders physically around to guide and nurture them and we have seen this effect in terms of expectations of behaviour from the junior grades. Much hard work lies ahead and the Grade 11 group will have to build on the Class of '22's efforts to work hard on matters such as general discipline, expected behaviour, attendance at school events, respect for others and appearance and school pride. I have no doubt they will rise to the challenge.

My closing remarks are, I hope, appropriate to this leaving occasion. Whenever someone is part of an organisation for a finite and defined moment in time, they know that there will be a time when they leave. And many wish to be known after they have left. The word 'legacy' comes up a lot at schools when Matric classes take up their role and talk about how they want to be remembered.

These words were sent to me by my wife and I use them today as context for my closing remarks.

*'What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and for the world is, and remains, immortal.'* – Albert Pike

These words ring true for me when it comes to legacy, and speak to the advancement of the community above personal needs. This world in which we live often encourages personal gain – get it now, look after yourself because no one else will, put self first. Yet doing so does not necessarily benefit the community and with growth in community comes opportunity for personal growth too. I cannot fathom how people do not understand that their personal development and success is inextricably linked to the success of others. If we have massive unemployment, it affects us all, not just the unemployed. If we have a lawless society, we all suffer and if we have a dysfunctional education system for the majority of our children, our future generations will not be successful as a collective.

I encourage you boys to think deeply about these words as you begin to leave your own mark on the world – as you take up your place in university, the world of work and as the future generation of adults and parents. Do things for others and you live on in them. Your legacy

becomes immortal. But I also encourage the rest of us to consider these words carefully. We are in positions of great influence in our respective workplaces or in our families and can make someone else's life better as a result of our own efforts.

I wish you well for the future. Many of you will not see each other again, or perhaps only sporadically. You will go your separate ways, no longer in class together, in the orchestra, on the sports field. As parents no longer watching your boys play together as you have done for the past 13 years. No longer attending functions such as this. As you go, you leave something of yourselves behind but you also take something from this space with you. Not only your common humanity, but your common belonging to a place that has meant so much to you for so long.

I wish you God speed and good fortune.

**Tony Reeler**

### **Address from the Head of School**

Good morning, Mr and Mrs Reeler, Mr Peile, special guests, members of staff, parents, Grade 8s and the Matric Class of 2022.

This time last year I was standing in front of you feeling incredibly daunted by the task that lay ahead. It feels completely surreal to be delivering my final address today, marking the end of an incredible journey, at least five years for most of us, 13 years for the very lucky boys and then somewhere in between for the rest of us. For me, it was nine of my most wonderful years.

Let me start with my story: I came to Bishops in Grade 4, a difficult year to be changing schools, but it was because of a single act of kindness from a very special lady, Mrs Vivianne Mallett. I never had the honour of meeting Mrs Mallett (until February this year at a school event), but Mrs Mallett decided that the gift she wanted to give my dad, her doctor in 2013, was a recommendation for an interview for his little (and rather eccentric) son to attend Bishops Prep.

You are probably thinking that everything was easy after that; that I fully embraced the change of coming to Bishops in Grade 4. After all I am the lucky one who is speaking to you all here today! However, this could not be further from the truth. I vividly remember the teary morning drives to school, and I remember my dad walking me to my class every single morning because I was too afraid to go in by myself. I came to Grade 4 at Bishops Prep, not knowing anyone, and I felt completely alone. I am a brown Indian boy and not a jock. To integrate with established friend groups at Prep was mildly traumatic for a little 10-year-old. For a long while, I felt like I didn't belong. As the months passed, I met a few true friends: Ronaq, Ibi, Jared, Suhail, Mo, Kian and Lance, and as they made me feel welcome, I began to enjoy my days at Prep.

Although our paths may not have always crossed while at College, I will never forget the huge impact that you guys had on me. You boys were kind to me when I was vulnerable and needed it the most. I will always remember that. Thank you.

Slowly but surely the drives to school became filled with excitement and happiness. But the lesson I learnt very early in my life is that the world needs *kind* people. We need to receive it but, more importantly, we need to *be it*.



And we need to *Be it for All*, and not just those who are similar to us. Towards the end of Grade 4, I began to fully accept and embrace the title of being a 'Bishops Boy'. Mrs Vivianne Mallett had passed on an invaluable gift in opening the path for me to come to Bishops, and I began to realise the responsibility that came with this gift: to make the most of the endless opportunities that Bishops has to offer. By the end of Grade 4, I was playing cricket and water polo in summer, and chess, squash and hockey in winter and I had joined the choir (I only convinced myself to join rugby in Grade 9!). By the time I had to leave Prep, I felt as though I truly belonged and I was excited to start my College career in the way my younger Grade 4 self would have so wanted – by making the most of every opportunity the College had to offer from day one. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Unfortunately, Mrs Mallett was not able to join us today, but I am hoping that she gets to see a recording of this. That single act of kindness in 2013 from Mrs Mallett, who did not know me, is my most prized gift in my short life thus far, and something that I will always cherish in my heart. It has exposed me to the most wonderful world that is Bishops. I stand here today, humbled, and eternally grateful to Mrs Vivianne Mallett. That is enough about me!

Matric Class of 2022, five years ago we came through the main gates on Campground Road, bright-eyed and ready to take on the College. It's been a five-year journey of highs and lows, good memories, challenges, Covid-19, joy, disappointments, success, tears and laughter. How do we even begin to articulate all these emotions each one of us has experienced in one form or another? But we're here. We've made it. To our very own Valedictory Day!

I am honoured to have shared this journey with you. It was a year group that was filled with genuinely good people, who encouraged and supported one another's achievements. The leadership shown by each one of you has played an integral role in building our community and making Bishops such a special place. Thank you for giving Dan, Robbie, and me the opportunity to serve you in leadership. It's been an enormous privilege. Let's cherish the bonds and the memories that we have built together, from frantically getting through Eisteddfod, to cheering on our boys on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. These are the happy moments we will remember when we gather as ODs one day.

So, what makes Bishops so very special? Top of mind would probably be our sporting achievements and our academic results, but as much as those things matter,

what makes Bishops so special, is the culmination of everything that Bishops has to offer, to develop well-rounded boys or, as we say, Inspired Individuals. It is academics, sport, music, culture, societies and spirituality. No Bishops boy is just one-dimensional. Each boy is encouraged to be involved in diverse disciplines and is pushed beyond their comfort zone in doing so.

Much of this is certainly testimony to the outstanding teachers, mentors and coaches we are so fortunate to have here at Bishops. Whether it be words of wisdom, passion for your subject or just encouragement, you all have inspired us Matrics in your own way and your love for the boys is evident in everything you do. You have played such a crucial role in our lives over the past few years and left a long-lasting impact. Thank you.

I would like to personally say thank you to a few individuals who have been a huge part of my journey at Bishops: Mr Walsh, Mr Essop, Ms Pienaar, Mr Carletti, Mrs Gardner, Mr Slamdien, Mr Bester, Mr Russell and finally Mr Baatjies. You have all been an inspiration to me. You have been there for me, and I thank you all for your unwavering support. I would like to pay tribute to my deputies, Dan and Dicey, and Head of SRF, Rob Kotze. We have had many difficult and delicate situations to navigate in 2022, and all three of you have played an integral role in dealing with these challenges. Your support and perspectives have been most valuable this year. Thank you. It's time for us to pass on the baton and take a break! To Father Monwabisi, you have been there to support me from day one when I was first appointed to this role. Thank you. Mr Westwood, we the Boys of Bishops appreciate your effort in striving to maintain the Bishops traditions and its high standards. As you enter the final stages of your career at Bishops, we wish you well. Mr Wallace, your wisdom and advice at our weekly

catch-ups is something I will always remember. Thank you for always making time to chat to me and for your most valuable guidance.

Mr Reeler, it's been an absolute honour to work so closely with you this year. I have seen and felt how strongly you believe that Bishops must be a school where every single boy has a voice and I have witnessed first-hand how you are striving to make Bishops a welcoming school for all. Through all of this, you are still balancing the traditions that we, as a school, can be proud of and while keeping the needs and safety of our boys your priority. What I have admired most has been your commitment to your values, despite any pressures to veer from them. In your words, Mr Reeler, let us celebrate our common humanity and that which binds us together.

Thank you, Sir. It's been an honour to be the Bishops 2022 Head Boy under your leadership.

To our dear Matric parents sitting here today – being a Bishops parent cannot be an easy role! We are demanding boys who think that Bishops takes priority over all else in life and expect that everything else must be dropped to accommodate us and our busy schedules at school! On a serious note, whether it be sports fixtures on weekends, late-night Ensemble practice or Simply Blue rehearsals, or late-evening society meetings, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the full experience of Bishops without our parents being there to support us. As your sons, we thank you for sending us to this amazing school. You have made sacrifices to ensure that we receive one of the finest educations in the country. We appreciate you so much. We do not know what the future holds for us, but we hope to make you proud of us, as we take our next big steps in life.

To my own parents...Where do I even start? You have been my pillar of strength throughout my life and particularly this year and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Dad, thank you for always guiding me in all aspects of life: relationships with people, family, school and religion. I know I can be a pain to argue with, especially since I love playing devil's advocate so much, but I do really value our debates and conversations. Thank you for always being the True North to my moral compass. To my beloved mom, you never cease to blow my mind. You work a full-time, demanding job as a partner at PwC, but you are present in my brother Sahil's and my life every single day. You make the time to study with Sahil, like you did with me while I was at Prep. You and your team of supermoms planned an amazing Matric Dance that we are so grateful for, and through all of this, you are still such a patient, kind and loving mother. Your ability to do it all, and then some more, inspires me every single day. Sahil, Dad, and I really appreciate you and everything you do for our family. Thank you, Mom, and Dad, for being the best parents I could have ever asked for. I love you both so much, and maybe you, Sahil, a little bit too.

On Human Rights Day earlier this year, I reminded the boys that every person is entitled to their human rights, irrespective of their colour, creed, nationality, caste, gender, sexuality, religion, beliefs or social status. Everyone has the right to have their dignity respected and protected and we, as the Boys of Bishops, have a huge part to play in making that a reality in our society and, to a greater extent, in South Africa. We have had our challenges this year as a grade and as a school; we didn't always get it right, but let's reflect, learn from those lessons and continue to enrich the lives of others. There is a simple but profound quote by our former president, Mr Nelson Mandela, that I would like you to

reflect on this special day as I conclude: ‘No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.’

Treat everyone around you with kindness, dignity, and respect. Our world needs kind men. Let’s go out and be those kind men. Because at the end of the day, you must be able to say, I am proud of the boy I am, and I am a proud Bishops Boy.

*Pro Fide et Patria...* For Faith and Fatherland.

Thank you, Bishops, for this most wonderful opportunity.

I am proud to be a Bishops Boy.

*Suhayl Khalfey*



ACADEMIC PRIZES

- James du Preez  
Jonty Couves  
Ronan Dutton  
Robert Handley

- General Good Effort Prize  
- General Good Effort Prize  
- General Good Effort Prize  
- Mathematical Literacy Prize (shared)
- David Wharton-Hood

- Mathematical Literacy Prize (shared)
- Haydn Dempers  
Zami Moyo  
Louie Hart

- Economics Prize (shared)  
- Economics Prize (shared)  
- Cambridge A Levels Economics Prize
- Robert Dicey

- Helen Liddell Geography Prize (shared)
- James Flint

- Helen Liddell Geography Prize (shared)
- Max Olbrich

- Helen Liddell Geography Prize (shared)
- Musawenkosi Nyoka

- IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language)  
- Music Prize (shared)
- Kwon-Hee Kim  
Sebastian Boeddinghaus  
Adam Lieberman

- Music Prize (shared)  
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
- Trenowyn Giles

- Visual Arts Prize  
- General Good Effort Prize
- Craig Ressell

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers Prize for Mathematics and Accounting  
- Prize for Mathematics and Accounting
- Michael Naude

- General Good Effort Prize  
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
- Sebastiano Panieri

- General Good Effort Prize  
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

- Suhayl Khalfey

- Victor Lewis Prize for Life Sciences  
- General Good Effort Prize  
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize
- Nimba Mahlati

- Dramatic Arts Prize  
- Further English Prize  
- IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)  
- General Good Effort Prize

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Trenowyn Giles

- The English Verse Prize  
- The Hands Memorial Essay Prize
- Sebastian Le Grange

- The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir Huistaal
- Felix de Bruin

- Die Afrikaanse Voordragprys
- Ronaq Sayed

- The Masey Prize for Environmental Studies
- Hugh van Hasselt

- Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer
- Thomas Saurma-Jeltsch

- The Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research
- Robert Dow

- The Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History
- Thomas Barton  
Trae Turner  
Kyran Spotswood  
Thomas Maurel  
Adam Lieberman  
Matthew Newton

- Senior Dramatic Arts Trophy  
- Rembrandt van Rijn Prize  
- Leonardo da Vinci Prize  
- The Sam Butler Drawing Prize  
- The Pierneef Cup for Art  
- The John Joubert Cup for Composition (shared)
- Ben Reid

- The John Joubert Cup for Composition (shared)  
- The Piano Prize (shared)

- Sebastian Boeddinghaus

Robert Handley

Jesse Barth

Felix de Bruin
- Nimba Mahlati
- Liam Petersen
- Ben Reid
- Suhayl Khalfey
- Liam Petersen
- Ryan Nadar
- Kyran Spotswood
- Joshua Smith
- Erik Todd
- Craig Ressel
- Liam Petersen
- Kian Gounder
- Felix de Bruin
- Daniel Neuhoff
- The Piano Prize (shared)

- The Instrumentalist's Prize

- The Music Performance Prize

- The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir (shared)

- The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir (shared)

- The Graham Coote Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble

- The Brian Guillemard Prize for Major Contribution to Music in the School

- Rotary Club of Claremont 'Service Above Self' Award (shared)

- Rotary Club of Claremont 'Service Above Self' Award (shared)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (F)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (S)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (W)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (G)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (O)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (K)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (B)

- Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (M)

- The Tuppy Owen-Smith Trophy for Excellence in Sport

- Ben MacFarlane

Nicholas Steinhagen

James Flint

Michael Beaumont
- Erik Todd
- Robert Kotze
- The Speciality Trophy for Smaller Sports

- The Doug Todd Trophy for Sport

- The Jamison Trophy for Sport

- The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading

- The Writer's Prize

- Die JSM Viljoen Afrikaanse Skrywersprys

- Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize

- General Good Effort Prize

- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

- Third in Grade Twelve

- The HJ Kidd Speech Prize

- The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir Addisionele Taal

- An Old Boy's Prize for Physical Science

- First Pauling French Prize

- Life Orientation Prize

- The Thresher Prize for Physics

- General Good Effort Prize

- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

- Proxime Accessit: Second in Grade Twelve

- The Warham Searle Prize for Consistent Excellence in History

- Michael Cameron Computer Prize

- Gorham Mathematics Prize

- Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Further Mathematics

- Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science

- Information Technology Prize

- Life Orientation Prize

- Mark Newton-Thompson Afrikaans Prize

- Stanley Clarke History Prize

- General Good Effort Prize

- Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize

- DUX: First in Grade Twelve

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- Chris Hodgson

Aydan Csizmadia

Sebastian Le Grange

Liam Petersen

Suhayl Khalfey

Bruce Sherwood

Robert Kotze
- The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm

- The George Hodgson Prize

- The Philip Stent Trophy

- The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy

- Ubuntu Award

- The OD Merit Trophy

- The OD All-Rounder's Trophy





# GRADE 11 - 8 PRIZE LIST

## GRADE 11

**Adam Buckham**  
**Austin Graaff**  
**Ben Sachs**  
**Benjamin Hatty**  
**Christopher Leith**  
**Dane Rogers**  
**David Brunt**  
**Devon Marshall**  
**Divakaran Govender**  
**Kayan Jaga**  
**Koame Kota**

- Academic Excellence Prize
- Mathematical Literacy Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Geography Prize (shared)
- Visual Arts Prize (shared)
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Geography Prize (shared)
- General Good Effort Prize
- Visual Arts Prize (shared)
- isiXhosa Prize  
(First Additional Language)

**Lihle Kakaza**

- isiXhosa Prize  
(Second Additional Language)

**Matthew Brodziak**  
**Michael Cadiz**  
**Nic Macdonald**  
**Solly Nankin**

- Mathematics Prize (shared)
- History Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Further Studies Mathematics Prize

**Zuhayr Mohamood**  
**Ben Levy**

- Academic Excellence Prize
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Accounting Prize (shared)
- Dramatic Arts Prize
- Further Studies English Prize

**Jamie Chester**

**Jody Syndercombe**

- Academic Excellence Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Music Prize (shared)

**Oliver Hufton**

**Stuart Whitelaw**

- Academic Excellence Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- The Edna Hodgson Prize for English

**Ilyas Van Graan**

- Academic Excellence Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Physical Science Prize (shared)
- Strakosch Prize - Physical Science

**Daniel Fletcher**

- A Levels Economics Prize
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Accounting Prize (shared)
- Economics Prize

**James Collins**

- General Good Effort Prize
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Information Technology Prize
- Mathematics Prize (shared)
- Strakosch Prize - Mathematics
- The Pauling French Prize

**Michael Kruse**

- Academic Excellence Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Life Orientation Prize

**Kaspar Holm**

- Prize for Third in Grade 11
- Academic Excellence Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Life Sciences Prize
- Music Prize (shared)
- Physical Science Prize (shared)
- Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences

**Michael Ritz**

- Prize for Second in Grade 11
- Academic Excellence Prize
- Afrikaans Prize
- General Good Effort Prize
- Prize for First in Grade 11

GRADE 10

<b>Alex Savva</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Andrew Betty</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Andrew Raubenheimer</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Arun Nayar</b>	- Accounting Prize (shared)
<b>Benjamin Karlein</b>	- Music Prize (shared)
<b>Caden Chuang</b>	- Further Studies Mathematics
<b>James Grieve</b>	- Music Prize (shared)
<b>Joseph Oelz</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Justin Pillay</b>	- Music Prize (shared)
<b>Louis Du Preez</b>	- Dramatic Arts Prize (shared)
<b>Michael Davidson</b>	- The Dr Paul Murray History Award
<b>Milan Sandri</b>	- The Headmaster's Junior English Speech Prize
<b>Munya Mtombeni</b>	- Dramatic Arts Prize (shared)
<b>Noah Bouwers</b>	- IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language)
<b>Peyton Leigh</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Robert Veldtman</b>	- The OD Prize for Afrikaans
<b>Rohit Patel</b>	- Accounting Prize (shared)
<b>Sebastian McAdam</b>	- Mathematical Literacy
<b>Sihle Dyosi</b>	- IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
<b>Thomas Welsh</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Yusuf Davenport</b>	- Information Technology Prize (shared)
<b>Christopher Gray</b>	- AS Level Economics Prize
<b>Jonty Bresler</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Strakosch Prize - Mathematics
	- The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize (shared)
<b>Jordan De Sousa</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Geography Prize
<b>Nicholas Basson</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
	- The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize (shared)
<b>Nic Caldwell</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- Strakosch Prize - Physical Science

<b>Ben Anderson</b>	- The Guy Currie Physical Science Prize (shared)
	- The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize (shared)
	- The Pauling French Prize (shared)
	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- Economics Prize (shared)
	- English Prize (shared)
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- The Charles Morris Essay Prize
	- The Junior Reading Prize
	- The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize (shared)
	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (F)
<b>Liam Reid</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (S)
<b>Adam Constant</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (W)
<b>Landa Tsobo</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (G)
<b>Rohan Murray-Cooke</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (O)
<b>Bafokeng Lehloenya</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (K)
<b>Nic Hatty</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (B)
<b>Louis du Preez</b>	- Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (M)
<b>Ben Anderson</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
<b>Luke Moorgas</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Information Technology Prize (shared)
	- Prize for Third in Grade 10
<b>Michael Kotze</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Strakosch Prize - Physical Science
	- The Guy Currie Physical Science Prize (shared)
	- The Pauling French Prize (shared)

<b>Jacob Fried</b>	- Prize for Second in Grade 10
	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- Economics Prize (shared)
	- English Prize (shared)
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Life Orientation Prize
	- Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences
	- The Andrew Henderson Memorial Life Sciences Prize
	- Further Studies English Prize
	- Visual Arts Prize
	- Prize for First in Grade 10 (Archbishop West-Jones)

GRADE 9

<b>Ben Myburgh</b>	- Afrikaans Prize
<b>Christopher du Toit</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
<b>Luke Davidge</b>	- Dramatic Arts Prize
<b>Max Marr</b>	- IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) (shared)
<b>Nic Weir</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Rieko Kidha</b>	- Music 1 Core Prize
<b>Samuel Stavely-Alexander</b>	- Life Orientation Prize (shared)
<b>Yanga Soyaya</b>	- IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
<b>Yaqeen Omar</b>	- IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) (shared)
<b>Zeno Benolich</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Connor Fletcher</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Visual Arts Prize (shared)
<b>Massi Hunt</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- General Good Effort Prize
<b>Michael Ressel</b>	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Life Orientation Prize (shared)
<b>Daniel van den Heever</b>	- Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared)
	- Music 2 Prize
<b>Matthew Walker</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- Geography Prize (shared)
	- Mathematics Prize (shared)
	- Academic Excellence Prize

<b>Daniel Kushner</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- French Prize
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Life Sciences Prize (shared)
<b>Grant Weich</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Life Sciences Prize (shared)
	- Physical Science Prize (shared)
	- Strakosch Prize - Life Sciences
<b>Luke Carter</b>	- Visual Arts Prize (shared)
	- The Big Ideas Social Impact Trophy (shared)
<b>Deen Fortune</b>	- The Big Ideas Social Impact Trophy (shared)
<b>Josh Macdonald</b>	- The Big Ideas Social Impact Trophy (shared)
<b>Pablo Slaven</b>	- The Big Ideas Social Impact Trophy (shared)
<b>Kieran Hollis</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared)
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- Geography Prize (shared)
	- History Prize (shared)
	- Music 1 Performance Prize
	- Prize for Third in Grade 9 (shared)
<b>Noah Macnab</b>	- Further Studies Mathematics Prize
	- Academic Excellence Prize
	- Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared)
	- English Prize
	- General Good Effort Prize
	- History Prize (shared)
	- Mary Clarkson Prize for Creative Writing
	- Mathematics Prize (shared)
	- Strakosch Prize - Mathematics
	- Technology Prize
	- The Gladys Manning Memorial Prize
	- Prize for Third in Grade 9 (shared)

<b>Matthew Griffin</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize - Mathematics Prize (shared) - General Good Effort Prize - Prize for Second in Grade 9
<b>David Lewis</b>	- Academic Excellence Prize - General Good Effort Prize - Life Orientation Prize (shared) - Life Sciences Prize (shared) - Physical Science Prize (shared) - Strakosch Prize - Physical Science - Big Ideas Trophy - Prize for First in Grade 9

SPECIAL MENTION

<b>Christopher du Toit</b> <b>Matthew Walker</b> <b>James Wilkin</b> <b>Noah Macnab</b> <b>Grant Weich</b> <b>Uzoma Ngcwangu</b>	- English - English - Afrikaans - Afrikaans - Afrikaans - IsiXhosa (First Additional Language)
<b>Daniel Kushner</b> <b>David Lewis</b> <b>Kieran Hollis</b> <b>Daniel von der Heyden</b> <b>Christopher du Toit</b> <b>Ben Myburgh</b> <b>Matthew Walker</b>	- Mathematics - Mathematics - Mathematics - Dramatic Arts - Dramatic Arts - Dramatic Arts - Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Grant Weich</b>	- Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Oscar Peignon</b> <b>Matthew Griffin</b> <b>Shankara Moodley</b> <b>Noah Macnab</b> <b>Sebastian du Toit</b> <b>Oliver Frankel</b> <b>Michael Ressel</b> <b>Matthew Walker</b> <b>Matthew Griffin</b> <b>Michael Bailes</b>	- French - French - French - Geography - Geography - Geography - Geography - History - History - History

<b>Yazeed Salaam</b>	- IsiXhosa (Second Additional Language)
<b>Christopher du Toit</b> <b>Matthew Griffin</b> <b>Luke Davidge</b> <b>Michael Bailes</b> <b>Noah Macnab</b> <b>Daniel van den Heever</b> <b>Michael Bailes</b> <b>Gabriel Comitis</b> <b>Nic Weir</b> <b>Michael Bailes</b> <b>Zavier Petersen</b> <b>Matthew Walker</b> <b>Connor Fletcher</b> <b>Massi Hunt</b> <b>Edward Cruise</b> <b>Massi Hunt</b> <b>Michael Walker</b> <b>David Tripe</b>	- Life Orientation - Life Orientation - Life Orientation - Life Orientation - Life Sciences - Life Sciences - Life Sciences - Music 1 - Music 1 - Music 2 - Music 2 - Physical Science - Technology - Technology - Technology - Visual Arts - Further Studies Mathematics - Further Studies Mathematics

GRADE 8

<b>Derek Meyer</b> <b>Lulibo Nyawula</b>	- General Good Effort Prize - IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language)
<b>Matt Kriel</b> <b>Michael Mafunda</b> <b>Oliver Howie</b> <b>Billy Oriander</b>	- General Good Effort Prize - General Good Effort Prize - Technology Prize (shared) - French Prize - Music 1 Core Prize - Academic Excellence Prize - General Good Effort Prize - Academic Excellence Prize - General Good Effort Prize - Academic Excellence Prize - Life Orientation Prize - Academic Excellence Prize - Dramatic Arts Prize - General Good Effort Prize - Academic Excellence Prize - General Good Effort Prize
<b>Daniel Bursey</b>	
<b>Tommy Winfield</b>	
<b>Ketan Govan</b>	
<b>Maximus Sandri</b>	
<b>Naethan Mol</b>	

<b>Jeremy Liddle</b>	- Technology Prize (shared) - Visual Arts Prize - Further Studies Mathematics Prize - Academic Excellence Prize - Afrikaans Prize - Bizony Cup - An OD's Mathematics Prize (shared) - General Good Effort Prize - Music 2 Prize (shared) - Physical Science Prize - Prize for Third in Grade 8 - Academic Excellence Prize - Economic and Management Sciences Prize - English Prize - General Good Effort Prize - History Prize - Music 2 Prize (shared) - Prize for Second in Grade 8 - Academic Excellence Prize - An OD's Mathematics Prize (shared) - General Good Effort Prize - Geography Prize - Life Sciences Prize - Music 1 Performance Prize - Prize for First in Grade 8
<b>Cameron Macbeth</b>	
<b>Matthew De Jager</b>	

SPECIAL MENTION

<b>Maximus Sandri</b> <b>Jeremy Liddle</b> <b>Matthew De Jager</b> <b>Ketan Govan</b> <b>Emihle Magadla</b>	- English - English - Afrikaans - Afrikaans - IsiXhosa (First Additional Language)
<b>Ketan Govan</b> <b>Jeremy Liddle</b> <b>Matthew De Jager</b> <b>Samuel Clarke</b> <b>Derek Meyer</b>	- Mathematics - Life Orientation - Life Orientation - Dramatic Arts - Dramatic Arts

<b>Jeremy Liddle</b>	- Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Ketan Govan</b> <b>Alec Alfaro-Mclaughlin</b> <b>Ketan Govan</b> <b>Daniel Bursey</b> <b>Jeremy Liddle</b> <b>Ketan Govan</b> <b>Matthew De Jager</b> <b>Cameron Macbeth</b> <b>Daniel Bursey</b> <b>Michael Mafunda</b> <b>Matthew Kriel</b> <b>Cameron Macbeth</b> <b>Matthew De Jager</b> <b>Ketan Govan</b> <b>Matthew De Jager</b> <b>Troy Stockdale</b> <b>Joshua Whitehorn</b> <b>Tommy Winfield</b> <b>Tommy Winfield</b>	- French - French - Geography - Geography - History - History - History - Life Sciences - Music 1 - Music 1 - Music 2 - Physical Science - Physical Science - Physical Science - Technology - Visual Arts - Visual Arts - Visual Arts - Further Studies Mathematics Prize - Further Studies Mathematics Prize
<b>Ketan Govan</b>	



# MOLTENO LIBRARY

A much-welcomed feeling of normality has crept back into the library without us even being too aware of it.

Every aspect of the three floors of the centre's space is used, be it for chess training and matches, CUB (Christian Union of Bishops) meetings, debating training sessions, Film Club evening gatherings, First Aid training for the boys, etc. Even the Council has felt quite at home here and has held two of their meetings within our walls.

The quietness afforded by the Seminar Rooms allows the boys and staff to have work sessions and meetings. The Grade 9 Big Ideas group used the Learning Commons area as well as the Seminar Rooms, the latter quite often to conduct Zoom meetings with outside contacts.

Various groups of boys, across all grades, have made the centre their home at break and during the Open period. They find the safe space conducive to playing chess games, completing homework, being creative and perhaps doing some quiet reading. We have tried to make use of the television and board space to showcase current affairs in the world. Even boys and staff who only pass through the library cannot help being drawn into, and interacting with, the global information shown.

During the third term, the English Department ran a Grade 8 Reading Project. The teachers chose and separately displayed books that were age-appropriate for the boys. From the point of view of the library, this was a successful project as many boys thoroughly enjoyed reading their chosen author and returned to sign out another book. New books are continually being ordered for our shelves, always considering the current trend in reading books that appeals to boys.

Nella Freund, who had been the Librarian/Resource Centre Manager for more than 12 years, resigned from the post at the end of April but left an amazingly well-run space.

*Wendy Moul*

# BIG IDEAS

The Big Ideas Programme started 2022 with new leadership and a largely new staff team. Rebecca Goble leads the staff of Wandile Nzuza, William Koopman, Bev Morris, Nikki Gerhardi, Chris Hale and Leon Glanvill. The goal for the year was to encourage the two sets of Grade 9 boys to start a project that makes a difference in a community around Cape Town.

The selection process was rigorous as we had more than 85 applications, with only 57 places. Many boys had to attend a second round of selection interviews so we could choose boys who were really passionate about issues affecting our planet and its people.

We started Term 3 with 57 enthusiastic Grade 9s, spread across two sets. Orientation day set them up with the Pilot Project, the Bishops Seasonal Cookbook. They visited Love in a Bowl, The Sustainability Institute, and Farmer Angus to learn more about eating seasonal and sustainable foods. They then split into smaller groups to write one big cookbook with recipes from the Bishops community. Over three weeks, they had to compile recipes, edit them, and send them off to the team of designers who were formatting the cookbook. It was a fantastic lesson in collaboration, creativity, and communication.

Following the completion of the cookbook, the boys attended a D-School workshop on Design Thinking, led by Mr Richard Perez of the UCT Design Thinking Institute. The boys were challenged to remain in the 'Problem Exploration Space' by asking questions and doing as much research as possible. Only once research had been completed, could they enter the 'Solution Space' and try to come up with innovative ideas to solve problems. This was the way they approached their main projects, which they worked on until the end of November. Many groups came up with tangible solutions, including but not limited to planting indigenous plants at a school in Delft; building an orphanage in Langa and organising a tutoring system for the orphanage; building a website that makes sustainability accessible; building floating gardens to clean up Zeekoevlei's water; and making spaces within Bishops more green with indigenous plant species.

The quality of work from the boys this year was unlike anything Big Ideas has seen before. There are many groups that made a visible difference in people's lives, and their experiences engaging with individuals from all walks of life were humbling.

*Rebecca Goble*



CULTURE

# REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD CULTURE

*'The more you embrace the weird crazy things about you, the more you find your tribe.'* - Jinkx Monsoon

One of the great challenges of education is to encourage the individual to develop, to allow him/her to step away from the 'pack' mindset and start exploring the internal locus of control, which we all hold. So often today, through social media, the desire to conform is foremost; we are forgetting to teach that *difference* is often a competitive advantage rather than a disadvantage. Different thought patterns are concepts to be treasured and nurtured – it is in this space that newness lies and that deeper thinkers begin to germinate.

I genuinely believe that the Bishops Cultural programme offers just such a space. It is in the cultural space that boys can stand on a stage and experience what it is like to stand in someone else's shoes; it allows one the privilege of being able to behave differently, move differently and hold an opinion (even if it is not your own). To be successful at this, one has to change one's internal lens.

Our educational system is also so often driven by age groupings – we are 'all the same' because of a number! But I question this more and more, especially

when seeing diverse age groups working together in a shared-passion space. I feel that we are not meant to be age-grouped, but rather we need to find our 'tribe' members and work side by side with them. It is in this space that we find the connection and collegiality we all so passionately look for in social media and other spaces of electronic groupings. In those spaces we so often end up trying to fit into a group rather than finding our tribe.

I do believe that when we find our tribe, whether it is through Dramatic Arts, Visual Arts, Music or societies here at Bishops, we start our journey towards our greatness – we find our 'true north'! If the Cultural programme has done this for a number of boys in 2022, then I believe we have added to their Bishops journey!

There is a life philosophy that says one needs to use all the colours in the crayon box. I do hope that this year we have added to the colour palette of the Bishops boys. To those of you who are leaving, we hope that you will be the people in your future spaces who will have the 'most colours in the crayon box'!

*Mark Mitchell*



# SHREK THE MUSICAL

## A Shrek-tacular Performance

‘Once upon a time there was a little ogre named Shrek’ and so Shrek first came to life as a picture book by William Steig in 1990. From there this parody has been taking aim at fairy-tale tropes and cultural flaws through four films, two holiday specials, and now a Broadway musical (not to mention a newly greenlit *Shrek 5* film) for more than 20 years.

The lovable green ogre is nostalgic and familiar and funny and, for some reason, slightly Scottish. But he is also satirical, using light-hearted and sometimes lowbrow humour to critique our too-eager acceptance of what a fairy tale is and what it should look like.

‘It’s not easy being green,’ a well-known amphibian celebrity once famously said. This is true, especially for Shrek (played with great humour and powerhouse of voice by Jesse Barth), who is often relegated to the role of monster because of the expectations people placed on him based on his outward appearance. It’s a role that we can see played out, in less vibrant colours, down school passages, on social media pages, and standing in line at the supermarket. It can be difficult to be defined by your size, shape, colour, clothing, gender, or sexuality, but Shrek and his sidekick, Donkey, played by the energetic and effervescent Thando Kumalo, remind us that those kinds of fairy tales should really

be updated. In the world of Duloc – ruled over by the narcissistic Lord Farquaad, played by the extraordinary knee-pad-wearing Ben Anderson – where everyone strives to be the same kind of perfect, it is important to remember that what makes us special is what makes us strong. It is our hope that anyone who has felt as though they have been branded monstrous or freakish will come away from this show reminded that they are more than labels and pre-packaged fairy tale archetypes. Be proud to be you!

As always, it has been our privilege to work with an unparalleled team. We are constantly amazed by the talent, hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, parents and administrators that support us through every production. It takes a village to put on each show and we are indebted to everyone who has lifted a hammer, a paint brush, a glue gun, run an errand, sewn a costume, applied stage make-up, put up a sign, driven a student to rehearsal, played a musical instrument, hung a light, balanced a mic, taken a photograph, processed an invoice, or any of the other countless ways that people have contributed to making *Shrek The Musical* a possibility.

**Wayne Tucker and Sarah MacArthur**  
*Directors*



# MUSIC

*'You are the music while the music lasts.'* - TS Eliot

The joy of 2022 has been the fact that we have had the full ensemble programme up and running as well as being able to indulge ourselves and our audiences once again with live music-making. If there was only one statement required in the Music report, it would be that it was truly a successful year!

We began with the collaborative performance of *Shrek The Musical*, which was hosted by Herschel to celebrate their centenary.

Our Lunchtime Concert series boasted a variety of styled performances. For the first time in the History of the Music Department we hosted the Bishops Choral Evening where the Pre-Prep, Prep and College choirs joined forces to present an hour-long programme. The Chapel was full as we celebrated a return to choral singing after the Covid-19 desert. A range of musical styles was presented, and we were thrilled with the overall standard. It was a wonderful opportunity for

parents from the Pre-Prep to see the musical journey that their sons will embark on, as well as the chance to hear what the final result of that journey could sound like.

In May the College Jazz Band participated in the Baxter Jazz Festival. The performance was inspiring, the highlight being that one of the works performed was written by Ben Reid in Grade 12.

In August this year, Simply Blue enjoyed a successful tour to the UK, performing to enthusiastic audiences at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and an OD function in London. This year was Simply Blue's 21st anniversary, which they celebrated with a concert at the Baxter Theatre. It was wonderful to have many of the former singers join them and, in particular, four of the eight founding members. It was also so interesting to realise that the current Simply Blue members were not even born when the group was founded. Thank you to Marion Gardner, who has been involved in the group from the very beginning, and who retired at the end of 2022.



On the following night, the orchestra added their musical magic to *A Million Dreams* magic show, an event put together by Luke Oelz (OD), which was held on the campus. The orchestra provided background music for the highly skilled magicians.

The Matric Recital was held in the third term. It is always such a motivating evening, as we hear how the boys have grown over the years, in musical understanding and innate performance confidence.

This year we again hosted the annual Bishops Composers' Concert. The variety of styles written by boys was extraordinary. Works ranged from Brass Quartets to String Quintets, from works in the Renaissance style to Jazz. A special highlight was Ben Reid's rescoring of the trailer to the blockbuster sci-fi movie *Dune*. Composition is the culmination of the entire music journey that boys experience during their 13 years at Bishops, and is something we will continue to promote.

We also held the annual Bishops Vocalists' Concert. Singing is still one of the biggest sections of the Bishops Music Department and it is where boys who don't read music can still thrive. It was so warming to hear the boys' support of the fully broken as well as the unbroken voices.

At the end of the last term our boys wrote the first ever Rockscool Music Production Graded Exams. The course work was run in the evenings, and we were assisted by Keith Farquharson (OD) of the Academy of Sound Engineering. We are the first school in South Africa to offer this accredited course. We had seven boys participate in this pilot project, and they obtained an overall average of 84%.

Finally, we were once again able to experience face-to-face the ABRSM practical examinations. This year we had 40 entries, 20 of whom achieved a remarkable Distinction (which is a mark over 87%).

Marilyn Manson said: 'Music is the strongest form of magic.' And I do hope that over the year we as musicians have shared the magic of our art with the boys of Bishops and that the magic we have created has enhanced the lives of every boy. If this has been achieved, our department has done justice to the artform and ensured that Bishops as a school is a place of 'artistic magic'!

*Mark Mitchell*



# SIMPLY BLUE

**Teachers-in-charge:**  
**Stephen Carletti and Marion Gardner**

It's been an immense privilege for us all to be a part of the 21-year legacy of Simply Blue, and over the duration of this year we've worked exceptionally hard towards the magnum opus that was a fantastic tour to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the 21-year celebration of Simply Blue at The Baxter Theatre. From our initiation as a group – a road trip to Arniston filled with singing and late-night sea-shanty chanting – we've all adored the pleasure of performing alongside one another. We had a sturdy bass part, consisting of Michael Beaumont, Thomas Boehmke, Luka van der Merwe (our occasional beatboxer too) and Jean Du Toit. An eccentric baritone part, consisting of Suhayl Khalfey, Thando Kumalo, Yasin Omar and Koame Kota. A tenor two trio of Kwon Hee Kim, Benjamin Reid and Luke Oellermann. And a

tenor one quartet of Nimba Mahlati, Jessie Barth, Liam Petersen and Onwa Roji.

Several members of Simply Blue overcame the challenge of their two left feet this year while learning the plethora of dance moves throughout our African repertoire and pop hits. All of which was expertly taught to us by Roxy Levy and Elvis Sebeko. Ultimately, it's been a year filled with almost enough fun, song and dance to last a lifetime. We were privileged to have been guided through the breathtakingly beautiful arrangements composed by Stephen Carletti, and the spectacular planning and management of Marion Gardner, whom we wish a happy retirement. Thank you, Simply Blue, for the music.

*Nimba Mahlati*



# VISUAL ARTS

## Teacher-in-charge: Husain Essop

The year 2022 was a good one for the Simpson Centre, and boys have enjoyed a fruitful year of Art theory and practicals. Our Grade 8s explored and perfected their mark-making techniques and observational drawing skills. They had to produce final works in pencil, watercolour pencils and wire, and ended the year with a painting practical task. The Grade 9s were introduced to perspective and had to showcase everything they had learnt so far in their final practical works, perfecting their drawing and painting skills.

At the FET level, our Grade 10s were introduced to a timeline of art history that we covered till Baroque art, paving the way for next year when we will carry on this timeline and highlight landmark paintings throughout history. They worked on a bigger scale and were introduced to mediums such as watercolour pencils, oil paints, charcoal and lino printing. Grade 11 is a tough year, but our pupils managed to deal with the intense

workload and to produce art of a very high standard. The Grade 11s attended an exhibition that I was a part of and enjoyed a visit to the Zeitz MOCAA. Our Grade 12s did us proud when four of them took part in the first Grade 12 Exhibition to be hosted and conducted at the Zeitz. They all produced amazing work that culminated in a very successful final-year exhibition, where most of our seniors achieved excellent results. I couldn't be prouder of the Art boys.

**Full Colours:** Thando Kumalo, Trenowyn Giles, Adam Lieberman, Trae Turner, Yusuf Isaacs, Dane Rogers, Kayan Jaga, Timothy Walsh, Craig Harrod, Thomas Maurel, Matthew Malan, Sam Schlute and Gavin Dingley  
**Half Colours:** Dane Rogers, Timothy Walsh, Craig Harrod, Thomas Maurel, Sam Schluter, Jared Chu, Kyran Spotswood, Bryce Herbert, Matthew Malan, Benjy Edkins, Nam Matyeba, Tapiwa Nkumanda, Ché Nanoo and Richard Mason

*Husain Essop*



Adam Lieberman, Final Practical



Nam Matyeba, Strips with Matisse



Adam Lieberman, Portrait of Grandmother



Oliver Thom, Social Realism



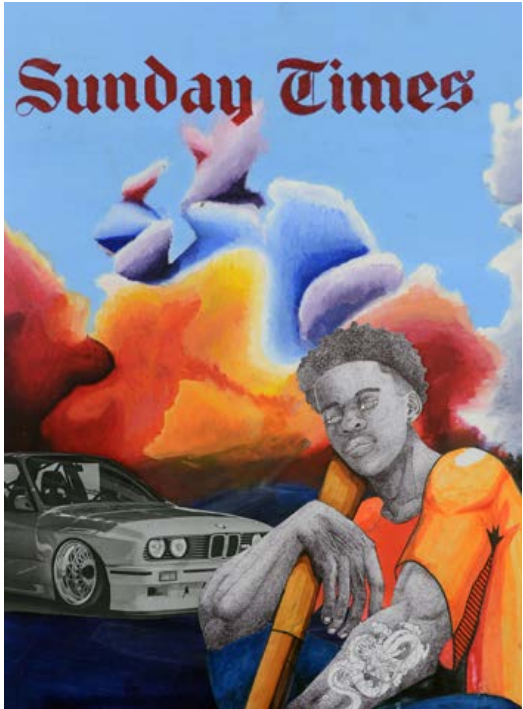
Luke Reynolds, Boy on Chair



Dane Rogers, Strips with Matisse



Trae Turner, Final Practical



Thando Khumalo, Street



Trae Turner, Social Realism

# EISTEDDFOD

In today's world most competitions offer large cash prizes and huge image publicity. It is a space where big brands often overlay their image on the participants and ask them to morph themselves to represent their brand. We see this with high-profile people – often amplified through social media.

The beauty of the Bishops Eisteddfod is that it is in no way about a big brand or an image – it is about the College, as a whole, celebrating the individual and more so, asking the individual to let go of the group and play in the space of self-creativity. The name 'eisteddfod' (which is formed from the Welsh roots: *eistedd*, meaning to 'sit', and *fod*, meaning 'be'), implies sitting together. So seldom in life do we get the chance to sit together and celebrate individuality and I believe that this is where the Bishops Eisteddfod starts. Individuality is a rare concept these days because of our desire to fit in. I believe, however, that true happiness begins with the individual. Standing on stage performing a monologue allows boys to experience the sensation of standing alone. Performing a composition allows a boy the sensation of standing alone, but in the great company of himself. If he can learn the power of self, he will find his true north and his real journey will be revealed.

The Eisteddfod had to begin a new journey as the venue we had used for the last 16 years for the Inter-House Singing Competition was no longer available to us. The big search began and finally we were able to secure the CTICC as the new venue. With the new venue came new

logistics and challenges but, thanks to the incredible support of the staff of the CTICC and Eastern Acoustics, the evening was a success. Another challenge was that three grades had never experienced the competition due to the Covid-19 years. However, all our fears were allayed when the Houses finally stood on the stage – the standard was just as good as in past years. The Set Song of 2022 for the Singing Competition was 'Scatterlings of Africa' by Johnny Clegg.

This year we also brought back most of the 'old' sections of the Eisteddfod (including the ORMS Photo Challenge). Once again, the campus was filled with banners and the facade of the Memorial Chapel was ablaze with colour. It was wonderful to feel the energy in the Memorial Theatre as the Plays (*Theme: Be aware of the captivity of your thoughts*) and Movement Sections brought back amazing energy. After the much-contested competition the final awards were as follows:

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| • Visual Arts Owl         | Ogilvie House |
| • Drama Owl               | Gray House    |
| • Speech Owl              | Gray House    |
| • Music Owl               | Gray House    |
| • Inter-House Singing Owl | Mallett House |
| • Prelim Owl              | School House  |
| • Boarding House Owl      | School House  |
| • Overall Eisteddfod Owl  | Gray House    |

Mark Mitchell







# SOCIETIES

## Accelerated Art Programme (AAP)

**Teacher-in-charge:** Alaric Hobbes

Friday afternoons in the Simpson Centre are never short of inspirational artistic activity. This year, the boys engaged with a wide range of artistic mediums including plasticine and ceramic sculpture, lino printing, and a variety of drawing and animation techniques.

A highlight of the year was our trip to the Zeitz MOCAA, where the boys were exposed to some of the most cutting-edge contemporary art in Africa. This also included a guided tour of the *Walking the Peripheries* exhibition featuring four of our Grade 12 artists and society members: Trae Turner, Yusuf Isaacs, Adam Lieberman and Trenowyn Giles, and the teacher in charge of AAP, Mr Alaric Hobbs.

While attendance is often affected by sports and other commitments, we have developed a strong core group of young artists brimming with enthusiasm and potential. They are passionate about the society and have made the Simpson Centre their creative social hub, bonding through the artistic process.

Thank you to our outgoing heads of the society, Trae Turner, Yusuf Isaacs and Thando Kumalo, whose dedication and enthusiasm contributed to a lively and welcoming creative space every Friday.

*Alaric Hobbes*



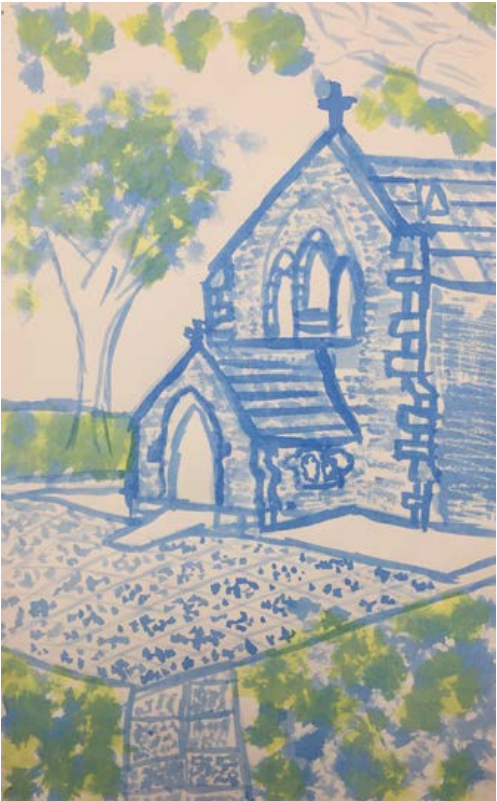
Thomas Maurel, Grade 12 (Lino Print)



Adam Liebermann, Grade 12 (Lino Print)



Craig Harrod, Grade 11 (Lino Print)



Zac Oaker, Grade 12 (Ink Drawing)



Edward Cruise, Grade 9 (Ink Drawing)



Grant Weich, Grade 9 (Ceramic Sculpture)



Oliver Briggs, Grade 8 (Ceramic Sculpture)



Oliver Howie, Grade 8 (Ceramic Sculpture)

## Chess

**Teacher-in-charge:** Peter Farlam

The Bishops A Chess Team was promoted to the A League following a run of five victories in the Cape Peninsula Chess League. Congratulations to Rishay Thakersee, Oliver Hufton, Michael Kruse, Akshay Thakersee and Jeremy Liddle. Rishay Thakersee was the captain. The Bishops team also took part in the annual Rohan Bloom Interfaith tournament at Herzlia High. Bishops A won the chess section with an impressive 19 wins out of 20. Congratulations to Oliver Hufton, Michael Kruse, Yusuf Balim and Akshay Thakersee who made up the victorious A team. Thanks also to Jeremy Liddle, Ché Nanoo, Noah Macnab and Divakaran Govender for their participation.

**Full Colours:** Oliver Hufton, Michael Kruse, Rishay Thakersee

**Half Colours:** Yusuf Balim

*Peter Farlam*

## Christian Union of Bishops (CUB)

**Teacher-in-charge:** Keith Warne

The committee, after much deliberation and debate, instituted the name change from Impact, which was causing confusion with Interact, to The Christian Union of Bishops (CUB) to reflect the nature of the society more clearly. Members have continued to meet weekly on Wednesdays during Open Period to discuss and debate issues around the Christian faith.

Members also attended Schools United, which was held by Rustenburg Girls' High, and Youth Connect, held at St

James Church, both of which are gatherings of various schools' Christian Unions across Cape Town.

The society hosted its first guest speaker since Covid-19, Dr Murray, who presented a fascinating talk on the history of Bishop Robert Gray and the historical evidence behind Christianity.

A big thank you goes to the committee of 2022, who worked really hard throughout the year, and saw roughly 40 new members join the society. Special thanks go to the Matrics who served on the committee, namely Aydan Csizmadia, Matthew Newton and Ryan Nadar, whose efforts were largely responsible for maintaining and growing the attendance and membership of the society.

*Keith Warne*



## Debating

**Teacher-in-charge:** Nadia Snyman

‘It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.’ This quote by writer Joseph Joubert embodies the spirit of the Debating society at Bishops. Pupils join the society to further their critical thinking and public speaking skills, and in doing so are exposed to a variety of contentious discussions about politically and socially relevant topics.

Our goal this year was to prepare for the Rotary Interschools Debating League and the Western Cape Schools’ Provincial Debating Championships. Training sessions consisted of a mixture of content discussions, training drills, and practice debates. Some of the engaging topics discussed included the role of elections and democracy, the meaning of art, and the ethics of artificial intelligence.

Debates are, by nature, contentious, and to ‘win’ a debate is no easy feat. And yet, that is what Bishops debaters strive to do when they debate against another school. Each speaker has his own role and is given eight minutes to present his argument. At the end of



the debate an experienced adjudicator is tasked with determining the team with the more compelling case.

Bishops debaters showed their prowess, with an incredibly successful competitive year. Bishops won the Rotary Interschools Debating League in both the junior and senior divisions, a feat seldom achieved by any of the dozens of participating schools. Additionally, many speakers were selected to represent the Western Cape at the South African National Schools Debating Championships, and Ben Anderson was selected for the South African Junior Debating team.

**Half Colours:** Saleh Ameen, Landa Tsobo, Ryan Ferreira

*Nadia Snyman*

## Democritus

**Teacher-in-charge:** Lizelle Swanepoel

‘Build from scratch’ is our society’s vocation, so it is the ideal way to discover talents and acquire new skills focussing on fields of engineering and robotics. 2022 was mainly about components, construction, and coding

– building our Primo robots from scratch – with some additional, profitable time spent on civil engineering projects. We competed in two bridge-building competitions, the first at Zutari Civil Engineering and the second at Peak Cambridge Academy; the latter won us R5000 in cash for first place. Democritus is an exciting society for the technically minded, where avid science and engineering enthusiasts meet.

Building robots from scratch has been loads of fun, but also a learning curve. Endless research had to be done, obstacles navigated from week to week, and online Zoom sessions arranged with robotics expert Michael Ettershank of Robot Science in Johannesburg to finally get to the end of building. Boys were trained to wire breadboards, solder components onto electronic circuit boards, build robot chassis, and mount boards, motors and sensors onto their robots. An active effort was made to give society members the opportunity to learn and build from scratch in order to understand the process of construction as well as the function of each intricate part. Currently, they are learning the basics of coding to make the robots move and follow commands. The process has been time-consuming, with the society meeting weekly during Open lessons as well as during several



workshops held after school in order to finish. All this, built and soldered from scratch, and being coded by high schoolers (albeit extremely talented and dedicated ones) has been an impressive task.

The society has also taken part in Experience Bishops where they wowed visitors with their practical builds ranging from a vacuum canon, pressure rocket, hydrogen generator, volcano and jelly baby experiment, and, of course, their oratorical fireworks!

*Lizelle Swanepoel*



# Drama

**Teacher-in-charge:** Wayne Tucker

After a year of the Memorial Theatre stage being in darkness and the auditorium a classroom, 2022 saw Dramatic Arts making a comeback and *Shrek The Musical* burst onto the stage in all its green glory. Jesse Barth and Thando Kumalo wowed as Shrek and Donkey respectively, and Ben Anderson titillated as Lord Farquaad. They shared Duloc with Michael Beaumont (Big Bad Wolf), Jamie Chester (Captain), Daniel Egerer (Pied Piper), Koame Kota (Walter), Bafokeng Lehloenya (Bishops), Thomas de Waal (Grumpy), Jean du Toit (Papa Bear), and Daniel Thom (Thelonius). Sebastian Boeddinghaus, Dylan de Groot, Robbie Handley, Ben Mitchell and Ben Reid rocked the band. Duncan Carter, Tristan Dahl, Nic Kaye, Nicholas Bosini, James Shortt and Yanga Soyaya were backstage and mic minions respectively. The Eisteddfod was hotly contested across the Monologue, Poetry, Play and Movement sections – all of which make up the sought-after Dramatic Arts Owl. Birt won the Movement, Ogilvie won the Play, Gray won the Monologue and Poetry, and other worthy winners were Best Actor (Ben Anderson), Best Director (Thomas Barton) and Best Script (Nimba Mahlati). The overall winner of the Dramatic Arts Owl was Gray. Another highlight of 2022 was *Tapestry of Strength*, for which Thomas Barton, Lance Brilus, James du Preez, Murrough Epstein and Thomas Mason received a 5-star review at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

**Full Colours:** Jesse Barth, Thando Kumalo, Thomas Barton, Murrough Epstein, Nimba Mahlati

**Half Colours:** Ben Anderson, Michael Beaumont, Jamie Chester, Lance Brilus, James du Preez, Daniel Thom, Thomas Mason

Wayne Tucker



# Field and Stream

**Teacher-in-charge:** Leon Glanvill

We had a busy year, with a number of trips, including the Induna Trail (with Herschel), two Ranger Courses (Moms and Sons), and the Grade 8 Adventure Camp. In all, we managed to ring more than 200 birds and started to get re-rings in Bayala. One of the birds ringed seven years ago was caught in the nets again. This scientific data has added to the knowledge of birds in the area.

Dr De la Harpe (OD) shared his amazing trip to Antarctica at our first meeting. The second talk was about aviation and wildlife, and Francois du Toit gave some interesting insights into flying.

We do not have the opportunity to visit Bayete next year and I am very grateful to Rene Lanfear and Simone Godfrey for the opportunities they continue to offer the Bishops community. Our continued community work has allowed us to supply children with sanitary pads and other necessities. By working in parks like Phinda and Thula, pupils and adults see how nature reserves contribute to conservation and communities.

A healthy Field and Stream society plays a fundamental part in awakening a passion for conservation. By building our support base and investment from funders, the society can make a positive difference to what is happening in South Africa.

Leon Glanvill



## Forum

**Teacher-in-charge:** Paul Murray

**Chair:** Erik Todd

The first meeting was presented by Professor Mike James, former Head of the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Cape Town. His presentation was entitled 'A history of oxygen – evolution of life and oxygen on the planet and the men who discovered the gas'. He explained how oxygen, the gas vital to sustain life, can also destroy it if it becomes toxic at an elevated partial pressure. This could be the result of oxygen concentration or an increase in environmental pressure or a combination of both. One of the members present at the talk subsequently commented that Professor James's talk was a special feature in an incredible list of one-of-a-kind speakers and one could easily say that the talk was greatly appreciated by all its listeners.

Our second meeting was presented by the Chair and was a discussion of the different dilemmas; classical, ethical and moral. Erik Todd used examples from literature and philosophy to illustrate his talk. While there are other societies that can engage in this kind of discussion and present outcomes such as these, the teacher-in-charge had suggested this topic to Eric and one could see he had taken a considerable amount of time to prepare. It was very much appreciated by the members.

The next talk was shared with Lingua Franca. Dr Murray attempted to analyse the changing world order with a presentation of slides, showing the changing political and economic allegiances between the various regions and world spheres. The purpose of the talk was to explain South Africa's position in the East-West world order, covering, as an example, the country's membership of BRICS.

The final talk was a presentation by Dr Murray entitled 'Wittgenstein's Cat', which explored the topic of the philosophy of language.

*Paul Murray*

## Interact

**Teacher-in-charge:** Husain Essop

The year started slowly with Covid-19 restrictions still in place, but the boys made the most of the situation, continuing with regular garden clean-ups and school civvies days for organisations such as The Life Matters Foundation and the Vision Child and Youth Care Centre. This year marked the 'opening' of Interact's Hyslop Garden in honour of Peter Hyslop, a long-serving teacher-in-charge of the Interact Society and dear member of the Bishops family, with a passion for community service and outreach. In preparation for this, the boys worked tirelessly, raking, weeding, planting, and digging, to ensure that the garden was in immaculate condition. To make it official, Peter was invited to cut the red ribbon and celebrate the hard work that Interact has put in over the last few years.

As restrictions eased, the society was able to start doing more in-person events, starting with packing boxes for the One-to-One Drive of Necessity organised in place of the usual full-scale event.

At the beginning of Term 3, the newly elected Interact Committee took on their first task of leadership in planning the Vision Child and Youth Care Centre Fun Day. This was the first full-scale in-person event since the start of Covid-19, with 36 children invited to Bishops for a day of art jamming, outdoor games and movies with popcorn and hot chocolate. Interact's parent

organisation, The Rotary Club of Claremont, made a R5 000 donation to assist the committee in organising the event. At the end of the day, the children received stationery packs to help them with their schoolwork.

*Husain Essop*

## International

**Teacher-in-charge:** Phil Court

Emma Leslie was our guest speaker for the first meeting. Emma and some friends spent three weeks exploring Sri Lanka and, by all accounts, the country has something for everyone – beaches, surf, mountains, delicious food, cultural diversity, temples, game reserves, natural beauty, the list goes on – and is friendly and affordable to visit.



I gave a talk about Nepal and about trekking in the Himalayas – the Mardi Himal trek in the Annapurna region and our school trek to the Everest Base Camp.

St Cyprian's toured Iceland and three of their Grade 11 girls talked about their adventures in this beautiful and sparsely populated country. They showed amazing pictures of the volcanic scenery and landforms – an expensive but fascinating country to visit.

Nicole Rochat spent the past five years living in Moscow teaching English at a private school. She gave us an informative talk about Russia and its people. The members really enjoyed her interactive presentation and the variety of topics she covered. Life became rather stressful for her once war broke out with Ukraine, and so she decided to return home to Cape Town.

At our last meeting of the year, Nick Marson spoke about how he has managed to combine a lifestyle of working and travelling and pursuing his passion for surfing and hiking. By saying 'yes' to opportunities, he has made his way to Australia, Indonesia, Argentina, Hawaii and Sri Lanka, among other places.

*Phil Court*

## Lingua Franca

**Teacher-in-charge:** Paul Murray

**Chair:** Richard Mason

The first meeting was shared with Forum and presented by Professor Mike James, former Head of the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Cape Town. His presentation was entitled 'A history of oxygen – evolution of life and oxygen on the planet and the men who discovered the gas'.

The next meeting was chaired by Richard Mason, who discussed 'The impact of China's ultra-strict zero-Covid-19 policy', which included an analysis of Beijing forcing Hong Kong to follow the same policy.

The following meeting featured a topic put forward by Dr Paul Murray: 'Putin: Umpire of empire or crazy card shark?' which looked at Russia's position under Putin's rule; followed by another talk in which Dr Murray attempted to analyse the changing world order using a presentation of slides, showing the political and economic allegiances between the various spheres, not just East and West but also within these areas themselves. This was a shared meeting with Forum.

Finally, Professor Mark Mason addressed the society on the topic 'The significance of the 2022 Congress of the Chinese Communist Party for global politics'. It was held via Zoom as he was working in Hong Kong at the time. He emphasised the coming global struggle between the liberal, democratic West and the increasingly autocratic regimes in Moscow and Beijing, where issues of individual liberty, surveillance and control, (eg Covid-19 pandemic responses), poverty and its alleviation, and global warming and environmental sustainability will be the main areas of concern.

Paul Murray



## Literary

**Teacher-in-charge:** Yanou Pienaar

This year the Literary Society had several book and pizza gatherings with the beloved librarian, Nella Freund, before she bid Bishops farewell. Since then, Yanou Pienaar has taken over the society and has continued the tradition of hosting book discussions in a happy and literary environment, where reading of all genres is encouraged and where book recommendations are plentiful.

Yanou Pienaar

## Museum and Archives

**Teacher-in-charge:** Paul Murray

**Chair:** Jack Buckham

Our Museum curator Paul Murray demonstrated how to arrange exhibits in the displays and to ensure that the relevant details are written up for the viewer to see, without falling foul of over-information. He also explained the importance of creating the sign tags using recycled paper, emphasising the craft behind creating them and suggesting consideration be given to perhaps writing up the accompanying detail by hand, for instance, in calligraphy, rather than just printing them out on the computer. He discussed the alms dish, in memory of Peter Percival Kilpin, who died at the age of 16 from heart failure caused by scarlet fever, while still at school. He also provided information about the provenance of the alms dish and some history of the person who made it. It is a magnificent work of art fashioned by HV Meyerowitz, who was born in Leningrad in 1900 and came to South Africa in 1925. During his life he studied in England, Germany, Russia and Switzerland. He contributed to many areas, teaching art at UCT and

opening a school of art in West Africa. On hearing that his mother, who was a concert pianist and studied with the renowned pianist Arthur Rubinstein, had died in the Siege of Leningrad, he sadly took his life.

In July, Dr Murray shared some very rare items, medals, and other artifacts such as letters that the first Principal, Henry Master White, had written to his parents. He also showed the students a first edition of John Keats' *Endymion*, donated by Mr Ralph Garlick (OD).

The final meeting was a presentation by Dr Kathy Wheeler, who is standing in for Dr Murray while he is on sabbatical at St John's College, Cambridge. She decoded some of the artifacts, much like in the *Da Vinci Code*, thus providing rare insights into the hidden meanings around silverware. For this the students engaged in some serious sleuthing, with magnifying glasses and all!

Museum and Archives is a society with few members, so there is room for more people to become involved. We are committed to making the exhibits representative of our community and seek to change them to remain relevant. Anyone wishing to visit the Museum can contact Paul Murray at [museum@bishops.org.za](mailto:museum@bishops.org.za).

Paul Murray

## Public Speaking

**Teacher-in-charge:** Clea Shultz-Mofokeng

The Public Speaking society began the year with partial restrictions to the usual programme because of the last months of the pandemic. The World Individual Public Speaking and Debating Competition was hosted by Canada but took place online. Nimba Mahlati, Erik

Todd, Michael Beaumont and Ben Anderson worked throughout the April holidays in order to upload recorded speeches and readings, and then had live competition rounds for debating and impromptu speaking, often at unusual times because there were so many competitors in different time zones. Even the final results were announced at midnight South African time. Despite these challenging conditions, all four of the Bishops competitors made the finals for one category on behalf of Team South Africa. Our excellent results were as follows:

- **Erik Todd** came third in the Persuasive Speaking category and placed 21st overall in the competition.
- **Nimba Mahlati** was awarded the ESL prize for the competition as a whole. He also competed in the Interpretative Reading finals and placed in the top 20 for this category.
- **Ben Anderson** competed in the Debating Finals (he was in the top 16 for this category). He placed 29th overall in the competition.
- **Michael Beaumont** competed in the finals for the Persuasive Speaking category (he was in the top 20 for this category).



There were more than 150 candidates from all over the world competing, so this is no mean feat. Former teacher-in-charge of Public Speaking John Holtman (who retired from Bishops at the end of 2021) continued to train these boys as they prepared for this competition, and the society was very grateful for this final act of service.

In Term 2, the Public Speaking society started again in earnest with large and lively meetings. Boys from Grades 8 to 12 came for the cookies and stayed for the excellent training led by the senior members, and for the Public Speaking Games that fostered confidence and created new public speaking stars, even if just for a session.

Term 3 brought another competition: the National Individual Public Speaking and Debating Competition, held at Parklands College. Jamie Chester, Divakaran Govender, Ché Nanoo, Ben Anderson, Caden Chuang and Jacob Fried competed for a spot on the 2023 South African team. Mr Nzuza, Mr Petersen, Mr Bahnemann and Ms Gololo showed the dedication and care typical of Bishops staff by sacrificing their time over the Women’s Day Weekend to adjudicate at the competition and provide much-appreciated encouragement.

The boys all performed marvellously, with five boys being selected for the South African Team.

- **Ché Nanoo** placed 12th overall and was a finalist for Impromptu Speaking and Persuasive Speaking.
- **Divakaran Govender** was also a finalist in Impromptu Speaking and Persuasive Speaking and placed seventh overall.
- **Jamie Chester** won the Impromptu Speaking and Persuasive Speaking categories and placed fifth overall.

- **Ben Anderson** won the Debating Category and was runner-up in both Persuasive Speaking and Impromptu Speaking. He placed fourth overall.
- **Jacob Fried** was a finalist in the Impromptu Speaking, Interpretative Reading and Persuasive Speaking categories. He placed first overall and won the competition.

The final meetings of the year were by turns poignant and exciting. We bade farewell to our already much-missed Matrics and welcomed a new leadership team – Jamie Chester, Divakaran Govender, Ché Nanoo, Ben Anderson, Caden Chuang and Jacob Fried – who are running the meetings with great dedication, a sense of fun, and many new ideas. We even have a new logo, designed by Ben Anderson.

**Distinction Tie:** Ben Anderson, Erik Todd, Nimba Mahlati and Michael Beaumont  
**Full Colours:** Jacob Fried, Ben Anderson, Jamie Chester, Divakaran Govender and Ché Nanoo  
**Half Colours:** Caden Chuang

*Clea Shultz-Mofokeng*



### Ten Club

**President:** Peter Westwood

**Secretary:** Erik Todd

Ten Club consists of a group of 10 Matric pupils, as the name implies, who gather five times throughout the year. Each member of the club gets the chance to prepare and deliver an approximately 20-minute presentation on a topic about which he is passionate. This leads to incredibly engaging meetings filled with lively debates.

The year began with presentations by Sebastiano Panieri and Benji Reid. Sebastiano spoke about the vital, and often overlooked, development that occurs in the first 1000 days of a child’s life as well as ways to use this key period to improve literacy rates in our country. Benji tackled the first of many philosophical topics that were discussed this year with his presentation about happiness. It was open-ended, with no clear conclusion, which of course led to a fascinating discussion about what exactly happiness is, the role that the pursuit of happiness plays in our society and whether we as human beings have the right to be happy.

In the second meeting, Rob Kotze gave a pertinent talk on mRNA vaccines, and the key role they played in the curbing of the Covid-19 pandemic. He also spoke about how this relatively new type of vaccine functions, and the possible utility that mRNA vaccines will have in dealing with viruses in the future. This presentation was followed by Liam Petersen, who spoke about the human urge to belong. He discussed the possible origins of this fundamental component of the human psyche, as well as how we as a community can foster an environment that encourages a true sense of belonging for all.

In our third meeting, Daniel Neuhoff presented his research into the concept of power and its unmatched ability to corrupt those upon whom it has been bestowed. His talk centred on the Russo-Ukrainian conflict and how the thirst for power caused Vladimir Putin to start the devastating conflict that so fundamentally changed global politics. This talk was followed by Suhayl Khalfey, who gave an insightful presentation about his interpretation of the meaning of life. This speech was of course followed by intense discussion, where each member expressed their unique views on the topic.



Michael Naude gave a mind-bending presentation on space, and its unfathomable scale. He also spoke about space travel, and how even reaching the nearest star outside of our solar system is a nearly impossible task. This speech was followed by Erik Todd, who presented the simulation argument, and discussed the non-zero chance that humanity is nothing more than a collection

of artificial intelligences stuck inside a super-computer. This was used to introduce the concept of optimistic nihilism as a life philosophy, which of course sparked yet another heated discussion.

The final meeting started with a riveting presentation by James du Preez about what exactly makes us human. He explained the multitude of characteristics by which we have tried to define 'humanity' in the past, as well as the ways in which animals have matched these metrics time and time again. The final presentation was by Michael Beaumont, and it was a moving talk in which he reflected on his time at Bishops, the challenges he faced and the valuable lessons that he learned. He further spoke about the changes needed to better the Bishops experience for all students in the future.

*Erik Todd*

**The Historical Bench**  
**Teacher-in-charge: Paul Murray**

The society remains one that is well attended, from Grade 8 to Grade 12. It was founded by Dr Paul Murray in Bishops' 150th Year after a teacher at Bishops, Mr Michael Fisher, proposed that this be done. Mr Fisher recalled the great satisfaction students derived from making informed decisions on interesting and relevant topics from his own time as a student at Ampleforth in York, England. The society is managed by the students and those in charge do the presentations via overhead slides, which is done in consultation with the teacher. The meeting space is the lovely Mitre Lounge thanks to Mrs Weich and Mrs Swanevelder. Each gathering is relaxed and accompanied by refreshments.

In the first term, James Collins presented his talk on the war in the Ukraine; discussion revolved around whether Russia would achieve its aims. In the second term, Caden Chuang presented his talk on the China/Taiwan divide. The challenges faced by the citizens of Taiwan was the thrust of his talk. In the third term, James presented a talk on the influence of Alexander the Great on the world at the time of his reign. He also gave the final talk of the year, which examined the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

In each of the situations, the bench sits and considers the questions posed and then a decision is reached by a vote. It is clear from the interest in the society that students enjoy this activity, and they are all thanked for their participation. Thanks, in particular, go to James and Caden for their leadership and hard work in preparing the talks. May the society continue to be a place where boys can go to enjoy such extracurricular insights.

*Paul Murray*

**Woodturning**  
**Teacher-in-charge: Mervin Walsh**

The society consists of a group of boys who enjoy the practical nature of this wonderful hobby/pastime. Because we found it difficult to meet consistently during school time, we decided to link up with the Western Cape Woodturners' Association in Pinelands on Wednesday evenings. It must be said that loadshedding accounted for a number of these evenings being cancelled in the past semester.

Boys who enjoy the thrill of giving shape (literally) to their ideas find expression when practising woodturning. Woodturning develops hand-eye co-ordination and

members develop an appreciation for the responsible use of resources. They typically use wood from old furniture, branches from trees on the property that have been trimmed, or wood from trees that have been blown over in a storm

All Grade 8 boys turned a honey dipper as part of their Technology course (Processing), while members of the society attempt more challenging pieces such as bowls.

There are five lathes in the Technology room for members to use as well as a wonderful array of woodturning chisels of all shapes and sizes to help create works of art!

Boys who love working with their hands (makers) are encouraged to come along to the Western Cape Woodturners' Association (WCWA) meetings that are held in the evening on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pinelands Hobbies Club.

*Mervin Walsh*



PASTORAL

# REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD PASTORAL

‘Pastoral care is essentially fostering a school environment that enables each individual boy to be happy, engaged, productive, inspired and recognised.’ (College website)

At Bishops, the House system is core to the pastoral care of boys, and the fact that Houses are actual buildings and that there are people in them enables an increased sense of belonging in a home-from-home environment. When a boy feels that he belongs, then half the battle is won. Bishops is very fortunate to have developed a culture of pastoral care over many years, which has resulted in strong and caring leaders in all Houses who understand their role in ensuring that each boy is looked after as an individual. The year saw a return to pre-pandemic activity in the pastoral space, with numerous House activities including, for the first time since 2019, House dinners with all boys and staff present. The Matric Dance also returned as an event and the parents did a wonderful job of making the Mallett Centre beautiful and festive for the occasion. The Matrics and staff, and their partners, had a very happy time!

The Matric leadership did a good job of returning many of the pre-pandemic traditions to the school. This was not as easy as one might imagine because three of the grades had not experienced ‘normal’ life at the College.

One of the challenges was discipline, perhaps because the younger boys had been socialised in some of their most formative years in relative isolation as we worked at home off screens. Suhayl Khalfey, Robbie Dicey, Daniel Neuhoﬀ and Rob Kotze and the heads of Houses can be proud of the care they showed for the boys they served. There were challenges during the year, but all these do add to the education of us all as we learn to live together and accept difference as something to be welcomed as enriching and not feared. Without any pandemic worries the Matric Prize-Giving and Valedictory could be enjoyed fully again and this year the Grade 8s (the Matrics’ mentees) could attend to join us in bidding them farewell.

The year started with the first ever New Boy Diocesan Scholar Mentoring Workshop. This was led by Chris Ekron, with the help of many other staff and Matrics, and it was very helpful in preparing the scholars for their new school. The on-going help for some scholars by the BSU was also improved further under the wise and caring direction of Marileen Harrod.

Sister Carryn Boden joined us in the San and this resulted in many improvements as she tackled things there with new energy and enthusiasm. Her presence in the school has been a blessing to many and we hope



she will stay for many years. Sadly, Dr Steve Cornell has retired after many years’ service to the school. He has been an excellent school doctor and we are so grateful for his wisdom and care over this long period, including through the pandemic when his help, almost daily, was invaluable.

Two House Directors, Marion Gardner and Joc Wrench, completed their 10-year tenure this year. They have both been excellent House Directors and many boys and their families have benefited from their deep care for the boys

and wise and energetic leadership. Both Houses have seen substantial improvements to their facilities too in this time. Campbell Smith and Sean Henchie will be replacing them in Mallett and Gray respectively.

My sincere thanks to all our teaching and support staff, who show such wonderful pastoral care for the boys. It is probably the most important aspect of this school as nothing else can function successfully without it.

*Peter Westwood*

# FOUNDERS HOUSE

**House Director:** Willem Steyn  
**Assistant House Director:** Barry Emms  
**House Mother:** Lorraine Chateau  
**Tutors:** Glen Gibbon, William Koopman, Sam Mofokeng, Bev Morris  
**Head of House:** Robbie Dicey  
**Deputy Head of House:** Connor Todd



The year 2022 was the first full year in which the boys could experience fully what Founders has to offer. Our sporting dominance was on display from the beginning of the year as we won Relay Sports and narrowly lost to Gray, and their extensive list of long-distance runners, on Sports Day.

In the winter terms, Founders managed to flourish once again, with many of our boys achieving excellence on the various sporting fronts. Bruce Sherwood, for the second year in a row, was selected to play for the SA Schools National Rugby team that took part in the U18 International Series hosted at Paarl Gimnasium. Showcasing his immense rugby talent on the international stage, he was able to score a try for the boys in green and gold against England in an emphatic SA Schools win. The Richards twins (Aidan and Daniel) also represented the country on the international stage in fencing in the U17 age group, competing in the Commonwealth Games and reaching the quarter-finals in the team event, narrowly missing out on podium

positions. Aidan Richards placed 31st in the individual events at the same competition. They both also competed in the Junior World Fencing Championship, with Daniel Richards placing within the top 100 in the world.

We were blessed with outstanding cultural performances during the Variety Concert. A substantial sum was raised and will be used in the renovations of the bathrooms at Founders.

Ryan Nadar and his cultural leaders had the challenging task of lifting Founders from the bottom spot in the annual Bishops Eisteddfod Inter-House Singing, which this year was hosted at the CTICC. After nearly a decade of finishing last in the Inter-House Singing competition, Founders managed to finish in seventh position! The boys' hard work and countless hours of singing practice, with the aid of an optimistic Mr Mitchell, seemed to pay off, and next year, we hope to end the infamous streak of finishing last place in the overall Eisteddfod.



We bade farewell to Bev Morris, William Koopman, Matt Hoole, Asi Sithole and Tom Webber and wished them all the best for their respective journeys ahead.

The Matrics of 2022, a diverse group of individuals, worked well together and left us with great words of wisdom. They will certainly be remembered and missed.

*Floreat Founders!*

*Ayanda Bonoyi and Koame Kota*



Caption



# SCHOOL HOUSE

**House Director:** Leon Glanvill

**Assistant House Director:** Bradley Smith

**Tutors:** Sean Henchie, Trudy Hoefnagels, Nelson

**Mogodi, Keith Warne**

**House Mother:** Denise Frank

**Head of House:** Ross Martin

**Deputy Head of House:** Kyran Spotswood



School House had a very busy and successful year. Our motto, *Small House; Big Heart!*, was true for so many things. We won two Eisteddfod Owls and the Inter-House Junior Hockey match (with only two hockey players). The students showed resilience and a desire to give of their best. The Cabaret, celebrating its 24th year, was a great success with an average of 100 guests on each night. Every lad shone on stage.

Boarding allows young men of all walks of life to learn tolerance and understanding in a safe environment. I was so moved by the Class of 2019. They lost a second mate since matriculating. It is sad to see fine young men not have the chance to grow old. We mourn the loss of Zander Brooks and Dallas Wichmann. It was also sad to see how a group of lads from another House acted in a divisive and cowardly manner that caused a great deal of hurt and pain to the group. I was proud of how Top House rallied together to support their peer and did not shy away from the bullying. To have moral integrity is far more valuable than a good Matric.

School House has also spent much of the year enhancing facilities in the House. We have a music room and new studies, and have benefited from gifts (Bruce and Penny Jack donated a beautiful chandelier).

We celebrated a year of wonderful memories too: the first term outing to Clifton; Grade 10 parents at the first Family Braai of the year on the School House lawn; the U19 100m Relay winners at Sports Day; Grade 11 service ambassadors at Cabaret; our community programme that completes projects each term – from feeding the homeless on cold winter nights to hosting orphans for a fun day; and our dinners to host all the staff members who work so hard to make the House a special place, as well as for the Grade 8 lads who received their School House ties.

*Floreat Top House!*

*Leon Glanvill*



# WHITE HOUSE

**House Director:** Jean Nolte  
**Deputy House Director:** Kurt Baatjies  
**House Mother:** Angela Fordham  
**Tutors:** Jarred Bradley, Phil Court, Rebecca Goble,  
Warwick Richter, Alungile Williams  
**Head of House:** Shariq Davids  
**Deputy Head of House:** Joshua Smith

White House, what a busy year it was! However, it was a year filled with experiences of laughter, sadness and most importantly opportunities to showcase our unified pride. The first term started with the presence of a Matric group filled with an infectious sense of their competitive nature that quickly spread throughout the House and assured us that we would all have to play our part in the process to contribute to its success.

As a boarding House, we could not have been more eager to get activities going again – the way we were used to pre-Covid-19 that is. The boys in the House responded extremely well and used the opportunity to make up for lost time. After we, respectfully, wiped the floor with our opponents in the infamous Inter-House Tug-O-War on Founders Day, I knew we were going to be in for a big year. This year alone, 10 of our boys played an active role in the 1st XV Rugby team, with two of them being selected to represent Western Province at Academy Week, an achievement of which we can be truly



proud. To end off the rugby season, our U19 7s team were victorious in the annual Inter-House 7s tournament, with many tough encounters that saw us win the cup against School House in the final on the Piley Rees. Another proud moment would be our performance, led by the Matrics, for the Inter-House Movement – what an opportunity to showcase our passion and love for the House by simply enjoying ourselves on stage. We spent many late nights and early mornings together, which was often tough with exams, but it was all worth it to add to the *gees* in the House and give the boys something to be proud of. We narrowly placed second overall on this front – White House knows no limits!

Just witnessing the boys' absolute love and passion for the House was a sight to see, standing side by side in support of one another.

*Merlin Fransman*



# GRAY HOUSE

**House Director:** Joc Wrench

**Assistant House Directors:** Julian Vincent and Richard Smith

**Tutors:** Rhoda Manie, Wayne Tucker, Roseanne Withey, Victoria Nkosi, David Motsi

**Head of House:** Storm Lanfear

**Deputy Head of House:** Ben Reid



Despite still wearing masks for the first six months of the year, we happily returned to a full school year with all our regular House activities at full strength, which was a relief after the past two years. As this year ended, we had an opportunity to take a look back and recall what the 114 young men of Gray House had been up to over the past 12 months. We have a diverse set of talents among these young men, which is demonstrated in the wide array of achievements, individually and as a House.

We started the year by welcoming 27 new boys to Gray, and two new staff members, Ms Victoria Nkosi as a tutor and Mr Richard Smith as Assistant House Director. Mr Julian Vincent also stepped up from being a tutor to an Assistant House Director. At the end of Term 1, we said a fond farewell to John Knight, who has been an outstanding teacher, tutor, coach, Assistant House Director and more at Bishops for just over 18 years. We wished him well for his well-earned retirement and will miss him enormously in Gray. In Term 2 we welcomed Mr David Motsi as a new tutor.

Once again, the members of Gray made a good showing in all Inter-House events this year. While bringing home trophies and medals is pleasing, what is more important is that they always participated in good spirit, with gusto and pride. During Term 1, Gray finished in fourth place in Heats Week, second in Relay Sports, and won Sports Day by a very healthy margin, thanks to a sustained effort by all our athletes. Erik Todd, Reece Quin, Dylan Krause and Ben Derman all brought home more than 20 individual points!

Our Junior and Senior Hockey teams made the finals of both competitions, bringing home the silver medal on each occasion. On Founders Day, Ben Derman came first in the Avenue Mile, with Erik Todd in third place. Our Gray House golfers, Seb Dorward, Mike Cadiz, Kayan Jaga and Dylan de Groot, finished second in the Inter-House Golf competition, with Seb winning the overall individual competition. Gray came second in the Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz, and Zeno Benolich,



Liam Rogers and Axel Harrison brought home the trophy for Inter-House Mountain Biking.

Gray prides itself on putting up a strong showing in the Eisteddfod each year, and this year was no different, with a third place in Art and Singing, and winning the Owls for Speech, Drama and Music, as well as the Big Owl, for a record-equalling sixth win in a row.

There were several sporting highlights for our boys this year. Six of our cricketers took 5-fers: Seb McAdam (2nd XI vs Wynberg), David Lewis (U15B vs Star College, including a hat-trick), Milan Sandri (2nd XI vs St Charles), Ismail Bhorat (3rd XI vs Curro), Fayyaad Domingo (1st XI vs Graeme) and Tiaan Louw on three occasions (1st XI vs St Charles and Centurion, 2nd XI vs Pinelands, including a hat-trick). Veer Daya and Matthew le Roux participated in A-Finals at the SA Rowing Champs, while Josh Huntingford won a gold medal for the Beach Sprint event at the National Lifesaving Championships. Ben Derman, Max Olbrich, Dylan Krause, Callum Jenman

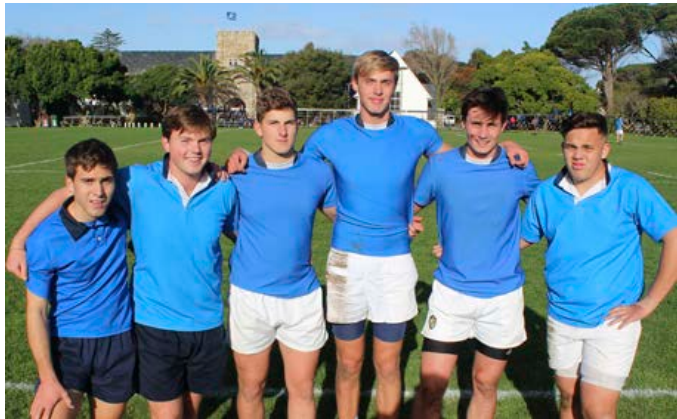


and Storm Lanfear all earned their Quadrangular Ties, while Reece Quin and Dylan Krause represented Bishops at Inter-Schools athletics and qualified to represent the Table Bay zone.

Half Colours were awarded to Dylan Krause (rugby), Ben Derman (athletics), Storm Lanfear (athletics) and Max Olbrich (water polo). Full Colours were awarded to Fayyaad Domingo (cricket), Seb Dorward (golf), Seb Le Grange (hockey), Ben MacFarlane (tennis), Dylan Krause (athletics) and Andrew Lawson (sailing). The following boys were selected to represent WP teams: Jordan de Sousa (WP U18B Water polo), Seb Le Grange (WP U18A Hockey), Zac Heyns (U18D Hockey), and Thomas Ludlam (U16C Hockey). Ben MacFarlane also earned his Distinction Tie for tennis, captaining and playing at No 1 for the SA U19 Tennis team, which successfully toured to the UK in July, and Jordan de Sousa was selected for the SA U16 Water polo team. Leo Letschert played for the SA U19 Futsal team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel in July.



A large number of Gray members turned out for the VUSA Cyclathon, which raised a significant amount towards this worthwhile rugby and learning academy. They included Jordan de Sousa, Christian Gloyne, Dylan Krause, Storm Lanfear, Reza Levy, Richard Mason, Will Reid, Thami Siko, Oscar Todd and Max Wurr. Johann Steyn earned two Service Ties, one for Cricket Scoring and another for Chapel AV. Erik Todd and Seb Le Grange earned their Service Ties for First Aid while Michael Lawson earned his Interact Tie. The following Grade 11s earned their PR Ties for service to the school: Sam Berrisford, Jean du Toit, Zac Heyns, Richard Mason, Dane Rogers and Ilyaas van Graan.



Ilyaas van Graan and Jeremy Liddle competed in the SA Maths Foundation IPT competition. Ilyaas represented the WP A team, which placed second, while Jeremy Liddle was in the junior team which placed first in their age group. Hasheel Govan (gold award), Nimba Mahlati (silver award) and Erik Todd (silver award) won awards for competing in the National English Olympiad. Our Grade 12s won the best performing House Grade in the June exams (out of 40 House grades).

During Term 1 at the Prize-Giving for 2021, the following boys earned prizes: Luke Davidge, Noah Macnab, Dane Rogers, Hasheel Govan, Jamie Chester, Richard Mason, Johann Steyn, Ilyaas van Graan, Ben Reid, Robbie Handley and Nimba Mahlati, as well as David Lewis and Erik Todd, who each came first in their respective grades. In Term 4 at the Matric Prize-Giving, prizes were awarded to Robbie Handley, Seb Le Grange, Ben MacFarlane, Nimba Mahlati, Max Olbrich, Ben Reid, Thomas Saurma-Jeltsch and Erik Todd.

Academic Ties were earned by Ismail Bhorat, Dylan Krause, Ben Derman, Suhail Janoodien, Jamie Chester,



Nic Macdonald, Zeno Benolich, David Lewis and Noah Macnab. Academic Jerseys were earned by Murrough Epstein, Mike Cadiz, David Lewis, Seb Le Grange, Nimba Mahlati and Ben Reid.

In Term 1 several of our boys were involved in the joint production by Herschel and Bishops of *Shrek The Musical*. They included Jean du Toit and Jamie Chester (cast), Ben Reid, Robbie Handley, Dylan de Groot and Ben Mitchell (band) and Duncan Carter and Tristan Dahl (backstage). In Term 3 a few of our senior musicians performed at our Parents Soirée, while Murrough Epstein, Nimba Mahlati, Ben Reid and Jean du Toit went on the Simply Blue and Drama Tour to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Jamie Chester won two categories at the National Individual Public Speaking and Debating Competition, placing fifth overall, and thus qualifying for the South African team. Ben Reid was selected to take part in the prestigious Youth Jazz Festival at Artscape and Dylan Krause won third place in the Mary Gray Art Prize.

Half Colours went to Richard Mason (Art), Jamie Chester (Drama), Dylan de Groot (Music), and Full Colours went to Dane Rogers (Art), Kayan Jaga (Art), Jamie Chester (Public Speaking), Jean du Toit (Music), Erik Todd (Public Speaking), Nimba Mahlati (Drama and Public Speaking) and Murrough Epstein (Drama). Ensemble Ties were awarded to Robbie Handley, Nimba Mahlati, Ben Mitchell and Ben Reid, while Zac Heyns earned a GIN Tie. Erik Todd and Nimba Mahlati received Distinction Ties for representing SA at the online World Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championships. Nimba was awarded the ESL Prize and finished in the top 50, and Erik was placed third in the Persuasive Speaking category and finished in 21st place.



Justin Pillay (Chile), Thomas Ludlam (Switzerland) and Cameron Wilson (USA) were all selected for Exchange. Sam Berrisford and Nic Macdonald earned their All-Rounders Ties, while the following all earned their 13-Year Ties: Ismail Bhorat, Murrough Epstein, Axel Harrison, Suhail Janoodien, Ben MacFarlane and Nimba Mahlati.

During the year, we were finally able to hold all of our grade dinners again. These took place in the Reading Room in the format of a formal dinner with after-dinner speakers. We are always grateful to our speakers who share their experiences with our members. This year they included John Holtman (recently retired teacher from Bishops), Andre Bredenkamp (extreme mountaineer), Jabulani Sibiya (Bishops 1st team and SA Men's assistant water polo coach), and Ryan Stramrood (extreme ice swimmer).

At our annual House Dinner, we announced our 'Gray House Grade 12 of the Year' award, which went to Liam



Rogers for his incredible passion and gees for all things Gray and Bishops, as well as the Gray House Grade 8 of the Year award, which went to Jeremy Liddle.

As the year came to an end, it was important to recognise the contribution of our group of Matrics, led by Storm and Ben, for their tremendous effort in always keeping the gees high in the House and for maintaining the unique Gray House spirit in all we do. We wish them well as we bid them farewell and good luck.

On a personal note, I have come to the end of my tenure as House Director of this fine house. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been a part of all that has happened in Gray for the past 10 years, and to have been associated with around 300 boys and their families during this time in this very special place we call Gray House.

*Joc Wrensch*



# OGILVIE HOUSE

**House Director: Ronald Jacobs**

**Assistant House Directors: Graham Robertson, Burgert Maree (until June 2022) and Nokuzola Gololo (from July 2022)**

**Tutors: David Russell, Clea Schultz-Mofokeng, Lizelle Swanepoel, Graeme Klerck, Pieter Smith and Nhlanhla Mbuyazi**

**Head of House: Rob Kotze**

**Deputy Head of House: Tim van Heerden**

'Leaders eat last!'

'No one can go back and make a brand-new start; anyone can start and make a brand-new ending.'

We, at Ogilvie, were blessed with fine young men in the Matric Class of 2022, best described as leaders who always 'eat last'. Rob Kotze and Tim van Heerden and the Grade 12 group in Ogilvie lived by that motto. The successes achieved by this Matric group were displayed not only in their fabulous achievements during the 2022 calendar year, but by the camaraderie, passion and willingness to be servant leaders for the boys in the lower grades. The Grade 12 group was instrumental in our successes in the Eisteddfod: second place overall; winners of the Visual Arts Owl; second in the Preliminary Owl; first in the House Play; third in the Speech Owl and third in Poetry.

There were many other accolades bestowed upon Ogilvie in Inter-House competitions. We won the

Debating, came second in the Junior Soccer, second in Junior and Senior Basketball, second in Fencing, and second in Surfing. We had amazing achievements on the sports front: Zuhayr Mohamood represented SA in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, winning silver, and was awarded a Distinction Tie in Karate. Haashim Pead represented WP in rugby in both the 15-man format, 7-a-side team, and in the Craven Week team. Tim van Heerden, Noah Edmonds, Michael Mafunda and James Malan represented WP in water polo. Cayden Mushonga represented WP and is included in the SA World Cup Squad in touch rugby. In hockey, WP colours were awarded to James Raubenheimer (he also received Full Colours) and Andrew Raubenheimer. Ferris Moser was captain of the U19 Basketball team, received Full Colours and, together with Haashim Pead, donned the 1st XV jersey! Ross Collins was the captain of sailing. Craig Ressel, Oliver Thom, Daniel Thom and Rob Kotze completed their Gold Level in the President's Award – an impeccable service to render, unselfishly giving of their time to improve the lives of others. Full Colours for



excellence in academics were awarded to Rob Kotze, Tim van Heerden, Craig Ressel, Seb Boeddinghaus, Oscar Baum and Robbie Dow among the Grade 12 group, with Rob Kotze being place first in the grade for four out of the five years at the College!

I want to thank Alfred Blom for the role he played in bringing harmony to the House. His contribution is acknowledged and appreciated, highlighted by his patience and his commitment to ensuring that the boys are welcomed to a safe space, 365 days of the year. We salute Burgert Maree for his service to Ogilvie and we

wish him success in his endeavours in Finland. Nokuzola Gololo and Clea Schultz Mofokeng filled the roles of Assistant House Director with aplomb! The tutors in Ogilvie complement the values we stand for and entrench the goals and vision in developing young men of whom we can all be proud.

Floreat Ogilvie, as we salute the Class of 2022, marking another memorable year!

*Ronald Jacobs*



# KIDD HOUSE

**House Director:** Mervin Walsh  
**Assistant House Directors:** Marvin Bester and Alex van Selm  
**Tutors:** Stephen Carletti, Shaun Hewett, Trevor Pasquallie and Yanou Pienaar  
**Head of School:** Suhayl Khalfey  
**Head of House:** Daniel Neuhoff  
**Deputy Head of House:** Liam Petersen

The staff and boys of Kidd House can look back on a fantastic 2022. Suhayl Khalfey, Daniel Neuhoff and Liam Petersen led a team of Matrics who put servant leadership foremost in all that they did for the House and its boys. We were fortunate in that the Eisteddfod went ahead 'in all its glory' and the Inter-House Singing competition was a highlight. It was wonderful to see the boys come together in the way that they did. Our 'culture vultures' got to showcase their talents. Kwon Hee Kim shone as he led the Eisteddfod charge and he was ably supported by Suhayl Khalfey and Liam Petersen.

On the sporting front, our senior boys were simply magnificent. They lifted both the Inter-House Hockey and Soccer trophies following dominant displays and were ably led by the super-talented Daniel Neuhoff. Daniel's record of winning Inter-House rugby, hockey and soccer trophies every year while at the College will not easily be matched. He, together with James Flint, went on to represent Western Province and South Africa

on the hockey field. It therefore came as no surprise that these two fine sportsmen walked away with major sporting prizes at Prize-Giving. Our U15 rugby boys won the Inter-House rugby 7s. All in all, our seniors set a great example for the younger boys to follow.

We say goodbye to Mr Shaun Hewett who served Kidd House admirably as a tutor for three years. Shaun has been promoted to the position of Assistant House Director of Ogilvie House. Shaun proved himself a much-loved and admired tutor and richly deserves this new pastoral position. I am sure Kidd House will hold a special place in his heart and know that the Kidd House staff and boys who have been in his care will miss him.

*Arrive on time.  
Do what you say.  
Finish what you start.  
Say please and thank you.*

**Mervin Walsh**



# BIRT HOUSE

**House Director:** Ruan Ellis

**Assistant House Directors:** Campbell Smith and Jacky Withers

**Tutors:** Husain Essop, Andrea Rutter, Sa-eed Slamdien, Anne Stevens, James Swift

**Head of House:** Chris Hodgson

**Deputy Head of House:** Brett Horn



The House of the Palms had another special year. We learnt a lot from last year and, along with the new leadership group, we set out on our daunting task to go one better this year round. It had its challenges, but it gives me great pleasure to report on the successes of 2022.

The loss of Ethan Mattison this year left us all shocked and broken. Losing a friend so unexpectedly left us asking many questions and not always getting the answers we hoped for. We all paid our tributes earlier this year, but let us all take a lesson from this and make the most of our time spent with our loved ones, as tomorrow is promised to no one.

From a House viewpoint we have ticked numerous boxes. First and foremost, Birt House should be a place where we all feel welcome and respected. It should also be a place of fun, where jubilant voices, laughter and excitement fill every space around the House. We have managed to maintain this and even to attract a bunch of permanent visitors from other Houses, all waiting for a locker to open so that they can move in and officially become a part of the House.

Extramurally is where things got interesting, as after such a long absence of sport, culture and societies many struggled to get back into the swing of things.

Sporting-wise, we were out of the blocks quite quickly and put up a great performance at Sports Day, ending third overall. We did not have half as many finalist spots as the other podium finishers, but our boys got stuck in, brought the *gees* and delivered a massive show of camaraderie and House vibe. The Grade 12s were the instigators here and just showed how much leading by example meant to the rest of the House.

Throughout the year we carried on with the same trend and had fun while doing so. As a teacher, it was extra special to see our juniors get excited about the Inter-House competitions. I just loved the classroom banter; the amount of trust they had in our seniors and how they simply just believed in the power of the Palm. Regular podium finishes, and the echoes of *#upthepalms* at every event drew more attention from other Houses and we soon began to be the House that others feared playing.



What pleases me the most about this is that even though we didn't always have the best teams on paper, our lads never gave up, played until the final whistle blew and always had fun while doing so! For that alone, I am so proud of being associated with Birt.

The cultural side of things was no different, and we earned another podium result with this year's Eisteddfod. Matthew Newton spearheaded our efforts and along with his team of leaders we managed superb results all round. We earned the top spot in Movement this year and we narrowly lost out on the Visual Arts and Singing Owls – we'll bounce back even stronger next year.

Academically, we have kept up our game and it was refreshing to see how many positive changes there have been in so many of our boys. Not only do we have some changes in the top academic spots in each grade, but many of our boys are performing at least 10% higher than the previous year. James du Preez kept our Ten Club representation alive this year and we once again showed off our talents in the various olympiads, debates and quizzes on offer!



Professionally, I am satisfied as a House Director. My second year at the helm was just as much fun as the first. Birt House has become even more popular and each one of the boys contributes to these successes. One of the biggest wins on the professional front was watching some of our boys stepping up and speaking out against things that are not in line with our school values. We are all part of this special place and should respect each other's cultures and values. It might have been only three or four scenarios where boys reported incidents, but hopefully this is only the start of putting an end to unnecessary hurt and divide among our brothers at the College. If we can only be one thing in this life, let us choose to be kind.

Up the Palms!

**Ruan Ellis**



# MALLETT HOUSE



**House Director:** Marion Gardner  
**Assistant House Directors:** Michael Vamvadelis and Sharief Petersen  
**Tutors:** Gloria Bassett, Angus Firth, Visser Gildenhuys, Aneen Kritzinger, Sue McPetrie, Wandile Nzuza  
**Head of House:** Jonty Couves  
**Deputy Head of House:** Michael Richardson

Mallett House is now 20 years old. As House Directors hold the position for 10 years, this also means that it has been my last year as House Director. I would like to thank all the boys of Mallett House for making the last 10 years so special. It has been an honour to be part of your journey through the College and to guide you through your five years with us. I have been impressed by your passion and loyalty. Mallett men never fail to feature around the Bishops campus in their relentless pursuit of excellence. The boys and staff of the Mallett family are close knit and that is part of what makes the House such a vibrant and enjoyable place. The boys, from juniors to seniors, are united under the spirited flag of Mallett, and always take pride in the House no matter what they do. This would not be possible without the wonderful team of tutors we are fortunate to have in Mallett House, and I thank them for always showing such interest in and care for the boys in their tutor group.

The highlight of this year was winning the Eisteddfod Singing, and we thank Felix de Bruin and Thando Kumalo

for preparing them so well. Our annual Cultural Evening was also of a high standard, with the staff participating in a few items as well. The Matrics stole the show with their performance of *Swan Lake*. Other impressive achievements on the cultural side were Thando Kumalo and Ben Anderson's amazing performances as Donkey and Lord Farquaad in the school production of *Shrek The Musical*. Ben Anderson won the Debating category at the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, and Jacob Fried won the overall competition.

We enjoyed success in Inter-House competitions too, winning the swimming gala, golf and chess, and achieved a number of second and third places in other competitions. Some outstanding individual achievements include: Ollie Beek played for the SA U18 Ice Hockey team and was named Most Valuable Player; Dean Sneddon and Jack Moyle played in the Junior National Water Polo Championships; James Grieve played for the U16 Western Province Hockey team;



Sebastian Cudmore swam at the SA National Swimming Gala, and Rowan Piokowski played for the Western Province Junior Touch Rugby team.

Among our members we have had four players in the 1st Soccer team (including team captain, Tyrique Nair), four who received their 1st Rugby team caps, three in the 1st Water polo team, two in the 1st Rowing crew, one 1st Hockey team player; one in the 1st Cricket team; the Fencing team captain, and three in the 1st Chess team, including the captain, Rishay Thakersee. Our annual Mallett House chess competition was won this year by Akshay Thakersee.

The following House trophies were handed out at our House dinner: Cameron Macbeth won the Junior Academic Award and Michael Kruse won the Senior Academic Award. Grade 8 of the Year went to Troy Haskel and Matric of the Year (other than head or deputy) went to Felix de Bruin.



A special thanks to the outgoing Matrics, ably led by Jonty Couves, for a successful year full of many wonderful memories. I wish the incoming Matrics well for their year of leadership. If they continue with the enthusiasm that they have shown so far, they are bound to have an excellent year. So, a final goodbye and thank you, boys and staff of Mallett House.

*Ma Force d'en Haut.*

*Marion Gardner*



# EPIC

The 16th Bishops Epic took place from 22 November to 7 December. Once again, it was a compulsory event for all Grade 10 boys (except those 16 away on Exchange). We believe Epic continues to be a valuable part of the Grade 10 curriculum, in a world where our boys are never without technology and many are seldom in nature. This year 135 boys and approximately 80 staff were involved. The weather played along and, with the exception of two rainy nights, it was not too hot, not too cold, but just right!

Unfortunately, back in October area C, which includes Sneeuberg Peak and the Maltese Cross, was badly burnt and subsequently closed for a year to allow the vegetation to recover. And so 11 of our 24 routes had to be adjusted to accommodate these changes. This meant that most of our hiking took place on only one side of the mountain.

On Epic, we aim to give boys an awesome outdoor experience, free of technology. Epic is not a 'boot camp', but it is also not a pushover as boys are often challenged and taken out of their comfort zones. The many positive emails I received from parents and boys afterwards certainly suggested that most boys had enjoyed a wonderful experience, where much fun was had, some hardship endured, where friendships were forged, skills learnt and, for some, real growth occurred.

Epic is not just 16 days away from home; much preparation is required by the boys during the year.

Some seven training talks were held during the second semester, several Life Orientation rotations were dedicated to Epic, a cycling workshop was held for those who were not proficient enough and several voluntary training hikes took place – coordinated by a very enthusiastic Julia Sanderson – followed by a week of Epic preparation including a First Aid course for the boys, fire-prevention training, campcraft training, team-building and the like. And then our buses departed for one of the most rugged and remote wilderness areas in the Western Cape, the Cederberg.

Boys enjoyed rotating between three of our four base camps. At the water base they took part in skiing, kayaking, sailing, fishing, and raft-building. At Sanddrif, our other action base, boys abseiled, mountain-biked, rode horses, jumped the 14-metre jump at Maalgat and experienced San art and caving at Stadsaal. Some boys did their 24-hour solos there too. At Elizabethfontein pupils did bush-clearing, the Sevilla Rock Art Trail, outreach work with the children at Elizabethfontein Primary and also helped to upgrade the school grounds. Many even enjoyed a night at the local restaurant. Bass fishing was introduced at Elizabethfontein for the first time, for which 12 rods were purchased, and this went down a treat with many of our pupils. They also enjoyed the brand-new facility that was built earlier this year at our Elizabethfontein base, and so were no longer accommodated in the old farmhouse. This facility was luxurious compared with the previous accommodation and boasted a large pool for hot Cederberg days. At

Jamaka, boys were involved in shooting and outreach at Grootkloof Primary School, and some groups did their 24-hour solos there. Pupils mostly hiked or cycled between bases. The 16 days away culminated in the arrival of the boys' father figures for the final tribal council and night. And it was truly a joy to behold the very human side of Epic, with the arrival of father figures to fetch their sons at the end of their sons' long adventures.

Our Epic Parents' Committee members commit themselves to much charity work each year and 2022 was another bumper year, thanks to the coordination of Di Davidson and Terry-Anne Hatty and the other parents on the committee. We asked for wish lists from both schools, and the committee did as much as they could to fulfil the lists. This year donations were made by Silwood School of Cookery (gas hobs and electric ovens); Butler's Pizza sponsored the prizes for the takkie drive done at the Prep; Polar Ice Cream donated ice-creams to the whole Pre-Prep for their takkie drive; an enormous number of toiletries were organised by Shawn Whiffler (Beiersdorf Consumer Products), Canway, Unilever and Tuffy, and nine monitors from Swiss Re were organised by Judith le Roux. Carpets were donated to Grootkloof; Ashraf and Shereen Ahmed kitted out the dining hall and kitchen at Elizabethfontein Primary with curtains; and Saul Berman set up the Pick n Pay cash-back deal and generously donated pavers to Elizabethfontein Primary. Many other parents donated generously to the Outreach kitty too.

I'd like to thank Rob Kaye and Market Toyota (Tokai) sincerely for lending us vehicles for Epic. These proved to be a great help to us. Thanks, too, to Trevor Colby and Cedric Opperman of our maintenance staff, for installing geysers and the donated gas ovens at the two schools, and a special thanks to Tyrone Adams, who tirelessly sorted out the ailing roof at Grootkloof and helped coordinate the painting of some of the school's buildings with our boys. We'd also like to thank Ian Robertson for providing the wood and tools to secure the Grootkloof school roof. Thanks to the Epic Brains Trust for the invaluable support they give me, and to the many Bishops staff who willingly gave of their time to make Epic what it was – Epic couldn't have run without them!

The Bishops Epic brings together pupils, staff, ODs, stooges, professionals and volunteers in a wonderful environment, and this year it was free of all Covid-19 worries for the first time in three years. Well done to those Grade 10s who made it a success and grasped this fantastic opportunity with both hands! Long may the many experiences you enjoyed last in your memories.

**Graeme Klerck**





# EXCHANGE

**Teacher-in-charge: Phil Court**

This year we were able to offer 17 exchange opportunities to our boys as more schools agreed to resume their exchange partnership with Bishops after the Covid-19 hiatus – last year only eight boys went off on exchange. We also hosted 13 boys at Bishops during this year.

Milan Sandri	Hale School, Australia
Robert Forrest	Episcopal Academy, USA
Aidan Herbertson	Kents Hill School, Readfield, USA
Ben Anderson	Belmont Hill School, Belmont, USA
Louis du Preez	Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, USA
Alex Newton	Culford School, Culford, UK
Thomas Ludlam	Schweizerische Alpine, Davos, Switzerland
Justin Pillay	Orchard College, Curicó, Chile
Bafokeng Lehloenya	Gilman School, Baltimore, USA
Rohit Patel	Private Realschule, Munich, Germany
Firoz Ebrahim	Coleigio Anglo, Colombia
Luan Krige	Framlingham College, Framlingham, UK
Nic Caldwell	Framlingham College, Framlingham, UK
Andrew Betty	Lancaster Country Day School, Lancaster, USA
Daniel Grobbelaar	King William’s College, Isle of Man
Cameron Wilson	Episcopal Academy, Pennsylvania, USA
Carl Van Wyngaarden	Kents Hill School, Readfield, USA

Phil Court

# BISHOPS PRIDE

**Teacher-in-Charge: Wayne Tucker**

Bishops Pride exists as a beacon to boys in the school, serving as a message to those who might be different in any way that Bishops is a place for everyone, no matter any differences. Throughout the year the committee of Murrough Epstein, Nimba Mahlati, Michael Beaumont, Sebastian Boeddinghaus, Thando Kumalo, Timothy van Heerden and Divakaran Govender has followed this aim by creating spaces and conversations that have inspired individuals to have the freedom to express their identities. Through playing interactive games,



Bishops Pride has facilitated mass discussion between boys of different grades and backgrounds, in order to educate, have the harder conversations, and reach mutual understandings. We hosted Mr Wandile Nzuza, who presented on the history of pride in South Africa, enlightening several members of the Bishops community on the origins of the pride movement and its place in our country. Bishops Pride is a growing organisation, empowering everyone in the community to be able to exist proudly, honestly and authentically at Bishops.

Nimba Mahlati



SPORT

# REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD SPORT

Sport is said to be a microcosm of society and, as such, the values learnt in sport are parallel to those in life. Sport at Bishops is no different and we are indeed grateful that we have been able to complete a full year of sport after the Covid-19 pandemic. Sport affects the emotions, and whether our boys are playing, watching or simply thinking about it, it invokes school pride.

There has been much to celebrate this year but there have also been lows that call for reflection and review. The games committee continues to explore the macro forces that drive change in our boys' lives and their engagement with sport. I am confident that we have been able to reconnect and refocus while looking for opportunities to get the best results on the sports field.

Sport continues to create opportunities. Regional and international tours give the boys a platform from which they serve as ambassadors for the College, while also enjoying these tours. Bishops rowing was fortunate to attend what is arguably the biggest rowing regatta in the world, the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston.

The race is a heads race of approximately 5km and we entered four boats: a single scull, a double scull, a coxed 4 and an 8. They competed in the youth section against elite schools in the US and from the UK, Europe, Canada, Australia and other parts of the world.

Most notable must be the numerous provincial and national selections, giving our boys the opportunity to showcase their talent on the world stage. National selection in our school sport includes fencing, hockey, rugby and tennis, and in non-school sports, ice hockey, karate, and go-karting. We are indeed very proud of these excellent achievements.

Sport at Bishops continues to give all a sense of belonging. It remains an extremely important component of an all-round Bishops education, as socio-emotional learning and crucial soft skills happen naturally in a sports setting.

*Warren Wallace*



# SPORTS

## Aquatics

**Teacher-in-charge:** Nadia Snyman

Getting the swimming team up and swimming again has been tricky after the Covid-19 pandemic. The year has not been without excitement though, as our annual Inter-House Swimming Gala provided one of the first opportunities for healthy competition among the Houses. Ogilvie swam easily into third place and, after a nail-biting face-off, Mallett snagged the first place from Kidd House. Founders won the fastman challenge in an impressive 26 minutes 65 seconds.

*Nadia Snyman*



## Athletics

**Teacher-in-charge:** Sa'eed Slamdien

The start of the Athletics programme is always eagerly anticipated. It was a welcome relief to witness boys competing this year after the enforced break from major sporting competitions in 2021. The eight Houses hit the events with extra fervour, knowing that bragging rights, and three House trophies, were at stake. Once the dust had settled, Founders walked away with the Relay Sports trophy, White won the Heats Week trophy, and Gray claimed the Sports Day trophy. It must be noted that two superb athletes, Dylan Krause (Athletics captain) and Storm Lanfear were instrumental in the success of their House on Sports Day. Victor Ludorum trophies were awarded to: U14: Danny Newton (Birt) and Tristan Thirion (Mallett); U15: Daniel von der Heyden (White); U16: Mu'aath Ganief (Kidd); U19: Adam de Waal (Founders) and Zimvo Joxo (Mallett).

The Quadrangular was hosted by Rondebosch Boys' High School and was a tight affair between the four schools (Bishops, SACS, RBHS and WBHS), with Bishops placing first in 14 of the 47 events. Special mention goes to Daniel von der Heyden for placing second in the U15 shot put, and winning the long jump, 200m and 100m events, as well as equalling the 100m record of 11.1 seconds.



Bishops also took part at the Western Province High School Athletics Competition. The team consisted of Alexander Newton (high jump), Danny Newton (hurdles), Dylan Krause (400m), Reece Quin (1 500m), Daniel von der Heyden (long jump, 100m) and Shariq Davids (100m). All progressed to the next round and represented the Table Bay Zone at the Western Province High School Athletics Championships. Danny Newton won gold and represented Western Province at the Western Cape High Schools Championships.

**Full Colours:** Shariq Davids, Dylan Krause and Abdul-Kareem Kerbelker

**Half Colours:** Storm Lanfear, Alexander Newton and Ben Derman

**Quadrangular Ties:** Ben Derman, Adam de Waal, Zimvo Joxo, Abdul-Kareem Kerbelker, Shariq Davids, Max Olbrich, Dylan Krause, Storm Lanfear, Luca Broggian, Connor Todd, Werner Koster and Fiekie Petersen

*Sa'eed Slamdien*

## Avenue Mile

**Teacher-in-charge:** Phil Court

The Avenue Mile returned to its original route this year – starting on Rouwkoop Road near Newlands Rugby Stadium. It was heartening to see how many boys took part. The wide variety of outfits they ran in was amazing – from barefoot in speedos to dinosaur suits. The start was rather chaotic with so many boys filling a narrow section of road. Bradley du Toit was the early leader, but by the halfway mark Ben Derman was in front. Ben led the charge down the Avenue and won the race in a very creditable time of 4 minutes 57 seconds. Bradley was second in 5 minutes 12 seconds, and Eric Todd third in 5 minutes 15 seconds. The Junior Race was won by Nic

Perez in 5 minutes 20 seconds – a very good effort as he was 5th overall. Sebastian von Bormann was second with 5 minutes 34 seconds and Chris Mclagan third with 5 minutes 37 seconds. It was good to have three ODs taking part – Craig Christian, Anton Krause and Ezra Williams. Craig's and Anton's sons (Bradley and Dylan) were also running: Craig managed to beat Bradley to the finish line, but Dylan decided to hold back and finish shoulder to shoulder with his dad. Bev Morris has been our faithful timekeeper for the Avenue Mile for the past 15 years and Burgert Maree has been our assistant starter and starter for the past 10 years – thank you both for your years of service and your support of this event.

*Phil Court*



## Basketball

**Teacher-in-charge:** Alungile Williams

'Always give it your best shot.' The exciting return to full sporting schedules this year was marked by the basketball team's impressive drive and competitiveness. They played well and demonstrated excellent perseverance. Our 1st team and U16 team had a difficult season, but they gave it everything they had and managed a few victories in the second half of the campaign. The U14s had a fantastic season, winning 10 games and losing only one. All the teams competed in the inaugural Wynberg High School Basketball Festival and played with vigour and determination.



The competition was fierce and the U14s won all their games – the highlight of the tournament. Giovanni Freeman, a former semi-pro NBA player, is the basketball coaching director and already the play of our boys is benefiting. A third basketball court has also been completed.

**Full Colours:** Ferris Moser and Christian Steward

**Half Colours:** Ayanda Bonoyi and CJ Gordon

*Alungile Williams*



## Climbing

**Teacher-in-charge:** Ruan Ellis

After a tough two years and several restrictions, climbing got going again. Training sessions moved to the new Bloc 11 climbing gym in Diep River, which allowed us more climbing time, and we managed to acquire a climbing coach. Jasmin Pillai has worked wonders with our boys, and I am sure we will have some provincial representation next year. We have also doubled our numbers, with a strong contingent of young climbers. All our registered members spent one Saturday completing an introductory rope safety and belay course at CityROCK. It was a fun day out and some of our boys managed to climb some tough and technical routes on offer at the gym. Our colours and awards criteria are currently under review.

*Ruan Ellis*



## Cricket

**Teacher-in-charge:** Shaun Hewett

The year could not have got off to a better start for the U15As and the 1st XI, under the new management of Messrs Lefson, Hamman and Walsh. Both sides returned perfect, five-from-five win ratios at the Peninsula Cricket Festival. The event, co-hosted by Bishops, Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg, consisted of 20 teams (divided equally among 1st XI and U15A sides) representing many of the pre-eminent cricket-playing schools in South Africa. There was much reason for early-season optimism as the U15As beat St Charles, Waterkloof, Grey College, Affies and Hilton on consecutive mid-January days on Oaks, with the 1st XI matching this record, save for playing Pretoria Boys' instead of Grey College, on the Frank Reid. It should be noted that 1st XI captain, Abel Mokwena, missed the bulk of the festival as he was representing the Southern Superstars at the Cricket South Africa (CSA) Cubs Week held in Stellenbosch from 10 to 14 January. Before the start of the academic year, 25 of the College's premier Grade 8 cricketers were hard at work too, courtesy of a three-day training camp at Bishops. The penultimate Saturday of the month will be remembered (probably not fondly) for away matches versus Paarl Gym (for the 2nd XI, U15Bs and U14Bs), on which the mercury reached 46-degree Celsius (with earlier starts and shortened games the necessary order of the day). The 1st XI completed proceedings for January with a two-day game, versus Wynberg, on the Jacques Kallis Oval. The contest ended in a draw.

February began with a double-header weekend of cricket for the 1st XI; 2nd XI; U15As and U14As, with Paarl Boys' providing the opposition on Saturday, and Grey High School and Pearson spending Sunday, 6 February, at Bishops, playing morning and afternoon T20s against

the host school before heading back to the Eastern Cape that evening. The Bish-Bosch T20 returned to the calendar for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic, and was played under lights on the Frank Reid before a jam-packed and enthusiastic crowd on 16 February. Rondebosch's 161/6 proved a bridge too far for the 1st XI, whose pursuit of victory fell 52 runs short. There was little time for the 1st XI to dwell on the disappointment of the Bish-Bosch result with a 13-member squad, accompanied by Messrs Lefson, Hamman and Walsh and scorer, Johann Steyn, boarding a flight to Johannesburg in the early hours of Wednesday, 23 February, to travel to St Alban's College in Pretoria for the Independent Schools' Cricket Festival [ISCF]. What was to follow was a long weekend of Highveld summer thunderstorms that wrought havoc with the schedule as just one of five matches was completed. As it was, the 1st XI recorded a two-wicket win over St Andrew's College. The U15As, who had headed to St Andrew's in Makhanda for ISCF 24 hours after the 1st XI, had better luck with the weather and completed all four scheduled matches. Wins against St Alban's College and Graeme College were offset by losses to St Stithian's and Hilton.

Proceedings for the first half of the season concluded on Saturday, 12 March, with hard-fought fixtures versus Rondebosch. The U14As completed a Term 1 'Triple Crown' (wins versus Wynberg, SACS and Rondebosch) and the 1st XI was last off a Term 1 cricket field following a pulsating draw on Frank Reid that went the distance (130 overs) and ended a shade before 7pm. The 1st XI's six Grade 12s were duly honoured with awards in the final assembly. Abel Mokwena received Full Colours (a re-award), and Fayyaad Domingo, Rupert Holmes and Ross Martin were awarded Full Colours, with Robbie Dicey and James Flint achieving Half Colours. The end of the term was tinged with sadness as the College

bade farewell to John Knight, former 1st XI coach and head of cricket, who retired after an almost 20-year association with Bishops. John's departure followed that of fellow stalwart of Bishops cricket and long-time head coach and Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre [SCTICC] manager, Neil Carter. He left his role after eight years in office at the end of December 2021 to take up a full-time post at Uplands College in Mpumalanga.

Interim head coach Brad Barnes took charge of a coordinated Winter Nets Programme and worked with groups of enthusiastic Bishops' cricketers throughout the winter. 1st XI coach Eric Lefson, who also coached the U14As from 2018-2021, resigned in June, having made the difficult decision to emigrate to New Zealand. He duly left in July to join the Hamilton Boys' High School staff. Messrs Wensch, Hamman and Barnes led a 12-member Winter Tour squad, captained by Cole Crawford, on a nine-day trip to Kruger Park and the Mpumalanga Lowveld, during the final week of the mid-year school holidays. Highlights, glorious winter-time Lowveld weather aside, included a drawn two-day match versus Menlo Park at the Skukuza Oval in Kruger (with the boys and staff basing themselves in the Skukuza staff village for four nights); a full-day guided safari in the park and competing in the Mozzie Week Festival hosted by HS Nelspruit. The tour – and concept in general – proved a huge success. The off-season saw a strengthening of ties between the College and JP Duminy's JP21 Foundation, with both organisations agreeing to work closely together for mutual benefit.

In September, a busy pre-season officially commenced on the first day of the month with the full-time appointment of Brad Barnes as the College's head coach. One member of staff (Mr Nzuzo) and 15 Bishops' boys, having completed 15 hours of midweek evening

lectures, wrote – and passed – the Cricket South Africa [CSA] Level 1 umpires' exam. The College hosted a JP Duminy-led captaincy and cricket leadership seminar on the evening of the 28th.

Jody October and his team completed a welcomed refurbishment and modernisation of the Frank Reid changerooms, while Don Murray and his colleagues worked tirelessly to have the Frank Reid and Oaks ready for pre-season use in time for the first game of the second half of the season: a 1st XI day-night affair versus Outeniqua on Friday the 16th. The month was largely characterised by preparation by the four sides representing Bishops at October school holiday festivals. The weather cooperated and afforded all teams meaningful time in the middle. The 1st XI duly headed to Cape Schools' Cricket Week [CSCW] hosted by Selborne College in a sodden East London on Friday the 30th. A composite U17A side, under the direction of Mr Steyn and Mr Wensch, departed to Michaelhouse, via Durban, on the same day while the U15As, under the leadership of Messrs Ekron and Hewett, and the U14As, led by Mr Frylinck and Mr Gildenhuys, travelled to Gqeberha and Pretoria, respectively, to participate in the Grey Colts Cricket Festival and Charl van Rooyen Cricket Week.

The 1st XI spent the first day of the month playing golf – instead of cricket – in East London while the city's fields and pitches dried following the late-September deluge. CSCW did eventually get under way on Sunday, 2 October, and four games, versus Waterkloof, Grey High School (at Buffalo Park), Graeme College and Parel Vallei, were duly completed ahead of the team's return to Cape Town on Tuesday, 4 October, with a record of two won (Graeme College and Parel Vallei) and two lost (Waterkloof and Grey High School). The U17As lost a day's play to the weather, too, in the KZN Midlands,

and returned to Cape Town having drawn one (versus Kearsney) and losing three. The U15As and U14As fared better with the weather on their respective tours and returned largely positive results. The U15As registered wins versus Jeppe, Grey High School and St Andrew's in a memorable 265 chase under lights in a 40-overs-a-side contest on Knowling Field in Makhanda. The team's solitary defeat on tour came against Affies. The U14A batsmen, in particular, took a liking to the Pretoria wickets and started Charl van Rooyen Cricket Week with three straight victories against Jeppe, Waterkloof and Pretoria Boys' before losing off the last ball of the game on the final morning of the festival to Affies in a T20. The undoubted highlight of the holiday-time tours was Thaafer Japtha's 207 off 137 balls for the U14As versus Waterkloof. His innings included 18 fours and 12 sixes. The regular season resumed versus Paul Roos on the weekend of 14 to 15 October.



U14A wicketkeeper and middle-order batsman Litha Mbiko was selected to represent the Western Province U16 side at the Inter-Provincial week to be staged in Gauteng. Cole Crawford (U19) and Waco Bassick, Michael Kotze, Singalakha Mayoyo and La-rohn Opperman (all U16) represented Western Province Invitation XIs versus Devon Cricket Board sides from the UK. The regular season concluded with traditional end-of-year fixtures versus Rondebosch. The 1st XI, for the record, played its 36th – and final – game of the year. Dylan de Groot, 3rd XI batsman, had the distinction of registering the year's final century by a College cricketer in a winning effort. Fayyaad Domingo received the lion's share of awards, 'Cricketer of the Year' and 'Players' Player of the Year' included.

#### 2022-specific personal milestones in chronological order (batting)

##### 100s:

- [Kashief Joseph \[1st XI\]](#): 116 v St Charles on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 11/01/22.
- [Samuel Stavely-Alexander \[U15A\]](#): 104 (116) v Paarl Gym on Oaks. Declaration. 22/01/22.
- [Abel Mokwena \[1st XI\]](#): 111 (135) v Wynberg Boys' at Wynberg Boys'. Two-day game. 29/01/22.
- [James Robb-Quinlan \[U15A\]](#): 136\* (126) v St Alban's at St Andrew's College. 50 overs. 26/02/22.
- [Kashief Joseph \[U17A\]](#): 110 (121) v HS Centurion at White River CC. Declaration. 14/07/22.
- [James Robb-Quinlan \[U17A\]](#): 105 (132) v HS Potchefstroom at Uplands. 50 overs. 16/07/22.
- [Litha Mbiko \[U14A\]](#): 110\* (78) v Jeppe at Harlequin CC in Pretoria. 50 overs. 02/10/22.
- [Thaafer Japtha \[U14A\]](#): 207 (137) v Waterkloof at Harlequin CC in Pretoria. 50 overs. 02/10/22.
- [Waco Bassick \[U14A\]](#): 102\* (98) v Pretoria Boys' High School at Pretoria Boys'. 50 overs. 03/10/22.

- [Adnaan Lagadien \[U15A\]](#): 100\* (84) v St Andrew's College in Makhanda. 40 overs. 04/10/22.
- [Kashief Joseph \[1st XI\]](#): 117\* (78) v HS Durbanville on the Frank Reid. T20. 04/11/22.
- [Dylan de Groot \[3rd XI\]](#): 126 (91) v Rondebosch at Rondebosch. 50 overs. 12/11/22.

**2022-specific personal milestones in chronological order (bowling)**

**Five-wicket hauls and/or hat-tricks:**

- [Tiaan Louw \[1st XI\]](#): 6-2-6-5 v St Charles on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 11/01/22.
- [Storm Matthews \[1st XI\]](#): 13-2-61-6 v Waterkloof on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 12/01/22.
- [Michael Kotze \[1st XI\]](#): 25-8-33-5 v Paarl Gym on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 22/01/22.
- [Sebastian McAdam \[2nd XI\]](#): 16.2-6-29-6 v Wynberg Boys' on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 29/01/22.
- [Peyton Leigh \[3rd XI\]](#): 9-1-23-5 v Wynberg Boys' at Wynberg Boys'. 50 overs. 29/01/22.
- [Ross Martin \[1st XI\]](#): 16-5-31-5 v Wynberg Boys' at Wynberg Boys'. Two-day game. 30/01/22.
- [David Lewis \[U15B\]](#): 3-0-10-5 [including a hat-trick] v Star College on the Range. 15/02/22.
- [Nicholas Bradfield \[6th XI/Flyers\]](#): 4-0-13-5 v SACS on Oaks. T20. 18/02/22.
- [James Raubenheimer \[3rd XI\]](#): 6-3-10-6 v SACS on Oaks. 50 overs. 19/02/22.
- [Nicholas Axten \[U14A\]](#): 9-0-39-5 v Grey College on Sahara. 50 overs. 26/02/22.
- [Ismail Bhorat \[3rd XI\]](#): 5-0-13-5 v Curro Durbanville on the Frank Reid. 40 overs. 04/03/22.
- [Troy Stockdale \[U14B\]](#): 4-1-10-5 v Parel Vallei on Avenue. T20. 04/03/22.
- [Michael Kotze \[1st XI\]](#): 22-11-24-7 v Pinelands on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 05/03/22.

- [Tiaan Louw \[2nd XI\]](#): 6-2-10-6 [including a hat-trick] v Pinelands on Oaks. Declaration. 05/03/22.
- [Jack Campbell \[5th XI\]](#): 3.2-1-12-6 v Rondebosch on Sahara. T20. 11/03/22.
- [Tiaan Louw \[U17A\]](#): 8-2-24-5 v HS Centurion at White River CC. Declaration. 14/07/22.
- [Milan Sandri \[U17A\]](#): 9-2-40-5 v St Charles' College at Michaelhouse. 50 overs. 02/10/22.
- [Reece van Wyk \[U15A\]](#): 8-3-17-5 v Grey High School at Grey High School. 50 overs. 02/10/22.
- [Fayyaad Domingo \[1st XI\]](#): 4-0-21-6 v Graeme College in East London. T20. 03/10/22.
- [La-rohn Opperman \[3rd XI\]](#): 7-0-26-5 v Paul Roos on the Frank Reid. 35 overs. 14/10/22.
- [Michael Kotze \[1st XI\]](#): 8-2-20-5 v Rondebosch CC at Rondebosch CC. 40 overs. 15/10/22.
- [David Handley \[2nd XI\]](#): 10-1-67-5 v Rondebosch on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 12/11/22.

**Full Colours:** Abel Mokwena (re-award), Fayyaad Domingo, Rupert Holmes, Ross Martin

**Half Colours:** Robbie Dicey, James Flint

*Shaun Hewett*



**Cycling**

**Teacher-in-charge:** Donovan Abrey

The annual Inter-House Cycling event took place at The Oaks on a 900m fast-paced course created for the race on campus. Zeno Benolich won gold for Gray; James Collins and Daniel Diedericks won silver for Ogilvie; and Nick Warren took bronze for Mallett.

*Donovan Abrey*

**Fencing**

**Teacher-in-charge:** Jacky Withers

The club finally had a normal year of training and competition again. We welcomed new Grade 8s and 9s and some have shown wonderful promise. Aidan and Daniel Richards both qualified to represent South Africa at the 2022 African Junior and Cadet Fencing Championships in Nigeria – billed as the 'continental powerhouses Egypt and South Africa leading the roll call of participating nations'. The final ranking was Daniel 6th and Aidan 9th in Junior epee. Next was the Junior World Fencing Champs in Dubai. The fencing brothers were up against very strong competition in the poules, but they loved the experience and competing against so many fencers from different countries. This year, England played host to the Commonwealth Championships and they were part of the South African team. The individual events were tough, with only one South African making it to the top 8. The team events were less stressful and included some friendly matches against Singapore and New Zealand. Both fencers have gained immeasurable experience at an international level this year and were awarded their Distinction Ties and Full Colours for their contribution to the sport. At the Fencing Championship we handed out the club awards. Tristan Carter has

enthusiastically taken on the role of armourer – a position that we have not adequately filled for more than two years.

**Awards**

**Certificates:** Julian Boeddinghaus, Peter Naude, Tommy Winfield, Grant Weich, Joshua Diggle and Tristan Kannemeyer.

**Bronze badges:** James Wilkin, Luka Lehmann, Kieran Hollis and Daniel Kushner.

**Silver badges:** Trae Turner and Thomas de Waal.

**Gold awards:** Mo Balim, Landa Tsobo, Tristan Carter, Felix de Bruin and Carl Elvin Jensen.

**Distinction Ties and Full Colours:** Daniel Richards and Aiden Richards.

**Inter-House Cup:** Founders

**Best Swordsman Foil:** Sebastian Boeddinghaus

**Best Swordsman Epee:** Aidan Richards

**Service Cup:** Felix de Bruin (Fencing Captain)

*Jacky Withers*





### First Aid

**Teacher-in-charge:** Anne Stevens

The following Matric pupils were awarded Service Ties for completing four years of service as active members of the First Aid team: Carl Elvin-Jensen, Suhayl Khalfey, Kwon Hee Kim, Joshua Smith, Erik Todd, Timothy van Heerden, Sebastian le Grange and Hugh van Hasselt. In addition, Carl Elvin-Jensen and Tim van Heerden were awarded Full Colours for their competent and dedicated leadership of the team for the past two years.

*Anne Stevens*



### Golf

**Teacher-in-charge:** Julian Vincent

Our golfers had a remarkable season. With 36 boys actively participating in our golf programme and three teams entered into the WP league, Bishops golf is certainly in a healthy position. For the first time in many years both our 2nd and 3rd teams were entered into the B division of the league. The fact that our 3rd team proved to be very competitive, only just missing out on a playoff position, shows the depth of talent we had this year. Our 2nd team finished at the top of their pool in the B division, winning nine out of 10 of their league games. Unfortunately, they lost the playoff to qualify for the gold medal match in the league finals. The 1st team had a stellar season with stats of eight wins, no losses and two draws. This was good enough for them to finish top of the log and secure their place in the WP league finals against the winners of the North league. The WP Schools League finals were played at King David Mowbray Golf Club on 5 September, where the winners of the respective 'South' and 'North' leagues went head-to-head for the WP champs title. The 1st team were victorious against a strong Durbanville High School team to claim the gold medal and were crowned WP League Champions. The 2nd team also won their bronze medal match against Curro Durbanville in a very close encounter.

A team of six Bishops golfers took part in the Cape Schools Week Golf Festival held along the Garden Route. Players were treated to near-perfect weather and top-quality golf courses over the four days of the festival, playing rounds at George, Oubaa, Mossel Bay and Kingswood. Each match consisted of six singles games and three foursomes games. The boys played some good golf, with team victories over Selborne

College and Nico Malan, but lost to a strong Grey High School team. The biggest lessons were learnt on the greens where the boys needed to deal with very fast, undulating greens – something not often experienced on Cape Town golf courses.

The Bishops Inter-House Golf Competition and Individual Championships was played at Steenberg Golf Club. Mallett finished in first place and claimed the trophy by a convincing 11-stroke margin. Gray finished in second place with Birt in third. The individual competition was very closely contested, with Sebastian Dorward and Jack Buckham both posting scores of 73. A sudden death playoff followed which Sebastian Dorward won on the third playoff hole.

### Golf Trophies and Awards

**Pagliari Plate for the Individual Champion:**

Sebastian Dorward

**Rookie of the Year:** Jack Buckham

**Inter-House trophy:** Mallett House

**Full Colours:** James Boustead, Sebastian Dorward and Cole Crawford.

**Half Colours:** Michael Newton and Adam Buckham.

Golf captain James Boustead was rewarded for a brilliant season in the WP Golf events, ending in third place on the WP U19 Order of Merit. His efforts got him selected as the captain of the WP U19 team for the IPT.

*Julian Vincent*



## Hockey

**Teacher-in-charge:** William Koopman

The greater focus of the hockey programme for 2022 was to give the boys a platform to play the game through practice and through competitive matches, and we saw a return to 'normal' practices, tours, festivals, league and non-league fixtures. Our 1st team played some 30-plus matches and the season was to a large extent a successful one. We fielded 12 sides, played more than 78 major fixtures, and participated in eight hockey festivals/tournaments. Our traditional rivals have again proven our toughest competitors. Our 1st team has done exceptionally well, with a winning percentage of 78% out of 36 matches. The 3rd team only lost their first match. We did well in terms of representative selections in the Western Province A and South Africa A teams: James Flint, Brett Horn and Daniel Neuhoﬀ were selected to represent the Western Province U18A side and South Africa U18A; Sebastian Le Grange was selected for the Western Province U18A side; James Grieve and Robert Veldtman were selected for the Western Province U16A team; and Luc Dicey, Michael Mafundo and Litha Mbiko were selected for the Western Province U14A side. Harry Morgan was selected for the Western Cape Team.

**Full Colours:** Nicholas Bradfield, Robert Dicey, James Flint (re-award), Bryce Herbert, Christopher Hodgson, Brett Horn (re-award), Sebastian Le Grange, Daniel Neuhoﬀ (re-award) and James Raubenheimer

**Half Colours:** Jack Craﬀord, Rourke Dyer, James Grieve, Louie Hart, Matthew Malan, Devon Marshall, Timothy van Heerden and Robert Veldtman

*William Koopman*



## Rowing

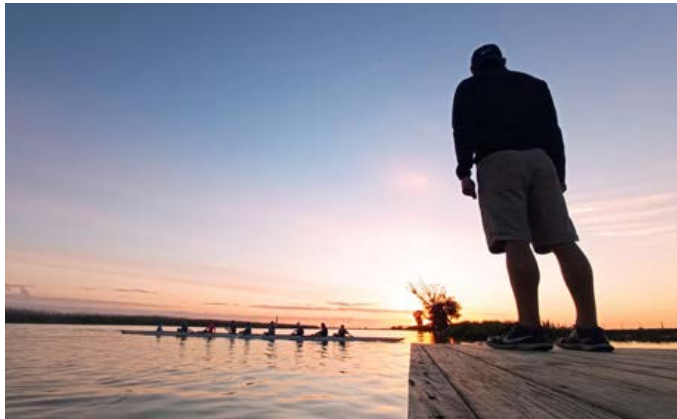
**Teacher-in-charge:** Bradley Smith

Although Covid-19 played its part and created adversity in the form of crew selection and management, the greatest threat we dealt with was water quality. An issue that kept the club off the water during the week and required a fair amount of travelling during weekends. Less water time put pressure on the club and its members and unfortunately the numbers dropped.

January Camp is always a great success; the water is clean, and the members can all be present at the same time which creates a fantastic ethos and camaraderie in the club. This year was no different. Crews got much-needed water time in, along with fitness, and friendships were created between age groups. The new group of Grade 8s especially profited from the water time and soaked up every opportunity they had to be on the water.

The season itself can be considered a success. The Grade 9s led the charge while the new Grade 8s took their cues and followed closely. There were several wins at the local regattas, proving that the club is still a force to be reckoned with. Given the uncertainty of the season, some of the regattas were missed, namely the VLC Regatta, which is normally an U15 tour. To compensate, the group was allowed to attend the Buffalo Regatta. Both the U16s and opens had a relatively quiet time on the course, but once again their morale was boosted by the mere fact that they were able to race and be competitive in all their races.

The South African Junior Championships were forced to be held at Victoria Lake in Germiston. This was due to Hyacinth weed taking over the regular course



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at Roodeplaat Dam. This meant that the course was reduced from 2km to 1km for the seniors. It remained the same for the Juniors, however, who regularly race 1km. We were unfortunately not to pick up any medals, particularly in the younger age groups, but the competitiveness and effort the group of boys put in was superb.

### 1st VIII

The 1st VIII had a tough start to their season. A group of Grade 10s and 11s (essentially this year's opens) prepared by spending a weekend in the Eastern Cape. Here they raced and trained against the likes of St Andrew's, Grey and Selborne. It was a great start but unfortunately a false start to several events that summed up the season. Many of the members contracted Covid-19 and this dealt a heavy blow to training. Further fuel to the fire came in the form of water cleanliness, with several water sources ruled out of play due to high levels of sewage spills. Rowing camp provided the base from which the first eight could build. Many of the seniors attempted to make good on their training during the season and there was a mixed level of fitness. But, overall, the camp provided a suitable platform and space from which the seniors could work. From the camp there were a few local, smaller regattas that took place at Eikenhof Dam in Grabouw. Our Bishops opens had mixed results, often struggling in the larger boats but coming close in the smaller boats. The Buffalo Regatta, held on the Buffalo River in East London and the oldest race in the Southern Hemisphere, always provides greater competition as crews from Gauteng and the Eastern Cape partake in the event. The event consists of two formats, a 2km racing distance and a shorter 500m sprint. While the Bishops opens were unable to win any events, it provided them with a much-needed tour after being confined by lack of water training – a confidence boost for the up-and-coming South African Championships, which is always



the biggest and hardest race for the Cape schools. This year, given that Gauteng was dealing with its own water issue, the event was held at Victoria Lake in Germiston. This is a 1km course and a very different feel to the normal Roodeplaat. It still meant that the crews head up to the heat, dry air and altitude of Gauteng. The crew went up four days earlier to try to minimise this deficit. Going up early is a considerable help and makes a big difference to the outcome. Overall, the boys enjoyed their experience, and the crew developed and felt well prepared for the event. Again, the results cannot do justice to the improvement the team made and the efforts to overcome a logistically difficult season and year. Congratulations on their A final in the eight, and 6th place in the coxed four.

### 2nd VIII

The energy that this team brought was tangible. Although they struggled to fill an eight for many regattas, they had plenty of exposure to racing in the coxed four events and the U19 doubles events. Our first national regatta was Buffalo, which saw Christopher Leith and Joshua Traut make the final of the U19 second double event, where they placed fifth. The coxed four



had a tough race and narrowly missed out on the final. At the SA Championships, the rowers were prepared for some tough racing. Notable moments included our resident driver of spirit James du Preez motoring down the course in the U19 first sculls heat. Bradley Calow and Joshua Traut did well to place fourth in their U19 first double heat, which meant they narrowly missed the final. The coxed four raced against tough competition in the first fours event and managed to place fourth in their heat – a solid result given the tough competition.

### U16

The barriers to rowing at the Vlei reduced the number of rowers in the age group. With around 10 boys leaving between September and March, our standard dropped significantly. From September to December the water training was isolated to weekends at Misverstand and ergo sessions during the week. January camp provided the perfect conditions to train, and Sebastian Cheminais and Liam Smollen took full advantage, taking substantial steps forward technically and physically. Buffalo is the first chance for the U16s to test themselves against the rest of the country. Two kilometres is a step up from U15 and the boys felt the increase substantially,

although they managed to place fourth in the coxless four, which consisted of Jack Hartman (Bow), Isaac Miller (2); Nicholas Basson (3) and Sebastian Cheminais (Stroke). This crew aptly named themselves the 'Wattage Cottage'! SA Championships was a mirror of Buffalo, but the gents managed to close the gap to the JHB schools, managing a fourth position. The team consisted of Jack Hartman (Bow); Isaac Miller (2); Matt le Roux (3) and Sebastian Cheminais (Stroke). Liam was unfortunate to injure his back at SA Championships and was unable to row in the coxless four. Mention goes to Matthew's ability to step in and assist the four and to add value to the boat – and to Seb, who managed to row both sides at one regatta!

**U15**

The boys began the season nervous about even rowing in single sculls and have grown into athletes who thrive at the thought of more challenges being put in front of them. The team has grown tremendously since their first camp back in September and have really galvanized their trust and understanding of each other. They have

learnt just how important it is to work as a team and to always support one another. The best result of this season was by far their fourth place in the U15 octuple. This is an incredibly competitive division and gets more and more competitive each year, with the top five spots being very difficult to break into. Another remarkable result was their ability to place a very respectable sixth place in the U15 quads. Diving deeper into this result reveals the difficulty of this achievement when you learn that 36 crews also entered this division.

**U14**

The U14s started off their season strong with a camp at Nerina Guest Farm in Robertson. We began with the capping test in the single scull, where the boys learnt the basics of the stroke and how to get back in, in the event that they fall out. They were then thrown into the deep end and had to learn how to row in octuple together, in time, and took turns trying to figure out how to cox. By the end of the camp, the boys were rowing full crew, full slides, showing fantastic progress in just three days. The first big challenge they faced was Western Cape

Champs at Eikenhof Dam in Elgin. Despite the windy day they stepped up to the challenge. The first day saw the A and B quads taking first place and our oct coming in a close second to SACS. After the many camps and hours on the erg the boys made it to Schools SA Champs at Victoria Lake Club. This regatta was an introduction to racing at the national level. Sadly, the oct just missed making it to the final but despite this the boys rowed the best they've ever rowed. The A double showed they were there to make a statement. They raced hard in the heats and managed to place fifth in the final.

**Awards**

Three boys represented the Western Cape U18 in an 8+ and one U16 was selected for a Western Cape 8+ at Western Cape Senior Champs. Congratulations to senior opens Noah du Randt, Lukas Barnard and Thomas Mason, and in U16s to Sebastian Cheminais.



**Rowing ties:** Didier Marx, Bradley Hurford, Jett Bacher, Joshua Traut and Joseph Power.

*Chris Hale*



## Rugby

**Teacher-in-charge:** Angus Firth

‘Where are we going, Bishops rugby?’ This was a question asked by Dave Mallett in 2018. It’s been two years of largely cancelled and chaotic rugby and despite having arguably two of our finest 1st XV sides ever, only 2021’s team got a few showings. For the rest, 2020 was non-existent and 2021 stuttered through to its conclusion.

It was with tantalising excitement that we embarked on the 2022 season with all the A squads travelling up to Port Elizabeth to the Grey High Festival in April. We met with great success on the tour and the horizon

looked rosy. The reality hit when we played our first full fixture back home against Paul Roos. The other schools, especially our local opposition in the Premier League, had added many cogs to their gears over Covid-19 while we were still pedalling uphill with three gears. We were way off the mark. On reflection, this year’s Bishops rugby season (with obvious exceptions) has been a disappointment overall, not just the general results but there were other failures too, and for a number of reasons. There is no point in reflecting on the past. It is done.

Subsequently, facing up to the realities of the season while looking to the future, it was clear that vast changes in our structures and systems had to take



place if we were to be competitive against our now semi-professional opposition. We needed a clear and defined rugby curriculum, top-level support coaches to work alongside the head coaches, a co-ordinated pre-season conditioning programme, specialist skills training for players, a coordinated recruitment process, and to rally and develop our rugby culture across all teams and players.

As a result, a completely new coaching structure has been developed, which is endorsed and supported by the College Executive and the principal. Within each age division (for all sides) a professional high-performance manager will co-ordinate, direct and support all the head coaches across their age division with coaching. The high-performance managers have been selected meticulously and are employed for the full year and not just the season, so they can manage the pre-season conditioning while planning and plotting for the season ahead, ensuring the coaches and players are well prepared, and safe, to compete in and enjoy the Western Cape Premier Division. On top of this, specialist coaches will be employed to focus on specialist skills; scrumming, kicking, line-outs, hooker, and scrum-half skills, etc, under the experienced direction of the head high performance manager and 1st XV coach, Wes Chetty.

The overall management, planning, coordinating, and implementation of the programme will be the responsibility of the Bishops Rugby High-Performance Committee made up of Angus Firth, Wes Chetty, Robbie Fleck, Richard Evans and Andrew (Tank) Lanning. This committee will direct Bishops rugby over the years to come. Each member of the committee has a detailed responsibility portfolio while the core aim of the committee, with the help of high-performance managers,



is to develop and deliver a unique rugby coaching curriculum and rugby culture that complements Bishops' rugby style. There is symbiosis between the rugby curriculum and culture, and Bishops rugby DNA and values: 'To inspire and unify Bishops through continually striving to improve and challenge rugby with innovation, while firmly holding onto our heritage of playing a fast-paced, highly skilled, support-based attacking game and being unbending in our defence.'

The HP Committee understands this is not a quick-fix solution, but a long-term programme designed to be sustainable and durable. We look forward to seeing some vast improvements in all areas of our rugby.

The 1st XV set in place a truly memorable winter of rugby, even though our overall record will reflect that it all amounted to a season of two halves. Without a doubt, there were games they should have won while a few of our defeats saw us end up just a mere handful of points shy of victory. These setbacks aside, one would have to acknowledge that this team made an unforgettable



start to its 2022 campaign, stringing together several impressive results against much-respected opponents. A distinct feature of those early-season matches was the fact that week after week, Coach Chetty was able to field an unchanged line-up. Sadly, injuries would go on to affect more and more of our games during the second half of our programme, even despite the players' remarkable resilience and their courageous 'never-say-die' approach. The players richly entertained us all, from the first game to the last. The pride and passion they brought to each fixture was inspiring; one could never overlook just what it meant to all who pulled on a Bishops jersey before running out to represent our school.

Several highlights remain worthy of mention, when one looks back on all that this team achieved during 2022. Here one thinks of those five first-half tries on the Markötter that saw us head in to half-time against Paul Roos 31 points to 7 ahead! Hosting our old rivals from St Andrew's College on a glorious afternoon and evening in early August (when playing in Barry Heatlie's myrtle

green) will be another treasured memory. Who could forget that stirring match against Outeniqua during April's festival at Grey PE, where our boys defied both the odds and formidable opponents with a staggering performance that showcased sheer unflinching physicality laced with characteristic handling and flair? Mention must also be made of two of the matches that were played over the Easter weekend at the St Stithian's Festival, where the Firsts recorded hard-fought victories over Grey PE and Maritzburg College.

We celebrated the wonderful achievement of our captain, Bruce Sherwood, who was selected to represent the South African National U18 team for the second year running. What an honour this was for Bruce, and how very proud we all were of him when this news was announced, even though it meant that he was then not able to participate in our last two derby matches of the season, given his involvement in matches against France and England. In closing, I proudly share the words below, words that were overheard during the Wynberg festival in March, as the boys in blue convincingly swept aside another set of early-season opponents. An out-of-town father who had accompanied his son's team to their match against our First XV was heard to say, 'Hierdie spelers van Bishops is ongelooflik... hulle is maar net *magicians!*'

The 2nd XV played some stunning rugby at times but were also never able to settle down due to the many injuries in the 1st XV towards the end of the season. Almost every 2nd XV player had a stint in the 1st XV at some stage.

The 3rd XV 'Stripes' had a successful season, considering the heavy injury count to open rugby in the second term. The team started to settle from the first Bosch

game with a memorable comeback and last-second win with a try in the corner that elevated Ben Norton to one of the best finishers in this year's open rugby. The team has always relied on its culture to bounce back, especially, after a disappointing loss to Paarl Gym; they then went on a four-match winning streak and won the triple crown to end the season. They had the perfect blend of very talented mostly Grade 11 backs, like Calum Jenman, Kashief Josephs, Wayden Moses and Xhanti Ngxangane, combined with hardened but skilled Matric forwards. Stalwart Matrics who were pivotal to our success included Max Seymour, Connor Todd, Liam Rogers, Jaytee Abrahams, Liyema Liwani, Jack Moyle, Mike Sun and Ferris Moser, who had a highly impactful couple of games. The most improved player of the season was Austin Graaff, who had all the skill sets of a wing on the flank.

The 4th XV had a challenging season, but they tried to re-establish the Wild Boys rugby culture after a long absence. Having one Matric in the side, the Grade 11s had to make the step-up. Not having too much success on the scoreboard this year, we asked ourselves *What defines a good year of rugby?* Most people in the professional circuit would say results, but at schoolboy level, it is how these lads have developed over the year. Have they grown in confidence, are they better skilled and did they have fun? Although we did not win a single game, we have ticked all the above boxes.

The 5th XV was a great and spirited bunch with many Matric boys playing for the first time spurred on by Kieran Spotswood who single-handedly ensured that the 5th and 6th sides had players every week. The highlights of the season were wins against Rondebosch, Wynberg and SACS.

After a good pre-season of hard work and conditioning, the U16A season began with a very successful and promising tour to the Grey High Festival, where they recorded wins over St Andrew's and Selborne College. Term 2 started with a tough opening fixture against Paul Roos. As always, in this league and at U16 level, there was a slew of injuries. At times within the A and B squad, up to 16 players were out. This severely hampered any momentum, and wins were very hard to come by. Apart from the opening tour, highlights were few and far between, but a great victory over Strand and a second win over our long-time rivals, St Andrew's, were much enjoyed. The boys showed tremendous fight against Wynberg and Rondebosch (both very good teams) on the Sahara but went down narrowly to both. For the B side, the highlights were undoubtedly the wins over Wynberg and Durbanville. Although the results were disappointing overall, there were great moments on both the training and playing fields. The U16B side trained with the A side, and they were essentially one squad this year. I think they benefited hugely from this. The U16Cs struggled to put a side together due to many injuries in the As and Bs. As a result, it was almost impossible to develop any culture or cohesion in the side. Ultimately, the Cs were absorbed into the A/B sides.

The U15As made a positive start on the pre-season tour to Grey High School with good wins against Selborne and St Andrew's, but there were some serious disruptions due to key players being injured. With so many injuries it was hard to settle and develop any consistency. The relentless onslaught of tough opposition back in the Western Cape also proved to be hard to deal with. But the boys cannot be faulted on their efforts, and they bounced back every week and tried their very best. The U15C team, the self-named 'Heinous XV', were quite the

group. Highlights included the never-ending banter, the hard work and dedication, double tackles versus staunch opponents from up north, a game on the Piley Rees and, famously, a victory away at Durbanville. A good culture was nurtured, with the boys taking ownership of the *gees* within the team.

The season for the U14A and B sides was special this year, returning to a full season of rugby, and although it was a tough year in terms of results, the players certainly learnt a lot. They started the year at the Grey Festival, and did well, beating St Andrew's and getting into a position to beat Selborne College, but let it slip. Back in the local league there was no respite, as week in and week out we played very strong sides – and the results were disappointing. The line-outs and scrumming certainly improved as the year progressed. The team, with very accomplished captaining by Joe Lanning, showed pleasing grit, trained hard, and can be commended for their commitment to the end. The B-side played some great rugby and was a strong unit in terms of their defence and also on attack – they played for each other, and always punched way above their weight level. They tackled fearlessly and were never afraid to take a chance, and they should be incredibly proud of the season they had. It was a tough but enjoyable season for U14C and D players. The highlight for the D team was their away victory over SACS, where they scored 7 converted tries: Odin Aspinall was the kicker. Another highlight was the match they played on the Piley Rees against WBHS. The C team's claim to fame was beating RBHS home and away – only one other team managed to do the same this season. All in all, 47 boys played for these two teams during the season. Jordan Planting was the stalwart of the year, never missing a practice or game all season. Litha Mbiko and Waco Bassick started playing rugby this year in the

D team and ended up playing matches in the A team – a meteoric rise. The most improved player was Emre Senol.

**Full Colours:** Bruce Sherwood, Haashim Pead, Shaywan Blankenberg, Gilermo Mantoe, Rafiek Petersen, Nicholas Steinhagen, Luca Broggian, Max Cary, Sean Craig, Adam de Waal, Ronan Dutton, Rupert Holmes, Jack Ryan

**Half Colours:** Nic Allison, Shariq Davids, Werner Koster, Dylan Krause, Aidan Norris, Olo Sopotela

*Angus Firth*



## Sailing

**Teacher-in-charge:** Graham Robertson

Both the captain and vice-captain of sailing, Carl Elvin-Jensen and Andrew Lawson, were awarded Full Colours.

*Graham Robertson*



## Shooting

**Teacher-in-charge:** Jean Nolte

The club has undergone some changes over the last few months. There are some talented shootists and some of the new boys are making good progress. William Jones was a proactive captain. We lost some of our members who were in Grade 12, but there are plans on the horizon to grow our ranks. The hope is to make the club a competitive one again.

*Jean Nolte*

## Soccer

**Teacher-in-charge:** Jarred Bradley

'Patience and Perseverance.' This year saw an exciting return to a full sports programme – and the Bishops soccer players were ready to grab the bull by the horns. We enjoyed a slightly longer pre-season this year, which ensured that the four soccer teams were selected and ready to go well before the official start of the season. Our usual drills and practice sessions were augmented by the addition of a well-structured strength and conditioning programme. We also had an increased focus on individual skill-based training, especially with the introduction of an expanded Skills and Conditioning squad.

'This is the year of Bishops soccer.' Under the calm and capable leadership of Tyrique Nair (captain) and Thomas Barton (vice-captain), the 1st team had one of the most competitive years that Bishops soccer has seen. Many of the 1st team players have been playing together since their Grade 8 year and it was special to share in their final derby fixture against Rondebosch. The team also had their first combined training session

with Harvest Soccer Academy in Kommetjie. This was an unforgettable experience that we hope to honour and continue going forward.

Our U17 team made an appearance at the inaugural U17 Rondebosch Youth Cup. It was a successful tournament and we narrowly missed out on a podium position, securing a fourth place. Another highlight was watching the incoming 1st team players receiving their kit and our 1st team lifting the Rohan Bloom Interfaith Football Cup, a mould of the late Rohan Bloom's actual soccer boot, for the first time ever. Six of our 1st team players were selected for the Rohan Bloom Team and they had the opportunity to showcase their talent against a strong U18 Cape Town City side. A second soccer field, at Lutgensvale has become the home of our junior soccer sides and has even hosted the odd staff social soccer game.

**Full Colours:** Tyrique Nair, Thomas Barton, Onwa Roji

**Half Colours:** Junsu Park, Thomas Boehmke

*Jarred Bradley*





## Surfing

**Teacher-in-charge: Keith Warne**

Surfing this year has been challenging but also fruitful. I have taken over from Burgert Maree and have begun implementing procedures aimed at allowing the sport to develop and grow. We are very pleased that surfing is recognised within the school as a sport and are excited about the way forward. Boys have enjoyed some really good surf sessions as well as some moderate ones, but always seem to have fun.

Sessions have been held as regularly as conditions have allowed – with some rather challenging, windblown missions undertaken this winter. We are limited as to the number of participants in any one session and have implemented a signing-up procedure to ensure fairness is maintained when numbers are high. Boys sign up on a Google form and positions are allocated accordingly. At least four slots are reserved for juniors on each trip. In most cases, though, this has not been a problem.

Boys are generally enthusiastic participants, and the level of surfing is relatively high. We have frequented Llandudno, Big Bay, Doodles and Milnerton Beach, on occasions stopping for refreshments to refuel on the way home when time has allowed.

The Inter-House Surfing Competition was held at Blouberg in a solid three-to-four-foot swell that proved a good test for the competitors. Some tightly fought battles were witnessed in early heats, with Josh van Wyk being edged out by a scorcher from Kai Zander who went on to take the senior final for Birt and with Sebastian von Bormann snatching the junior final for Ogilvie from William Prestage. Birt took the House trophy on final points tally.

Bishops also made the first surfing awards in the school's history. Josh van Wyk was awarded Half Colours for his performances at South African Junior Championships and selection for Western Province. Luke van Wyk was awarded Full Colours in recognition of his performances at the South African Championships and qualification for the South African surfing squad. These are both significant achievements and we will be keenly following the progress of these two talented individuals going forward.

*Keith Warne*



## Tennis

**Teacher-in-charge:** Michael Vamvadelis

Ben MacFarlane competed as the number one player and captain for Western Province in the interprovincial tournament in Gauteng. He remained unbeaten throughout the tournament and was selected as the number one player for the U19 SA Schools side to tour in the UK. He was awarded his Distinction Tie. Joe Phillipson was selected for the U15 Western Cape Disa team and was ranked number two. Chris Hodgson was a proactive captain.

**Distinction Tie:** Ben MacFarlane

**Full Colours:** Ben MacFarlane

**Half Colours:** Lennard Fauel

*Michael Vamvadelis*



## Water polo

**Teacher-in-charge:** Julian Vincent

The 2022 water polo season was a successful one. Returning to a full programme of events, along with the various tours and local tournaments, provided many opportunities for the players to showcase their talents and for our teams to perform against the best in the country.

We fielded 14 teams across the U14, U15 and U19 age groups. There were 110 interschool games played across Terms 1 and 4. Locally, there were tournaments for our U14A, U15A, 2nd team and 1st team, as well as tours for our U14A, U15A, 2nd team and 1st team. It was a very busy season.

Most of our teams produced strong results, but there are some teams that deserve a special mention: the U14D and U15C teams won every game. This really shows the depth we have across our junior teams. The U14A team had an exceptional season with remarkable stats: played 40, won 37, drew two and lost one. They won the WP Knockout competition; won every game on both of their tours; and won the Rondebosch tournament, a first for a Bishops U14A team. The U15A team also achieved impressive stats and were easily our most improved team. In the second half of their season, they played 12 matches, winning 10 and only losing two. Highlights for them were making the finals of the WP Knockout competition and the finals of the U15 Ian Melliar Cup tournament. They also finished their season winning all four of their league games in Term 4.

The 1st team won the annual SAC Shield Tournament held at St Andrew's. In the pool stage, the team topped their pool, beating Stirling, St Stithians, Kingswood,

Clifton, Glenwood and St Andrew's. In the quarter-finals they played Selborne, winning 8-7. In the semi-finals they played a strong Clifton side and won on penalties to earn a spot in a final against St John's. After being down 1-3 at the early stages of the game, the side pulled back through superb defence to be 4-4 at half-time. In the final chukka, St John's again pulled ahead by two goals, but the tenacity of the Bishops team once again came through as they managed to claw back, scoring the equalising goal just seconds before the final whistle. The team's semi-final experience in penalty shoot-outs paid off and Bishops came through as deserved winners of the SAC Shield. They also had a very successful and enjoyable weekend playing in the KES Water Polo Tournament. They won all their pool games against the likes of Westville, Pretoria Boys' and St Stithians, before progressing to the quarter-finals against Rondebosch. After beating Rondebosch in a thrilling game, they came up against a strong St John's in the semi-final. St John's were in admirable form and ran away with a solid lead in the first quarter. Despite a valid effort to wrestle back from the slow start, it was too much. The 3rd/4th playoff was another close encounter, with the Bishops team showing grit to claim victory over Clifton. The team can be very pleased with their bronze medal performance, and take pride in their conduct in the pool, winning the Fair Play Trophy. Nick Steinhagen and Dean Sneddon are also commended on being selected for the tournament team. At the SACS U19 Water Polo Tournament, they won seven out of nine pool games and finished third in their pool. Unfortunately, in the quarter-finals they lost 6-4 to St John's, who went on to win the tournament. Dean Sneddon was also selected for the tournament team.

A few weeks into Term 4, the Stayers 1st team (no Matrics) travelled to Johannesburg for the annual St

Stithians Stayers Water Polo Tournament. It was a very young and inexperienced team, with nine Grade 10s playing against top water polo schools with predominantly Grade 11s in their teams. Bishops came 10th out of 20 teams, beating St David's, Jeppe and Michaelhouse, after losing to St David's in the 9th/10th place playoff.

### WPSWP League Knockout Competition results

The 1st team lost to Rondebosch in their semi-final in a close encounter. The U15As beat SACS in their semi-final and put in a huge effort in the final against Rondebosch, ultimately going down 5-7. The U14As beat Wynberg in their semi-final and proceeded to move to the main pool to play Paul Roos in the final. They had the better of PRG, winning the final 5-3 and claiming the gold medal and the Davies Cup.

### Tours

The 2nd Water Polo team travelled to Gqeberha to play in the Pearson 2nd team tournament. After a tough opening game against Grey High School, which they lost 7-6, the team went on to win all their remaining pool games. They met Selborne in a playoff game, and with some exceptional defensive work from the whole team, they managed a 6-5 win. Unfortunately, a 5-3 loss in the quarter-finals to Rondebosch meant the team could not progress to the top four. The team eventually finished fifth overall, beating Clifton 8-3 in the 5th/6th playoff. Notable mentions must be made for Jack Lea (goalkeeper) who was voted MVP in two matches, despite battling an injury, and Ross Walker who was awarded MVP in one match.

The U15A team participated in the Indigo Water Polo Tournament hosted by Parktown. The team had some challenging matches in the pool stages but managed to

qualify for the quarter-finals, to unfortunately go down to St John's. Although a tough tournament, the boys continued to improve, showing heart and Bishops pride in every match. They finished sixth out of 22 teams.

The U14A team had a very successful time at the Jeppe Ken Short Festival, where they remained unbeaten, winning all six of their games. The team showed grit, overturning three deficits at half-time to win some tight games. They also travelled to the Midlands to play in the Hilton College Water Polo Festival and won all their games, beating Michaelhouse, Westville, Kearsney, St John's, Clifton and Hilton.

#### Local tournaments

The U14A team brought home the gold medal at the Rondebosch tournament. They topped their pool by winning all seven games and then comfortably progressed to the final to come up against the hosts, Rondebosch. After a slow start to the final, they displayed incredible strength of character to fight their way back into the game, which ended 7-7 after full time. The boys showed unbelievable composure to win the penalty shootout and claim first place at a Rondebosch tournament for the first time. Michael Mafunda was named goalkeeper of the tournament and Matt Fenn was named player of the tournament.

The U15A team played in the Ian Melliard Cup hosted by Wynberg and finished second in their pool, winning three of four games, only losing to Selborne College. The team grew in strength with each game and won the next three playoff games, beating Grey High School 6-3, Reddam House 7-6 in the quarter-finals and Paul Roos 5-4 in the semi-finals to advance into the final. They came up against Selborne College in the final for what was a very tense and low-scoring game that went the

way of Selborne in the end. The team brought home the silver medal with Daniel van den Heever making the tournament team and Alex Laspatzis being named goalkeeper of the tournament.

#### Awards

**Full Colours:** Nicholas Steinhagen, Dean Sneddon, Max Cary, Adam de Waal, Jack Moyle, Louie Hart, Tim van Heerden and Benjamin Hatty

**Half Colours:** Adam Lieberman and Max Olbrich  
Western Province selection

The following boys were selected to team WP for the Junior National Water Polo Championships: U18A: Dean Sneddon and Jack Moyle; U18B: Benjamin Hatty and Jordan de Sousa.

#### The following boys were selected to team WP for the Inter-Provincial Tournament:

**U14A:** Matthew Fenn, Michael Mafunda and James Malan

**U15A:** Noah Edmunds and Daniel van den Heever

**U15B:** Christopher du Toit and Jake Fenn

**U16A:** Ross Walker, Thomas Truter, Alexander Smith and Ross Stewart

**U16B:** John Bos, Bryn Parry and Cameron Moon

**U19A:** Timothy van Heerden

**U19B:** Benjamin Hatty and Trento Lambrechts.

#### South African representation

Adam Lieberman was selected for the Maccabi SA U18 team, to represent South Africa at the 21st Maccabi Games in Israel.

Jordan de Sousa was selected for the South African U16

team for the FINA World Cadet U16 Men's Water Polo Championships.

*Julian Vincent*





# **INTERNATIONAL** TOURS

# EDINBURGH

## Edinburgh Festival Fringe

### Simply Blue and *Tapestry of Strength*

It was the 75th anniversary of ‘the largest arts festival on the planet’ in 2022, and marked Bishops’ return after a hiatus of seven years.

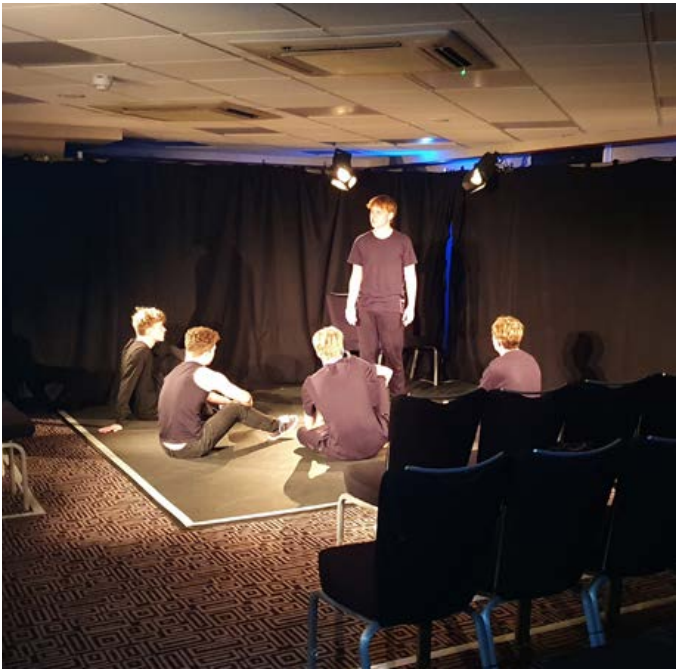
After an exhausting journey, 20 relieved Bishops boys and three even more thankful staff members arrived in the city of Edinburgh to perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. We were hosted by the Reid family at their wonderful home, Portmore House, near Peebles, which very soon became our home away from home. Their kindness and generosity will certainly not be forgotten by anyone in the touring party. Over the next six days, the boys in *Tapestry of Strength* and Simply Blue busked on the Royal Mile, charmed festival goers, and performed to appreciative audiences at their theSpaceUK venues. When they were not performing, they enjoyed the talents of other festival performers ranging from comedians to musicians and a capella groups, culminating in the magnificent spectacle that was the Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2022 – complete with pyrotechnics and a cast of hundreds. They also immersed themselves in the sights and sounds of Edinburgh; climbed all 287 steps of the Scott Monument; marvelled at the castle, perched high above the city; enjoyed

the majesty of Holyrood Palace; navigated the public transport system, and the personalities that come with it; came to love the sound of the bagpipes that could be heard 24/7; and pretty much lapped up every precious second of what was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

After a train trip from Edinburgh to London and settling into our accommodation at Goodenough College, the touring group split up and explored the amazing city. Simply Blue impressed the ODs at a special performance. We navigated the London Underground; shopped till we dropped in Oxford Street and Regent Street; visited Harrods, Camden Market, Piccadilly Circus and Covent Gardens; and bathed in the history of the vibrant city. A highlight of the London leg of the tour was attending the thrilling production of *Hamilton* on the West End. Other West End hits that were enjoyed were *Wicked*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

It was a happy and successful tour, and we commend the boys on the level of professionalism in their productions, their impeccable behaviour and for being excellent ambassadors of both Bishops and South Africa.

Wayne Tucker and Marion Gardner



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## Reviews

### *Tapestry of Strength*

*If you want to see how young people should stage a piece of theatre, this is it!*

*Lekker.* It's a superb word; South African slang for 'great' or 'nice'. And when five South African boys are presenting 45 minutes of performance pieces, it is great to hear them say *lekker* at least once because it reveals that they are doing it in truly South African style. And they really are. Five young Springboks showing us just how young actors should perform, with stage presence, honesty and charm.

We are presented with five South African 18-year-olds from Diocesan College (aka Bishops) in Cape Town, a private all-boys school well known for its rugby, cricket and music. Not to put too fine a point on it, the five of them look like the second and back rows of the rugby team, all well over six foot, with cauliflower ears and a good build for scrummaging. And they do all indeed play rugby for the 'Wild Boys', the College's infamous 4th team. At one point, hilariously, they pack down as a front row. But believe me, these boys also know how to act.

The group is here to explore what it means to be a young male South African in the 21st century, navigating masculinity and strength while exploring identity, acceptance and belonging. They do so through a succession of monologues and duologues from their Matric practical exams, with some well selected text to speak. What shrewdly chosen lines experienced drama teacher Wayne Tucker has given them. Is there any better advice than 'Never go in against a Sicilian when death is on the line'? And more people should be told 'you're a dweezil'. Some lines are jaw dropping (Fugard's

poignant 'what the hell does a black man know about flying a kite?' from *'Master Harold'... and the boys*) and others moving (a strapping 18-year-old says, 'I was here for some insulin'). The highlight is an extract from South African playwright Paul Slabolepszy's play called *Boo to the Moon*, where a young man seeks excuses not to join the army and fight. The texts explore every possible facet of young masculinity.

And now to the cast. All five actors are crackerjack. Lance Brilus shows terrific physical control as he moves in to touch the 'man-fish' of Shakespeare's *Tempest* amidst a well delivered speech. James du Preez impresses in his cheeky goblet change and monologue. Thomas Mason engages us well in his analysis of a useless afternoon. And Thomas Barton is a highly accomplished young actor, thoughtful, interesting, and honest. But the Oscar perhaps goes to Murrough Epstein, whose performance throughout explores an emerging sexuality with deftness and courage. Every contribution is electric, from 'Untouched' to 'Car crash' to his Puckish finish. There is surely another facet to growing up as a young South African male explored in his performance that could be too easily brushed aside for other foci. The five work well as a group too, knowing when to step forward and when to keep quiet and still. The 'off-camera' poses are sometimes casual and cool, but the best ones are totally ridiculous (the handstand, for example) since the performers always carry them off with complete commitment and no pretention, the most refreshing feature of everything they do. It is an approach to performance that is honest and true to their age and background. The talk sounds natural, but you hear every word. The costumes are spot on too. All the shoes are the same but the rest of their costumes express individuality, one with baggy black trousers and another with ripped jeans.

If you want to see how young people should stage a piece of theatre, this is it. These performers are really, really *lekker*. (5\* Review)

### Simply Blue

*Hit the stage and party.*

There is a real physicality in music. The act of singing itself is a physical endeavour, managing breath, working vocal cords, projecting the noise.

Singing also carries a rhythmicality to it – swaying hips and clicking fingers. That’s why sporty boys often love to sing. They certainly do at the Diocesan College (aka Bishops), an independent boys’ school in Cape Town, which prides itself both on a galaxy of South African sporting internationals and a strong musical tradition, based in its John Peake Music School. The school holds an annual Eisteddfod to show off its musical prowess, with a range of singing and instrumental performances that the whole school clearly buys into and enjoys. It is wonderful to see a school make this level of commitment to music. This Simply Blue choir is a product of the school’s passion, with a collection of 16- to 18-year-



olds presenting their songbook in harmony, with the occasional backing track and some light choreography.

What a charming bunch of crooners these guys are. Fifteen of them, just like a rugby team – very Bishops. An elegant, modern rainbow boys’ choir. The singers all worked together well in providing sharp harmonies and the two-way waistcoats were a thing of wonder in themselves. Congrats to Costume. Within the group, Nimba Mahlati was undoubtedly the talisman, opening and closing the show with a stunning voice. Koame Kota’s passion for the isiXhosa language clearly engaged the audience. And Thando Kumalo can definitely move. The group particularly came to life presenting African heritage songs as their centrepiece, starting with *Shosholoz*a and progressing into Zulu prayer songs and music inspired by the townships. This was certainly the centrepiece of the show and sung with real passion and feeling. Eric Clapton and John Denver songs sandwiched this section. The group are good choral singers, wonderful movers and smartly dressed. (3\* Review)

*Ben Ludlow* for Broadway Baby



# BOSTON

## Rowing Tour

Boston is a truly enchanting city. With interwoven skyscrapers and red brick buildings, the heritage of the city was tangible. The experience for the boys in this vibrant place proved exceptional – music, war history, various cultures and academic and rowing superiority. HI Boston Hostel, an ideal home for just over a week, is just a stone’s throw away from Chinatown, the Boston Common and what felt to be the melting pot of the city. The boys were fortunate to have independence in the city, to explore what they chose to and make the most of the opportunity.

The Charles River winds and twists a waterway through the city of Boston. The likes of MIT, and Boston and Harvard universities flank its banks, and it is a rowing haven. One can walk the length of the 4.8km racing course. Naturally, the racecourse is positioned on a segment of the river. The conditions in the week’s build-up were ideal to enhance technique and find some last-minute speed.

On the second day of training, the boat ‘clicked’. With the terminology used in rowing, it is understandable – the crew found each other in the water, along with timing and confidence.

To add to the dreamlike experience, the boys borrowed boats from Harvard University, which has a prestigious rowing programme. The Newell Boathouse is known as ‘the elder statesman’ among the other Charles River boathouses, and is named for the 1894 Harvard graduate Marshall Newell, a varsity rower and football player who passed away while working as an official on the railroad. The boathouse was built in 1900 on the south side of the river in his memory. Once we arrived, we met up with current Harvard rower and OD Kalu Jay Varney. Kalu gave the boys a tour of the facilities and insight into the experience one has as a Harvard heavyweight rower – an invaluable introduction. Access to the changerooms, erg room and a top-notch boat was enabled by the close relationship Brad Smith has built with the Harvard rowing team.

The city hums this time of the year. Rowers from across the States, Europe and a few Southern Hemisphere countries find themselves shoulder to shoulder, bow to stern, on the bank and on the water. With more than 200 000 people attending over the course of three days, it is challenging to capture the essence of the scenes and experiences. Bridges and banks are packed with experts and novices, fans and parents screaming for their crew and friends.

The Head of the Charles Regatta takes the regatta form of a heads race. Each crew receives a bow number, which is placed for identification purposes on the part of

the boat that crosses the line first. Crews are set off 10-15 seconds apart, lining up beyond and towards the city from Boston University Boathouse.

The Youth Eight consisted of 90 crews and Bishops placed 67th and 54th in the Youth Double out of 56 crews.

*Christopher Hale*

### **The Race**

The whole crew woke up at 8am excited and nervous; we had time to have a solid breakfast before racing. We

then went down to the Newell Boathouse, where we were in a prime position to watch races until 10.30. We changed and readied ourselves for what was to come. Mr Smith briefed us on a warm-up and how much time we had till we had to get on the water. During our warm-up run and stretches, we had the chance to visualise, breathe and mentally prep ourselves for the 4.8 brutal kilometres. Mr Smith informed us on how the lining up worked and gave us a hype talk – we were ready to rumble. As we waited at the start line we sang our school song (I vow) to calm some of our nerves. We spoke to some of the other crews while we were waiting to get set off. I did some breathing exercises and looked

at my watch. My dad bought the watch for me and before every trial or race, I look at it and think about my parents and everything they've done for me. When the race started, we quickly got caught by a crew that was faster than us but in the last 2km, we went past the other crew. Overall, we had a really good race. While we were paddling back to the Harvard Boathouse, we talked to Bennies and heard that they had crashed. The whole experience was one in a lifetime!

*Didi Marx*  
*Rowing Captain*



# ETON

## U/16 Rowing Tour

After a long and tedious 12-hour plane ride, we arrived in the UK. My family and I took a day-long journey to Windsor, the town where Eton is located. The next morning was full of excitement and Tom, one of the fathers and the most energised of the bunch, played loud techno music on the drive up. The view of Dorney Lake was breathtaking, with ducks swimming on the glass-flat water of the 2012 Olympic Lake. We checked in at the front desk and said goodbye to our parents, then were instructed to go inside the boat shed, where we spent 80% of our breaks. As small groups of people started to form, the South Africans wasted no time in making friends and socialising. We were introduced to our coaches.

I knew the day had begun after the coaches split us into four groups – green, blue, yellow and red. I was in green, but the groups were only temporary for the most part. In our groups we went to different stations. My first station was goal-setting, and we were helped to set goals for the week. The second station instructed us on the dos and don'ts when in the boat shed, which was filled to

the ceiling with intimidatingly expensive boats. The third station was in the gym, where we set about correcting our technique on the erg. We finished off with a session on the water for the coaches to get to know us and our rowing technique.

Tuesday was a calm day, starting with a 1km time trial in the skulls (singles). Each day had an average of three training sessions and the coaches gave us advice at the end of every session. The coaches were enthusiastic in answering any question we had. The following days were similar.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and it was 100% worth it. Experiencing both the culture and the rowing was thrilling. We were fortunate enough to have two athletes from the British Rowing Squad, one being from the British Woman's Quad, with us! On Wednesday we had a 'barbeque' which was very different, and the incorrect way to braai, so the South Africans proceeded to show why braais are so great by playing touch rugby and dominating everyone, no matter which team we were on. At the end of the braai, we had a fun tug-of-war match.

On the last day, we had a choice of water skill or another time trial in the morning. I chose the water skills, which was very entertaining for everyone participating, because of the numerous falls after attempting tricks such as the gondola. The gondola is a difficult trick – a person in a single stands up, takes one ore out and after spinning it like a helicopter above his/her head has to paddle with that ore while still standing up.

In the afternoon we had a splash regatta. This was a fun competition that everybody could do, beginners and avid rowers alike. It was designed to be more fun and required skills that would rarely be used in an actual race situation. We had to do erg relays and races where we stopped and had to do the water skill we learnt earlier that day.

It was an incredible tour and I learnt so many new techniques that I am looking forward to trying out.

*Cameron Redfern*



# SALVETE VALETE

SALVETE

Grade 8

Alexander, G  
Alfaro-Mclaughlin, A  
Arends, M  
Axten, N  
Bassick, W  
Boeddinghaus, J  
Bower, A  
Bromley, A  
Cedras, C  
Christian, B  
Clark, C  
Clarke, S  
Couves, B  
Couves, M  
Csizmadia, S  
Davidson, B  
De Jager, M  
De Waal, L  
Desai, A  
Domingo, C  
Fenn, M  
Fisher, A  
Fleck, J  
Francke, K  
Greyling, R  
Guerrini, D  
Hartley, I  
Haskel, T

Hibling, J  
Hochstenbach, M  
Hudson, S  
Jacobs, S  
January, E  
Khan, A  
Koch, B  
Koen, J  
Koster, J  
Kowen, J  
Kriel, M  
Le Feuvre, S  
Liddle, J  
Macbeth, C  
Malan, J  
Marshall-Smith, M  
Mavume, L  
Mbamalu, K  
Mbiko, L  
Mclagan, C  
Meyer, D  
Miller, J  
Miller, L  
Moon, J  
Morgan, H  
Murphy, L  
Nathoo, H  
Newton, D  
Ngculu, M  
Nyawula, L

Oosthuysen, M  
Oriander, W  
Parent, J  
Pfende, C  
Philipps, D  
Ratcliffe, L  
Ratheb, G  
Robinson, R  
Sandri, M  
Sedgwick, N  
Serrurier, J  
Sirkot, Z  
Sunday, I  
Stirk, K  
Stockdale, T  
Tadross, A  
Verster-Cohen, F  
Vintcent, A  
Viuff, N  
Ward, A  
Whitehorn, J  
Willemse, L  
Winfield, T  
Young, T

Grade 9

Bassingthwaighte, J  
Collins, R  
Darnell, C

Deckenbrock, N  
Frost, C  
Peignon, O  
Perez, N  
Theledi, T

Grade 10

Bitarabeho, R  
De Rauville Rohm, D  
Hendricks, R  
Merryweather, A  
Ridgway, C  
Todd, O  
Yeo, M

Grade 11

Edkins, B  
Muleya, Z  
Sopotela, O

VALETE

Grade 8

Craig, C  
Csizmadia, S  
Cudmore, S  
Finch, M  
Joubert, C  
Murphy, L  
Serrurier, J  
Souter, N

Grade 9

Barker, H  
Bouwers, E  
Sontange, K  
Voigt, R

Grade 10

Ameen, S  
Bailey, J  
Calana, U  
Constant, A  
Esposito, S  
Frater, A  
Heinamann, S  
Herbertson, A  
Krige, L  
Roberts, C  
Smollan, L

Grade 11

Kerbelker, AK  
Mattison, E  
Scheder-Bieschin, C

Grade 12

Abdullah, H  
Abrahams, JB  
Barnard, LD  
Barrett, JM  
Barth, J  
Barton, TE  
Bastick, K  
Baum, OP  
Beaumont, MAS  
Beek, OL  
Bennett, JG  
Bhorat, I  
Boeddinghaus, SJW  
Boehmke, TP  
Border, DBC  
Bourgonje, J  
Boustead, JAB  
Bradfield, N  
Brilus, LV  
Broggian, L  
Cary, MC  
Chagan, R  
Chu, JA  
Ciolli, L  
Couves, JB  
Craig, SR  
Csizmadia, AD



Davids, MS  
De Bruin, F  
De Klerk, RGB  
De Waal, AL  
Dempers, HT  
Derman, BM  
Dicey, RM  
Domingo, MF  
Dow, RA  
Du Preez, AH  
Du Preez, JC  
Du Randt, NF  
Dundulachis, A  
Dundulachis, E  
Dutton, RJ  
Dyer, RJ  
Elvin-Jensen, CT  
Epstein, MC  
Fauel, L

Flint, JI  
Giles, TR  
Gounder, KP  
Green, CJ  
Gross, CRJ  
Handley, RC  
Harrison, AR  
Hart, LD  
Herbert, B  
Hodgson, CA  
Holmes, RK  
Horn, BM  
Hyun, J  
Isaacs, Y  
Jaffer, A  
Janoodien, S  
Johaar, MY  
Joxo, ZLJ  
Karlein, DJ

Khalfey, SA	Maurel, TJ	Petersen, L	Smith, JR
Kim, KH	Mitchell, JB	Petersen, R	Sneddon, DC
Koster, WG	Mokwena, AL	Pillay, K	Spotswood, KC
Kotze, RB	Molyneux, MT	Raubenheimer, JA	Steinhagen, NC
Krause, DA	Moser, FAH	Reid, BCD	Sun, MZ
Kumalo, T	Moyle, JM	Ressell, BC	Terblanche, SAM
Lanfear, SN	Moyo, ZL	Richardson, MG	Thakersee, R
Lawson, AM	Nadar, R	Rodinis, GN	Thom, DR
Le Grange, S	Nair, T	Rogers, L	Thom, OG
Levick, DG	Naude, M	Roji, O	Todd, CG
Lewis, AV	Ndlovu, S	Ryan, JB	Todd, ET
Lieberman, AM	Neuhoff, DN	Saurma-Jeltsch, TN	Turner, TKA
Liwani, L	Newton, MR	Sayed, R	Unite-Penny, CT
Lotter, AD	Nyoka, MG	Schluter, SA	Van der Merwe, LB
MacFarlaine, BR	Oaker, Z	Seymour, MO	Van Hasselt, HA
Mahlati, NLS	Olbrich, MH	Sherwood, BRM	Van Heerden, TW
Makhoba, E	Omar, MY	Siebert, C	Van Wyk, LA
Malan, MA	Osman, F	Slauck, TK	Wharton-Hood, D
Mandindi, O	Panieri, SL	Slingers, CS	Withers, TJ
Martin, RC	Papa, A	Smit, K	
Mason, TJ	Park, J	Smith, EP	



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## ISSUE 8

### OD NEWS & SCHOOL NEWS

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### SCHOOL NEWS

A summary of recent school highlights, including metric results for the class of 2021.

**THE STATS**

- 156 boys** were the top students in the class of 2021.
- 98.7%** of the class of 2021 achieved a distinction or better.
- 18.1%** of the class of 2021 achieved a distinction or better.
- 23** of the class of 2021 achieved a distinction or better.

### HIGH ACHIEVER

With new distinction, Gabriel Dymall-Holinger (2021K) was one of the top three performers in the class of 2021. He achieved a new distinction in his final year of school.

**SCHOOL SNIPPETS**

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### INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Late 2021 saw the launch of the most exciting bursary initiative in the recent history of Bishops, a venture set up by the ODU in partnership with Citadel Wealth Management. The Invest in Our Future Foundation will support talented ODs who require assistance with their tertiary education, thus bridging the difficult and critical gap from school to the job market. This is a comprehensive explainer of the IOFF and what we hope to achieve with it, as well as an introduction to its first worthy recipient. By **Simon Burrow**

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### WHO'S WRITING'S ON THE WALL?

ODs have left their mark on the world and denied the universe for more than 170 years, but few can claim to have done so as visibly as Brent Dymall and his company Independent Outdoor Media. By **Brandon de Kock**

**THE DANCE CHANGERS**

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### ODs in the news

Be it for their writing, music, political prowess or driving social change, ODs have been making headlines here and abroad.

**DEFINING "PROLIFIC"**

The word "prolific" has been used to describe the work of many ODs. It means "producing a large amount of work". ODs have been prolific in their writing, music, political prowess, and driving social change.

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**THE BEST MEDICINE**

The best medicine is the one that you take. It is the one that you take every day. It is the one that you take every day.

### BUILD IT, AND THEY WILL COME

Leaving behind a successful career in advertising, Justin Gomes took a path that led him away from the Cape Town CBD and into the Noordhoek countryside. **Ian-Matthijs Rijkdijk** caught up with him at Justin's family farm, where he's inspiring people to make meaningful connections with the world around them.

**LIVING THE DREAM**

Justin Gomes is a successful entrepreneur. He has built a successful business and is now living the dream. He is a prolific writer and performer.

### ODs in ART

In our art special, Peter Hyslop reviews the Bishops Community Week Art Exhibition held in October last year. Then, his son Simon celebrates Peter himself. Bishops Master of Art for 36 years. We also list the Sophie Gray ODU Art Prize winners.

**ARTIST'S IMPRESSION**

Art is a reflection of the world. It is a reflection of the world. It is a reflection of the world.





inspires individuals