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The year was always going to have a singular focus as we reached the milestone of 175 years of existence. From humble beginnings in the (now) Archbishop's home in Bishopscourt to the wonderful facilities we enjoy on our two campuses and the College and the Prep, Bishops has had enormous influence on the lives of the boys who have attended it, the staff and, indeed, all who have been part of the community.

The 175 celebrations were a wonderful success. beginning with a cricket festival just before the year started and ending with a music and fine-dining experience. The attention to detail ensured we managed to acknowledge just about every special aspect of Bishops, throughout our school from Pre-Prep to College. We celebrated service to others, academic achievement, sport, culture, our Christian heritage and faith, and so much more. We opened a magnificent new facility, the Ubuntu Learning Centre, and blessed our new stained-glass windows at a consecration of the Brooke Chapel.

We can look back with great pride and a sense of achievement on this special year. Let us also remember that this was an opportunity to capture the essence of the past 25 years in the updated history so well penned by Mike King. I am eternally grateful to Joc Wrensch who oversaw the year's activities in addition to successfully launching the 175 Wine project, which was sold out. We can be very proud of what was achieved this year.

The year began with the announcement of Bishops as the top academic school in the Western Cape, for the first time. Numerous other academic accolades followed as our boys excelled both nationally and internationally.

Our cultural programme really took to the theme of 175, hosting another first, the Tri Lingual Public Speaking Competition, as well as a number of 175-themed performances, the highlight being the combined concert in the Memorial Chapel where our Pre-Prep, Prep and College boys performed together for the first time to sold-out audiences.

We held various sporting activities and generally had a very good year, particularly in water polo, cricket and hockey, hosting and playing in a number of festivals with great success.

The single biggest project was the completion of the Ubuntu Learning Centre, a marvellous academic space. seamlessly linked to the Molteno Library, that has fast become a very popular space for boys to gather, share, learn and teach. This building was opened by His Grace Archbishop Thabo Makgoba in July, and will be a most valuable addition to our already wonderful facilities.

His Grace was a regular visitor to our school and and as a school community. To ignore change and yearn consecrated the Brooke Chapel and also blessed three for days past is a dangerous thing indeed. Yes, what stained-glass windows that were funded by the Bishops happened in the past has shaped much of who we are community. They are the most beautiful works of art today and we need to celebrate our ancestors, our and capture the essence of the three people to whom predecessors and what they did, but we simply have to they were dedicated. Together with the new sanctuary take lessons learnt from mistakes made and outdated in the Memorial Chapel (tiles and carpet), this was an thinking and alter our course to a more relevant. important part of the celebration of our faith in our 175th appropriate environment. For the sake of our boys and year. our own future. We are indeed 'educating our boys to run a world in which we, as adults, will retire'. We want This was also the year when a dream became a reality that world to be one where all prosper, where love and the efforts of a dedicated group of rowing parents abounds, kindness is in every action or thought and our bore fruit in the opening of the Bishops Rowing Centre. common humanity is all that matters.

a state-of-the-art static facility that allows for training and coaching to take place on our campus. The parents are to be highly commended for their efforts.

We had a number of incidents during the year, some of which filled us with joy and some which caused great unhappiness - that is the nature of schools. As a result of some of these incidents, we have undertaken to conduct an independent review of our boarding programme to ensure we provide the best possible environment for our boys, free from any outdated practices hiding behind the concept of 'tradition'.

Bishops is a changing environment, as it should be. We are changing in terms of our demographics as we head towards increasing the number of boys and staff of colour at the school to better represent the demographics of our city. But, more importantly, our work to try to change hearts and minds through workshops, discussions, policy and education remains foremost in our minds.

Together we can make our country a better place, for all its people, but change starts with us, as individuals It was a deliberate action to name our new facility using the African ideal of ubuntu: 'We are who we are through others.' Our lives, indeed, our wellbeing, are inextricably linked with those around us. Let us make this ideal come alive in the years ahead.

Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu

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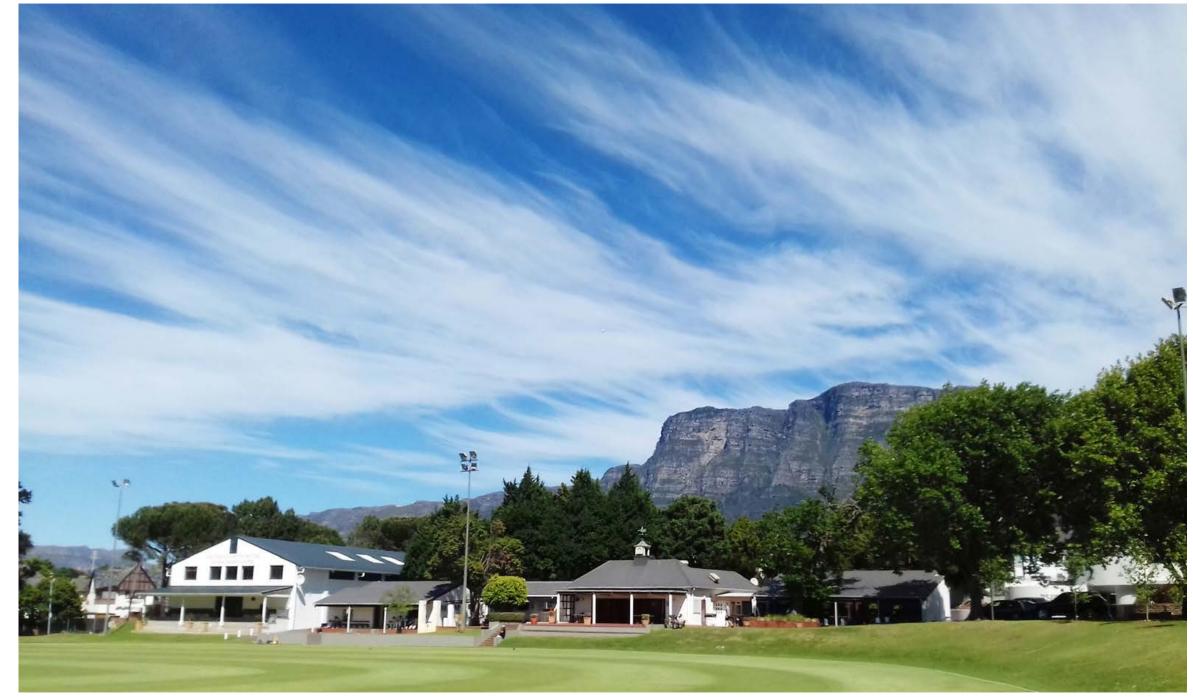
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2024 was a year of magic – a year in which classrooms expanded beyond walls, communities reached across divides, and the extraordinary was found in the simplest of connections. Bishops and VUSA worked hand in hand to create moments that remind us of the power of opportunity, shared purpose, and the joy of learning together.

#### Pedals, putts, and purpose

There's something inspiring about coming together for a cause, and this year, that spirit was palpable at the VUSA/Investec 24-Hour Cycle Challenge. With the hum of stationary bikes, the laughter of teammates, live music, and the determination of riders pushing through the early hours of the morning, it wasn't just a challenge, it was a celebration of community spirit, raising over R1-million to build a hub and library for VUSA's children. This future library isn't just about bookshelves and reading corners, it's about possibility, a sanctuary of imagination and growth for children who dream big.

Our annual PA/VUSA Golf Day brought Bishops parents, corporates, alumni and friends to the greens for a day of camaraderie and good-natured competition. More than a fundraising event, it was a reminder of how much we can achieve when we chip in – pun intended – for a brighter future.















#### Mandela Day

Mandela Day was made even more special as Bishops marked its 175th anniversary. The school closed its doors for the day, dedicating the time to service and community. At the Pre-Prep, VUSA ECD children were warmly welcomed for a morning of fun activities. Bishops Grade 7s headed to Langa to join VUSA children and staff for a community clean-up. The day concluded with some fun activities and an inspiring talk by author Andrew Russell. It was a day that embodied the spirit of Mandela's legacy, bringing people together, working towards a common good, and building bonds that strengthen our shared community.

#### Adventures that open the world

Outings were filled with excitement as Bishops Prep and Pre-Prep children joined VUSA kids for adventures that opened doors to new experiences. Whether tumbling at Total Ninja, exploring contemporary art at the Zeitz MOCAA, or feeling the thrill of scoring a goal in a friendly soccer match or a Pre-Prep fun day for our ECD children at Bishops, these moments offered something far more meaningful than just a fun day out.



For VUSA children, they brought opportunities to engage with new places and ideas, expanding their horizons in ways that spark curiosity and confidence. For Bishops children, these shared experiences built relationships beyond the sports field, rooted in understanding and mutual respect. These were not just trips, but bridges, creating connections, fostering friendships, and reminding us all of the richness that comes from learning and growing together.

#### Peer learning: teaching and being taught

We are incredibly proud of Caden Chuang and Landa Tsobo, whose dedication and leadership have taken the Bishops College Peer Learning Programme to new heights. This year, they expanded the initiative by inviting Herschel girls to join, creating a more inclusive and dynamic environment for mentorship and learning. This programme is a testament to the power of collaboration and the impact of young leaders making a difference in their communities.

#### Angels among us

Every Tuesday, a group of Bishops parents - our ECD Angels - packs puzzles, books and a whole lot of love as they head to Langa to work with VUSA's youngest children. These little ones light up as the Angels bring not just games but also the confidence that comes from knowing someone believes in them. Week by week, skill by skill, these children are becoming school ready, with stronger foundations for their next journey of formal schooling.

#### A celebration of Christmas joy

The highlight of every year is the VUSA Christmas party. Organised by Bishops Grade 5 and 6 families, this party is about more than just gifts and games, it's about the magic of Christmas. For many VUSA children, this is their only gift of the season - a rugby ball, a toy, or something as simple as a new stationery set - but it's accompanied by a powerful message: 'You matter!' Seeing their joy reminds us all of the true meaning of giving.











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#### The DigiBus: learning on wheels

The Atlas DigiBus was a hive of activity. Once again, thanks to Coronation Fund Managers, it rolled into schools in Langa with laptops as well as English, Maths and coding lessons. Many hands made this project possible, and the DigiBus's home at Bishops has been a fitting demonstration of how education can truly be a bridge between communities. A highlight of the year was HRH the Prince of Wales stepping aboard the DigiBus during his Earthshot visit - a reminder that our work here echoes far beyond our borders.

#### Hearts in action

Perhaps one of the most important steps this year was the addition of a dedicated social worker, thanks to the generosity of the Mitchell family. For children navigating complex challenges, this role is a lifeline, providing a safe space to talk, heal and grow. It's the quiet, unseen work that makes a world of difference, ensuring every child knows they are valued and supported

#### Looking to the future

As the year closes, the possibilities ahead are endless. From building a library to creating new hubs of safety and learning, to strengthening academic support and growing programmes like the Peer Learning Initiative, the vision is clear: a brighter, kinder future for every child. This journey isn't about charity, it's about connection. It's about the magic that happens when Bishops and VUSA children, parents and teachers come together to create something bigger than themselves. This year reminded us of the strength in unity and the joy of working toward a common dream.

#### Nikki Matthews























The Robert Gray Award 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. Two awards were confirmed in 2023 and awarded in 2024. Those who received them were John Dobson and Blaine Tomlinson. An award confirmed in 2020 was awarded in 2024 when the recipient, Anthony Record MBE, was able to travel to South Africa to receive it.

#### Anthony Record MBE (1956/S)

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Anthony Record was born in Cape Town on 27 June 1939 to a Dutch mother and English father who owned and operated hotels in South Africa. He was at Bishops from 1952 to 1956, and probably holds the unique distinction of being the only boy to have been in three different houses while at the College; he started in Founders, then joined Gray and finally matriculated while in School House.

While Anthony's remarkable abilities have always been clear to those who know him, debilitating and ongoing struggles in the classroom led teachers to underestimate his intelligence. In fact, the school's career adviser at the time strongly advised Anthony not to enrol at a university. He was subsequently diagnosed with acute dyslexia (with which he still lives today).

Despite those struggles. Anthony enjoyed his time at school, playing rugby and squash. With a keen sense of time and place, it's not surprising that his favourite subjects were History and Geography. His love of history was driven in large part by the avuncular influence of RM 'Wilkie' Wilkinson, with whom he remained close family friends, Wilkie often a guest of the Records in their UK home and they of his when visiting Swellendam where Wilkie retired.

The last day of the fourth term of Anthony's Matric year was his final day at Bishops and, for a time. South Africa. as he set sail to join his parents in Kent where they lived. He took up articles and gualified as a chartered accountant, after which he established his own firm that he ran for 10 years. As a serial entrepreneur, he then went on to start several businesses in the fields of dairy products and ice cream, environmental risk management, food safety (working with Woolworths and Marks & Spencer, checking all their food suppliers), property management, and development and textiles. He also started a wine-production business in France from scratch, and a wine-distribution business in the UK. in which his partner was the late Tim Rands (1969/O) of Vinemark.

At that time, he began to consider the many young encountered from less-advantaged people he

backgrounds, where parental funding was unavailable a while and was catalysed by a conversation with the to support and encourage dreams and ambitions. He Reverend Christopher Gregorowski (1956/G) (now saw a clear connection between this and the high youth Bishop Gregorowski) and Christopher's wife Margaret. unemployment rate, especially in Wales - at the time The first practical step began with the establishment over 30% - and realised he could make a difference of a ceramic studio in Hout Bay. This project segued by helping young people to start their own businesses into the Light from Africa Foundation, a South African which, in turn, would not only give them hope, but also charity that is one of Anthony's most-loved and of which boost the local economy. It was then that he founded he is founder and chairperson. The foundation works Welsh ICE, the Innovation Centre for Enterprise (known with facilitators and counsellors, artists, musicians, as the Campus) in Caerphilly. dance instructors and crafters in both rural and urban communities in the Western Cape.

The centre offers experience and practical guidance to support members' innate capabilities, allowing them The Covid-19 pandemic steered him towards initiatives to flourish in a fun. collaborative. creative community. to improve the lives of many more children as well as and challenging them to overcome their perceived adults in these communities and birthed a new project, limitations. A recent independent economic impact the Rural Empowerment Arts Programme (REAP). assessment calculated that ICE has created £53-million in partnership with local leaders and organisations. current net additional GVA benefits for the community. Through REAP, efforts to increase empowerment ICE also spawned some 600 start-up businesses through the development of self-esteem and life skills. based in Wales. In addition, Anthony has invested and and the creation of food gardens to help people in these supported investments across many diverse sectors communities to feed themselves have come to fruition. while still playing a central role in WCR, his family business. If a single overarching thread runs through Anthony's

The idea of starting a charitable enterprise in South Africa was one that Anthony had been incubating for



Anthony Record

life, it's his sense of giving back, and the belief that everyone deserves a chance to fulfil their potential. He thrives when he sees people being the best they can be, supporting and championing those whose background and circumstances have made these achievements especially challenging.

Closer to home, he is a very involved supporter of and participant in the UK branch of the ODU and regularly acts as a mentor to younger ODs. From time to time, he is called on to stand in for the ODU Patron at events and functions. He also generously donates wines to these functions from Domaine Gayda, his wine estate in the Languedoc.

Eschewing publicity of any kind, Anthony has nevertheless been recognised many times for his business success and charitable enterprises. His contributions to these enterprises, past and present, have received a number of international and national awards for quality, including the Blue Ribbon Award from the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs.

In 2000, Anthony was awarded an MBE for Services to Industry by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. In 2010, Anthony and his wife Carole were honoured for their philanthropic contribution to South Africa, as well as their excellence and leadership, with the Inyathelo Award for International Philanthropy to South Africa.

Anthony and Carole divide their time between Florida, London and the Languedoc when they are not visiting their children and grandchildren in the USA, Germany, South Africa and Switzerland.



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#### John Dobson (1985/K, PM 1986)

John Dobson grew up at Bishops with his sisters Anne and Clare, with their father Paul Dobson on the staff from 1966 to 1994, during which time he served as the House Director of School House for the full 12-year term as it then was. His mother Margaret was the nursing sister at the sanatorium from 1970 to 1982.

John matriculated from Bishops in 1985 with distinction, and did a post matric in 1986. He won the History Prize and the Writer's Prize. His academic qualifications include a BA and an LLB, and four Masters degrees: an MBA, an MA in Creative writing, an LLM and an MPhil from the University of Leeds.

He has penned two books, both works of fiction: *The Year of the Turnip,* an Exclusive Books bestseller in 2012, followed by *The Year of the Gherkin.* 

John's sports career includes playing schoolboy rugby at Bishops as well as for UCT, Villagers, Northerns Avonwood, Elsies River and for clubs in Italy and Portugal.

His main body of work has been around rugby in the Western Cape, together with the revival of the Stormers/ Western Province franchise and the professional game in the region. His Stormers team of 2022 became the first one ever to win a major international competition and for the past two years they have won the Shield as the best team in South Africa. This new life for Western Province Rugby has brought joy to tens of thousands of people. Today the team he leads as its professional coach is arguably one of the most successful teams in the United Rugby Championship. His team has won the trophy once and played host to the finals on two occasions. The team



John Dobson

has now trebled its average attendance to over 40 000future. He has also seen the relationship between rugbyper event, and the final against Munster in 2023 was soldand the City of Cape Town grow closer and averted theout in under three hours. The team has been consistentlyend of WP Rugby that was mooted in the tabloids.rated in the top 10 club teams in the world.end of WP Rugby that was mooted in the tabloids.

John is convinced that this team will always belong These details of John's involvement in rugby, however, are not considered by him to be his greatest achievements. He regards how this team has transformed itself on and off the field as of far greater importance. This transformation has benefitted the team and supporters, by connecting the people of Cape Town, irrespective of background, colour, creed or status. John is convinced that this team will always belong to the people of the Cape, be the most watched and supported in the United Rugby Championship, epitomising the best of the Cape. John is married to Candice, the daughter of OD Professor Tim Noakes and they have a daughter, Annabel.

He built the mission of 'Making Cape Town smile', which<br/>has been achieved by the side's passionate supporter<br/>base and style of rugby. Today the WP rugby team is a<br/>fully representative and winning team.John is mad about pretty much any water sports<br/>and came 151 out of 152 in the National Laser Sailing<br/>Championships a while ago.

He successfully oversaw the transition of the team from the old Newlands grounds to that of the dynamic new world of the DHL Stadium in Green Point. John has been instrumental in securing the team's long-term sustainability as being a driving force behind the private equity investment into the Stormers that will ensure their He successfully oversaw the transition of the team from Blaine Tomlinson came to Bishops in 1959, entering the Prep School and finally matriculating as a Prefect in Gray House in 1968, with academic distinction. He fully participated in school life, playing for the 1st Rugby team for two years in a row, was captain of cross-country





#### Blaine Tomlinson (1968/G)



Blaine Tomlinson

and a winner in the middle-distance races. He was a Seargent Officer in the Cadet Corps, and secretary of the Historical Society. Blaine's memories of his time at Bishops are among his happiest. This instilled in him the good values and drive that stand him in good stead today. After graduating with a degree in Economics and an MBA, he entered the world of currency trading and investment management. A paper he co-edited, 'Hedge Funds Demystified', is considered the universal, definitive handbook for hedge fund managers and investors. He subsequently established his own company, Financial Risk Management, to become one of the most successful hedge companies in the world.

Blaine didn't leave it there. He sought ways to give back, resulting in a wide range of philanthropic work. With like-minded investors, he collaborated to support children and mothers exposed to HIV/AIDS in the early days of this scourge. He is one of the founding investors of One to One Africa, established in South Africa in 2001, focusing primarily on paediatric HIV. Centred on

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supporting the mother, One to One Africa has helped more than 120 000 people and some 1,2 million have been reached through the upscaling of its projects. He also co-founded Absolute Return for Kids, a charity organisation that operates in South Africa and globally, for children, irrespective of their background, to have access to a worthy education enabling real health choices in life.

With his passion for education derived from those earlier years as a student at Bishops, Blaine is a foundation member of The Principals Academy Trust, an education academy in Cape Town that supports retired school principals to head up education institutions locally. Thus far, it has impacted 265 schools with 346 teachers and 35 principals serving 63 572 children in South Africa. Still on the education front, Blaise co-founded Zimele, a non-profit organisation that aims to help Capetonians from disadvantaged backgrounds who have amputated limbs, to get their lives back on track. Further projects include Edulution Zambia, reaching 50 000 learners



for effective health learning that creates local job opportunities, and in Verbier, Switzerland, where he lives, he supports people who have various health impairments - especially disabled children and young adults - in acquiring free adaptive sports equipment to enable them to enjoy mountain activities together.

Blaise's personal attributes and values of integrity, courage, sympathy for and protection of the disadvantaged, kindliness, unselfishness and stewardship shine through in how he approaches

#### THE ROBERT GRAY AWARD

life and interacts with people and communities less fortunate than himself. He has dedicated his efforts and personal resources to working for the betterment of the lives of others, locally and internationally, spanning a period of more than 40 years. He enjoys hiking, cycling, scuba diving and watching rugby as a keen supporter of South Africa. His main passion is sailing, and he aims to circumnavigate the world over a five-year period.

Paul Murray





## **STAFF NEWS**

Trevor van Niekerk took up the position of Deputy Principal. Trevor is no stranger to Bishops. having headed up the Science Department from 2004 to 2008 before moving to Hilton College for nine years. While at Hilton, he had two stints as Head of Science and was also a Housemaster. In 2018 he was selected as Deputy Head of St Anne's Diocesan College, and in 2022 he moved back to the Western Cape where he became Deputy Head of Academics and Culture at Bridge House.

Mukesh Govan took early retirement, and we welcomed Mariam Naidoo as our new Finance Manager. She is a chartered accountant and completed her articles at Ernst & Young where she was also Senior Manager.

Donovan Abrey resigned to join his family in New Zealand and Hama Mtowodzwa took over as IT HoD. We also said farewell to both Rhoda Manie and Nikki Gerhardi, who took early retirement after many years of wonderful service to our school. Nelson Mogodi resigned to take up a position at Standford Lake College closer to home. We also bade a sad farewell to Mark Sickle and Unathi Cengani.

We welcomed Trinity Dhaver to the IT and Technology Departments, and our new driver, Bongi Gganabisa, who previously worked at Elkanah House.

Wayne Tucker

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#### Long Service Awards

#### 5 years

Kurt Baatijes Sintvo-Lee Nolan Sharlene Lawrence Nokuzla Gololo Antony Reeler

#### 10 years

Barry Emms Sharief Petersen Alexander Rilev Mogamat Theunissen Bonnita Padiachv Naomi Motlhanke

15 years

Wellington Kundhlande Justin Richter

Willem Stevn Marileen Harrod Fundiswa Pokolo

#### 20 years

Warren Wallace Rose-Marv Hyslop Eleanore Hendricks

#### 25 vears

Wavne Tucker

**30** vears Brenda Daries

35 years John Goliath





#### Mukesh Govan (23 Years)

Mukesh Bika Govan joined Bishops on 1 July 2001 as Finance Manager, an enthusiastic accountant with a mop of dark hair and not a grev strand in sight. Over the last 23 years, he ran a very solid Accounts Department. He was a hard taskmaster with a soft heart. His institutional knowledge was remarkable and while his office was characterised by piles of files that could have been deemed a fire hazard, he was always able to whip out a particular document from a pile when required to do so. Mukesh was a stickler for detail and deadlines, and woe betide anyone who fell short in either of these areas. He always had Bishops' best interests at heart when it came to saving and spending money, and wouldn't entertain any form of creative budgeting. His loyalty to all his staff also extended to those he reported to as well. He worked under four principals and worked closely with the Business Manager, Sean King, when he joined in 2013.

Mukesh was very good about taking his early-morning walks around the campus, and often returned with an array of interesting objects. Staff in the Admin office will certainly miss his quirky sense of humour and straightforward management style. He was a true benevolent autocrat - although one might not agree with Mukesh, one certainly always knew where one stood with him.



Mukesh Govan

As Natalie Petersen, Debtors Administrator who worked with Mukesh for 18 years, said in her farewell speech: 'The Bible scripture in Proverbs speaks about "iron sharpening iron", meaning simply that when two people interact, they can change and shape one another. Now Mukesh has a very strong personality, which can be daunting and intimidating, and many can testify to this fact through emails received from him, or the occasional

knock on his door, when he would wave you away because he was busy with "something important". This bothered and annoved me at first, but I later resigned myself to the fact that he had guite a lot on his plate. and his reaction was not intentional of disrespect or personal. There were many days I would mutter at the email requests for tasks that seemed impossible, yet I would push myself, wanting to prove to him that I could achieve the result. I'm thankful to Mukesh for stretching me. In many ways he grew my courage, capacity, abilities and, last but not least, my patience and peace, as this will take me beyond my time or years at Bishops.'

On behalf of all at Bishops, we wish Mukesh years of health, strength, peace and every good gift from above as he enjoys his retirement years with his dear wife Bhadrieka and his family.

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#### Donovan Abrev (20 vears)

It's been quite a journey for Don and for me It feels like a lifetime, nearly 20 years it will be... Besides being super-skilled. Don is calm and he's kind And incredibly bright - a razor-sharp mind That mind is guite guirky, retorts fly off the bat He can divert a tense moment at the drop of a hat We're heartbroken to lose him - we feel quite bereft And terrified guite honestly how we'll cope once he's left Our team had a vision when Don joined us guite young And building myBishopsLife had already begun We encouraged and persevered even when things were tough

But having a colleague to help and bounce ideas was enough

Our portals have helped our boys, parents and staff

And Don's been integral, helping with work, making us laugh

Don... Moving systems is hard but we're making headway It's just going to be tougher when you go away We'll maintain your high standards and do our best And you can help us from New Zealand to finish the rest Farewells are awful, hard to say what we'll miss most So, in the absence of wine, let's make a TEA toast... Best wishes, dearest Don, we know you don't want a fuss

Enjoy time with your boys; thanks for all you have done for us!

#### Sally Bowes



Donovan Abrev

#### Nikki Gerhardi (18 Years)

The day we've all been dreading has finally come. After a happy and productive 18 years, Nikki Gerhardi has decided to take early retirement to do all those things that were impossible because of time and career constraints. She is leaving a huge gap to fill. There are insufficient words to describe the impact she's had on our staff and boys, and the invaluable contributions she has made to the ICT integration team.

The IT team discussed those special qualities of hers that we love and respect, and it all came down to a single word that so aptly describes our friend and colleague: Remarkable.

- R **Reliable:** What a great quality. How lucky we have been to have a **resourceful** woman who we trust and respect. someone who is 100% responsible. A resourceful person is creative and imaginative when it comes to solving problems and she has been so skilled at finding solutions and making the most of the resources available to us.
- E **Efficient:** You ask Niks to do something, and you know that it will be done - and done properly (that's provided, of course, that she thinks this is something useful to do. If she doesn't, then she'll let you know in the nicest way that you should perhaps reconsider doing it!). E is also for encouragement. She's encouraged and (sometimes) endured all sorts of challenging circumstances/users. She's **empathetic** and not at all judgemental. She walks in others' shoes and feels with their hearts. Her **energy** has sometimes exhausted us. She's entertaining (that wicked sense of humour comes to mind!). She's always been **enthusiastic** about doing the necessary to

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support and improve the educational software our school depends on. In short, she's excellent at what she does. Boy will we miss those **E** traits! Manners: Her way with people is extraordinary.

Working as part of a support team is a challenge. Change management is tough, and learning can be hard; people often only need support when something critical to them has gone wrong, and time and again she has smoothed ruffled feathers. She's **mindful** of other people's perspectives and situations. Thank you, our dear friend and colleague.

Α She's adaptable, agreeable, adventurous, amiable, amusing, appreciative and assertive.

R Reasonable. rational and respectful: Niks treats everyone in the same way. She's gracious in every interaction she has, working so many more hours than her contract stipulated and always putting her hand up to help. It takes a BIG woman to do that - and it's not often our 'tiny' department member is called BIG. Niks, your generosity is **REALLY** appreciated.

Κ Kind-hearted, knowledgeable.

- Α Adorable and amusing: I have yet to meet anyone who doesn't respect and like this special woman.
- В Bright and brave: Niks has both these qualities. but is never reckless and that makes her brilliant at her job.
- Likable and lovely: She's a loving mother to her L two boys and their partners and a loving wife to Mike. We've been **lucky** to have his support for so many years during our incredible journey. Her love of learning is inspirational. Her laugh! How we'll miss that.
- E Easygoing, effective, egalitarian and so very elegant: How we are going to miss the **encouragement** and support she gave us all every day. What a lady!

I am so sorry that there isn't a P or an S in the word remarkable because the following words sum her up perfectly too: peaceful, perfect, placid, plausible, pleasant, plucky (you HAVE to be plucky or mad to do some of what she has achieved), productive, punctual, shrewd, sincere, skilful, steadfast and simply quite splendid!

May the sun shine all day long, everything go right, and nothing wrong. May those you love bring love back to you, and may all your wishes and dreams come true! - Irish Blessing

#### Sally Bowes

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Nikki Gerhardi

#### Rhoda Manie (15 years)

Anyone who's been in Rhoda's class – as a student or as a colleague coming to ask for advice – would know that she has been mother and grandmother not only to her own children, but to the students in her class. Rhoda brought in cushions to make the hard, weathered wooden chairs of K-block more comfortable. She brought in a recliner so that those boys who performed well on tests could be rewarded with a comfortable chair. There were colourful posters on her walls, and her impressive green thumb would be in evidence with a pot plant or two, and treats were secreted away for special occasions.

Rhoda would also teach many extra lessons to the boys in her class, often early in the morning before or after sports training. She would not take no for an answer when boys tried to avoid these lessons. Rhoda was a gentle but immovable force.

Some of her past students took the time to send tributes, and you can hear immediately what a character she was in the classroom, and also what a towering influence she was. Mustapha Cassiem said that Rhoda's 'sense of calm within the classroom was something that many of the students admired. She was kind and generous while pushing students to achieve their best." Dayaan Cassiem said, 'She was such an amazing teacher who was always there for her students through thick and thin. You could speak to her about anything, not iust school but about life and she would advise you and help you to overcome any difficulties you had. She was the type of teacher who was like a mother to me and Kenny because we would always just go to her for help and extra lessons before English exams. She also provided such a good balance between when to take



Rhoda Manie

things seriously in class and when to let us have fun as students like joking around.' Ghaalieb Kenny, I think, gave a particularly beautiful and inspiring tribute when he said, 'As you embark on this new chapter of your life, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the profound impact you've made on my high-school journey. Your unwavering patience and understanding made your classroom a haven, a true home away from home for me as a boarder. Your kindness and selflessness were evident in every lesson you taught; this also not only shaped my academic growth but also nurtured my character. Your legacy of compassion will forever inspire those around you, and those you will come across.' Barry Emms wrote, 'In many ways she was our conscience and our moral compass.'

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Rhoda really did live out her values every day, and she wanted to bring liberation to all, including those who are often marginalised by the academic community. As Barry says, 'Rhoda fought fiercely for the removal of the stigma of being in the bottom set (even though boys loved being in her set) and would fight fiercely if anyone disparaged one of her boys.' This will to improve the teaching environment for all spilled over into her interactions with colleagues and with the projects she so passionately took on outside the classroom, both as a member of the Employment Equity Committee, and her many interactions over the years with the Diversity, Equity and Belonging Committee.

We were so fortunate to have her as a friend, colleague, intellectual, and activist-teacher for so long. We wish her happiness, family fulfilment, and a swift return to health in her retirement.

#### Clea Schultz-Mofokeng

#### Mark Sickle (6 years)

Mark started at Bishops in June 2018. He immersed himself in the Bishops culture, not only driving the boys safely from point A to B, but participating in, and being a part of, the Running Club. I know that Rebecca, Bev and Jean appreciated the extra set of eyes too. He loved and enjoyed Epic and all that goes with it, but he also became quite a theatre buff, joining the Dramatic Arts Department in productions of *Kinky Boots, Equus* and *Woza Albert!*, to name a few. We will miss Mark and his wicked sense of humour very much, and we will especially miss his work ethic.

Sebastian Stemmett



Mark Sickle



Unathi Cengani

#### Unathi Cengani (5 years)

Unathi started at Bishops in July 2019. He is a family man and loved everything about Bishops. He drove the boys safely to and from their respective destinations, and he especially loved Epic, and all the different kinds of sports offered and played. He loved to watch the boys when we played soccer against opponents, and he was always a staunch supporter. He has an extremely good work ethic and loves the camaraderie among the staff. He will be missed.

#### Sebastian Stemmett

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#### Nelson Mogodi (4 Years)

It is with great appreciation and fondness that we reflect on the contributions of Nelson Mogodi to the Mathematics Department over the past four years. Nelson was not just a teacher, he was a passionate advocate of Mathematics, ensuring that the subject was treated with the precision and depth it deserves. His attention to detail and commitment to best practice made him an invaluable asset to our team. Nelson's dedication to his students was unwavering. He made himself available beyond the classroom, always willing to lend a hand to those grappling with mathematical challenges. At any given moment, you could find him in his classroom or at lunch, deeply engaged in a discussion about a particularly intriguing problem. His booming voice – rich and kind – filled the corridors, and he was never one to speak ill of anyone or express frustration.

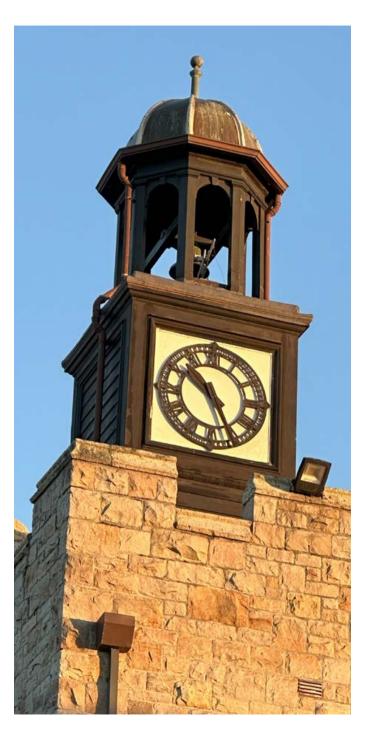
Beyond the classroom, Nelson contributed to the school's sporting life, serving as the manager for both the tennis and squash teams. Unfortunately, despite my many challenges, he always managed to avoid playing a game against me! Nelson's presence in the Mathematics Department was immense, and his students adored him. His departure has left a void that is deeply felt by staff and students. We miss him dearly and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Michael Vamvadelis



Nelson Mogodi

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#### Extraordinary

#### Ackerman Award

At the Ackerman Award assembly, attended by Mrs Wendy Ackerman. Bishops acknowledged the contribution of the Ackerman family to our society through the awarding of a medal that recognises both service and innovation. The inaugural recipient of the award was Luke Carter. The award acknowledged and recognised Luke's spirit of innovation and service to others. This was evidenced in his making a difference in the lives of 40 children from under-resourced backgrounds, at the Vuka Nomtobhovi Orphanage in Langa, Cape Town. While Luke worked in a group as part of the school's Big Ideas programme, he was the driving force behind the venture to raise over R400 000. This move shows Luke's deep-rooted commitment to service. He is still actively engaged in the project and undertakes regular visits with supplies to the children's home. While there are always changing factors at play that sometimes create a measure of uncertainty. Luke does not intend lessening his commitment, the core of which is assisting in meeting the needs of children who live in abject poverty. This demonstrates the depth of Luke's compassion and dedication. His personal investment in the project extended well beyond the call of duty, ensuring that the initiatives truly addressed the genuine needs of the children at the orphanage. Luke furthermore saw the need to bridge cultural divides

by learning isiXhosa, which enabled him to connect more authentically with the children and staff at Vuka Nomtobhovi with a view to establishing a lasting impact. In this venture, there is no evidence of any personal gain; rather, a genuine desire to make a positive and lasting difference.

#### All-Africa Fencing Championships

Joshua Diggle was selected for the South African team in cadet foil for the All-Africa Fencing Championships. He earned a bronze medal in the foil team event.

#### **Cambridge AS Level Examinations**

At a special prize-giving hosted by Cambridge, in which they recognised the top achievers in their system on a global basis (160 countries), Jacob Fried was congratulated for coming first in the world in the November AS Level examinations in History and English Language and Literature. In addition, he came first in SA and second in the world in Economics.

#### Cricket

Adnaan Lagadien was selected to a 15-member SA Emerging U19 Cricket Squad that toured Zimbabwe for a five-match ODI series. He played in three of the five matches and returned a man-of-the-match performance in the third game by scoring 112 off 87 balls (12 x 4s and 3 x 6s).



Jacob Fried



Adnaan Lagadien

#### **German National Athletics Championships**

Daniel von der Heyden took part in the German National Athletics Championships held in Hanover. The U18 men's decathlon event brought together the best 35 decathletes from across Germany and internationally, and included various athletes ranked in the top 10 globally. Daniel was positioned second for most of the first day, leading the field briefly after the third event (shot put) and overnighted in the silver medal position. He had a strong start to the second day and led the competition from the sixth (110m hurdles) event until the final one. The competition was fierce, with only 100 points separating the top four athletes going into the final event. There were some very strong runs in the 1 500m from the German athletes and Daniel finished in the bronze medal position, a narrow nine points behind the silver medal and only 32 points behind the gold. Daniel scored 7 129 points overall, finishing the competition with six new personal-best performances and setting a new SA U18 men's decathlon record, improving the record he set in April by almost 200 points. Daniel is now ranked eighth in the world for men's decathlon in the U18 category.

#### Go Karting

William Marshall came second at the European Junior Go Karting Championships in Spain.

#### Lifesaving World Championships

Joshua Huntingford competed in the Lifesaving InterClub World Championships held on the Gold Coast of Australia. More than 90 clubs from more than 25 countries were represented, and Clifton Surf Lifesaving Club came eighth overall in the Youth Competition. Joshua competed in 12 events between beach/surf and pool, managing to reach the A-finals for four of the

events and the B-finals for two events. The Clifton Surf Lifesaving Youth Relay Team won the gold medal for the Beach Relay.

#### **OKN Karting World Finals**

Cole Hewetson was selected to represent South Africa at the OKN Karting World Finals. In the gualifying heats. he secured fifth place in the first, fourth in the second, and third in the third. After his exceptional performance in qualifying. Cole competed against 37 drivers in the final and finished in fourth place.

#### **Re:Solved**

Ben Anderson and Jacob Fried entered a global public speaking and debate competition known as Re:Solved. The event is run annually by Branksome Hall high school in Canada, and sponsored by a prominent Canadian free speech and debate foundation. Munk Debates. Ben and Jacob progressed through a series of online knockout debates all based on the central theme of 'The UN' and were paired up for the semi-final. After a tight debate against two opponents from an international school in India, they both progressed to the final and were given fully-funded trips to Canada in order to compete in the finals to be held at the University of Toronto in the historic Hart House. At the end of a closely contested debate. Ben Anderson was declared the overall winner of the competition.

#### COSAFA Soccer Cup

Nic Deckenbrock was selected to represent the Namibian U20 Soccer team in the COSAFA Cup help in Mozambique.

#### Yale Young Global Scholars Programme

Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS) is an academic enrichment programme for outstanding high school

students from around the world. Each summer, students from more than 150 countries (including all 50 US states) participate in one interdisciplinary, two-week session at Yale's historic campus. After a rigorous application process, Andrew Betty and James Thunstrom were selected to attend the Politics. Law and Economics Programme.

#### Water Polo World Championships

Jordan de Sousa and Thomas Truter were selected to the SA Men's U18 Water Polo team to compete at the Water Polo World Championships in Argentina.

#### Academic

The academic results for the Matric Class of 2024 were impressive: This was the first year that 19 boys opted to take the Cambridge curriculum and wrote their A Levels in place of the National Senior Certificate. The overall NSC results are thus different from previous years as they reflect the performance of a cohort of 133 boys instead of the full class of 152.

**NSC examination highlights:** 100% pass rate achieved; 94.7% Bachelors pass: 7% of all subject results were above 90%; 30% of all subject results were above 80%; There were 32 A aggregates (24% of the class) and 2 boys achieved an aggregate of 90% and above; The top student was Milan Sandri with an aggregate of 93.6%, followed by James Grieve with 91.8% and Christopher Gray and Peyton Leigh with 89.4%; 9 distinctions were achieved by Milan Sandri: 8 distinctions were achieved by Peyton Leigh; 9 boys achieved 7 distinctions, 5 achieved 6 distinctions and 9 achieved 5 distinctions: 19% of the class achieved 5 distinctions or better.

Milan Sandri was awarded First Position in Independent Schools in the Metro Central Education District at the WCED NSC Awards Ceremony.



NSC 2024 Top 3 (third place shared): James Grieve, Pevton Leigh, Milan Sandri and Christopher Grav

Cambridge A Level highlights: The boys specialised in three subjects each in their Grade 12 year. 100% pass rate achieved: 14 A\*s and 18 As were achieved which equates to 53% of all grades; Nicholas Caldwell, Jacob Fried and Michael Kotze were the top three performers with all earning three A\*s each. The top student was our Dux, Jacob Fried; 6 more boys earned three A or A\* grades each.

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Cambridge 2024 Top Performers: Michael Kotze and Nicholas Caldwell

Jeremy Liddle was congratulated on his remarkable achievements in competition mathematics across three years:

Grade 8: He secured second place as an individual in the UCT Mathematics Competition.

Grade 9: He came first in the Western Cape for round two of the National Mathematics Olympiad, fifth place as a junior in the final round of the National Mathematics Olympiad, fourth place as an individual in the UCT Mathematics Competition, fifth place as an individual in the University of the Witwatersrand Mathematics Competition, and was selected for the SA C team at the International Mathematics Competition in Bulgaria, receiving a merit award for a result in the top 40%. Grade 10: He was selected for the SA A team for the International Mathematics Competition in India.

Seven A Level students participated in the prestigious STEMCO Physics Olympiad.

**Gold award recipients:** Jonty Bresler achieved joint sixth place globally; Brett Jenman ranked joint 12th globally; Brad Baker ranked joint 12th globally; and Nico Schreuder received exceptional results

**Silver award recipients:** Matthew Griffin, Andrew Betty and Nicholas Bosini

Bronze award recipients: Pablo Slaven and Avi Naidoo

Mohamed-Yusuf Davenhill, Arun Nayar, Matthew Griffin, Katlego Setai, Nico Schreuder, Bradley Baker and Nicholas Bosini achieved distinctions and a gold certificate in the SA Programming Olympiad. They were then invited to take part in the second round and Nico Schreuder was placed among the top contestants in this round. He was selected to take part in the finals. In addition to this invitation, Nico was awarded a free honorary membership of the Institute of IT Professionals South Africa, valid till the end of his university studies.

Bishops celebrated a range of accolades at the 2024 Eskom Expo for Young Scientists:

**Gold medallists:** Zac Rosenberg (Developing a smartphone app for calculating projectile motion based on different golf club angles to determine the optimal club for each shot); Jeremy Liddle and Cameron Macbeth (Enhancing propeller efficiency with biomimetic design inspired by whale fins).

**Silver medallists:** Alex Tadross (Testing the best mesh designs for catching debris in stormwater pipes to combat flooding and soil erosion); Aarav Desai and Kieran Govan (Making microbial fuel cells more efficient); Troy Stockdale and Matthew Kriel (Fighting Cape Town wildfires using sound waves); and Matthew de Jager and Daniel Bursey (Producing electricity through piezoelectric transducers pressured by environmental and appliance noise).

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**Best in Category Awards:** Zac Rosenberg for Best Engineering Project (sponsored by University College Dublin); and Aarav Desai and Ketan Govan received the Royal Society of Chemistry Award for Best Chemistry Related Projects.

**International Science Fair selection (ISF):** Zac Rosenberg and Alex Tadross (reserve); Zac Rosenberg won a silver medal in the Engineering category at the International Science Fair. Competing against 308 South African students and 18 international participants, he showcased the development of his groundbreaking golf app. The app aims to scan golf courses and, with projectile motion calculations, provide personalised advice to improve golfers' swings and performance.

#### Culture

Max Craig won the bronze medal at the WP District Chess Trials and was awarded his WP District Colours.

At the Western Cape Dance Championships, James Gray earned Western Province colours in breakdancing.

Bishops fared very well at the National Debating League Awards with Hamaad Badroodien (Junior) being awarded the Top Speaker per School. Caden Chuang was announced Top Speaker Overall (out of 550 debaters) and the Senior team was placed first in the Western Cape. At the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, Matthew de Jager placed third overall, and Samuel Clarke placed first and was therefore the National Champion of 2024. Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager, Noah Macnab and Daniel Bursey were selected for the National team to compete in Malaysia in 2025.

Ben Karlein was selected to play in the Hugo Lambrechts Adnaan Lagadien received a mini-bat in recognition Concerto Festival. He played the third movement of of his record-breaking 218\* off 173 balls against Hilton Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F and was one of only College. He batted for 260 minutes and hit 17 x 4s and 12 three pianists selected to play with the orchestra. At x 6s. His 218\* eclipsed the 217\* scored by 1st XI opening the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod. Travis Turner was batsman. Haldane Murray vs SACS on the Frank Reid in awarded a silver medal for his jazz piano piece, the Wind 1989 and is, to the best of our knowledge, the highest Band was awarded Hoogste Lof, and the Jazz Band was individual score ever registered by a Bishops cricketer. awarded a Diploma - a mark of 95%. Travis was also The 1st XI opening bowler. Tiaan Louw, has signed a awarded a medal for the best Grade 9 pianist of the professional contract with Northamptonshire County entire Eisteddfod. Cricket Club in the United Kingdom for 2025. Litha Mbiko and Michael Kruiskamp were selected to the WP Bishops' rock band. Leave it Blank, achieved joint first U16 team, and Thaafier Japhta was named as a nonplace at the Herschel Battle of the Bands. This is the travelling reserve. Adnaan Lagadien, Kashief Joseph and second competition in which they came first this year, Waco Bassick were selected to the WP U19 team.

Bishops' rock band, Leave it Blank, achieved joint first place at the Herschel Battle of the Bands. This is the second competition in which they came first this year, after winning the Wynberg Battle of the Bands in March. Band Members: Liam Chester, Edward Cruise, Oliver Frankel and Julian Pilkington.

#### Sport

Bafokeng Lehloenya and Immanuel Magongwa were selected as Captains of Athletics. Joseph Phillipson was selected to the Western Province Athletics team for the 1 500m. Daniel von der Heyden was selected to the Boland Senior Athletics team and competed in the U18 Decathlon at the South African Senior Athletics Championships, where he won the gold medal and set a new South African record.

Sihle Dyosi was elected as Head Cheer Leader.

Nicholas Basson was appointed as Captain of Climbing. WP Hockey representatives as follows:

KashiefJosephreturnedaman-of-the-matchU18A: James Grieve, Josh Mettler and Robbie Veldtmanperformance for the WP U19A Cricket team vs FreeU18B: Andrew RaubenheimerState and was called up to the Southern SuperstarsU16A: Callum Anderson, Luc Dicey, Litha Mbiko and<br/>Harry Morgan

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Ver Joe Manicom was appointed Captain of Cycling. Joe Manicom and Matthew Ratcliffe represented the newly established Bishops Cycling team at an interschools cross-country race in Durbanville. This was a huge event comprising more than 800 scholars from primary and high schools all over the Western Cape. Both secured top 15 positions, with Matthew achieving a podium finish in fourth place.

Joshua Diggle won silver in U17 epee and bronze in U17
 foil at the Fencing Junior Nationals.

Jack Buckham was appointed as Captain of Golf.

Robert Veldtman was appointed Captain of Hockey.

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**U16B:** Matthew Edwards and Callum Jones **U14A:** James Arckoll and Cuan Cadiz

U14B: James Cowen. Waseem Dalwai and Ethan Totaram-Jacobs. Callum Anderson was selected to the SA U16A team, and James Grieve, Josh Mettler and Robbie Veldtman were selected to the SA U18A team.

The Ratheb brothers. George and Alexandros, achieved their seventh Kyu at the Karate Colour Belt grading.

Aiden Marsh and Zac Miller were appointed Captains of Road and Trail.

Cameron Redfern was appointed Captain of Rowing.

Lucca Mynhardt was selected to Western Province Schools Rugby and represented his union at Craven Week.

Lukas Drimie was appointed Captain of Sailing. Ross Mukheiber was selected as part of the South African team to compete at the 2024 African Championships. Theodor Scheder-Bieschin represented South Africa at three separate world events: Kiel, Germany; a 29er Eurocup in Gdynia, Poland; and the Warnemünder Skiff Week in Germany.

Calum Daniels was appointed Captain of Soccer. Nic Deckenbrock was selected to represent Namibia's U20 National team.

Luc Bestel medalled in the 200m backstroke at the Western Cape Championship Swimming Gala. At the SA Junior Nationals he won three gold medals (200m backstroke, medley relay, 50m freestyle relay) and two bronze medals (200m individual medley, 100m freestyle relay). He represented Western Cape Schools at the

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South African Schools Competition and achieved two gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals.

Seven water polo players were selected to participate in the SA National Water Polo Championships:

U18A: Jordan de Sousa. Ross Stewart. Thomas Truter and Brvn Parrv

U16: James Malan, Matthew Fenn, Michael Mafunda and Timothy Young, Jordan de Sousa and Thomas Truter were selected for the South Africa U18 Water Polo side. Jordan de Sousa, Ross Stewart (captain) and Thomas Truter were selected to the WP U18 Currie Cup team. Matt Fenn, James Malan (captain), Tim Young and Michael Mafunda were selected to the WP U16 Currie Cup team that went on to win the Currie Cup. They were selected for the South African U16 team to compete in Malta, Thomas Truter, Ross Stewart, Cameron Moon and Jordan de Sousa achieved their 100 caps for the 1st team. The 1st team celebrated a gold medal victory at the Mazinter Cup Final, defeating Paul Roos Gimnasium.

The following players were selected to WP teams:

U14A: Trov Webb

U14B: Cuan Cadiz, Robert Kirsten, Adam Tanfield and Jamie Thomason **U15A:** Oliver Badenhorst and Harry Ford **U15B:** Dominic Zulch **U16A:** Matthew Fenn, Michael Mafunda, James Malan and Timothy Young **U16B:** Noah Coleman, Anthony Lampe, Christopher Mclagan and Noah Viuff **U19A:** Ross Stewart and Thomas Truter **U19B:** Luke Cartwright and Milo Letschert. The 1st team was named the Western Province Team of the Year. Heath Blackwell was named captain.

#### Awards

#### Full Colours

Athletics: Joe Phillipson, Reece Quin, Daniel von der Hevden

Basketball: Michael Davidson, Cameron Wilson Chess: Aiden Marsh

**Competition Mathematics: Jeremy Liddle** 

Cricket: Calum Daniels, Kashief Joseph, Michael Kotz Adnaan Lagadien, Peyton Leigh, Tiaan Louw, Waco Bassick

Debating: Oliver Frankel, Noah Macnab Drama: Tristan Dahl

Golf: Jack Buckham

Hockey: Mu'aath Ganief, Christopher Gray, James Gri (re-award), Thomas Ludlam, Thomas Malan, Joshua Mettler (re-award), Andrew Raubenheimer, Albert St Carl van Wyngaarden, Robert Veldtman (re-award) Music: James Grieve, Justin Pillay

Public Speaking: Caden Chuang, Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager, Noah Macnab, Immanuel Magong Shankara Moodley

Rowing: Sebastian Cheminais, Matthew Maurel Rugby: Wa-keem Fortuin, Aza Gabada, Kashief Jose James Le Feuvre, Gareth Mckinon, Lucca Mynhardt, Newton, Alexander Smith

Sailing: Michael Lawson, Theo Scheder-Bieschin Soccer: Calum Daniels, Nic Deckenbrock, Cameron Giles, Academic Hamaad Badroodien, Sean Bailes, Nicholas Basson, Zeno Ben Hendrikse, Ammaar Jackson, Thomas Welsh Squash: Nicholas Basson, Alex Savva, Tristan Swanich Benolich, Andrew Betty, Angus Bromley, Jack Buckham, Tennis: Carl van Wyngaarden Daniel Bursey, Caden Chuang, Gabriel Comitis, James de Visual Arts: Edward Cruise, Connor Fletcher, Michael Jager, Aarav Desai, Christopher du Toit, Noah Edmunds, Lawson, David Lewis, John van der Watt, Grant Weich Connor Eletcher, Jacob Fried, James Grieve, Alexander Water Polo: Jordan de Sousa (re-award), Cameron Horrell, Massi Hunt, Callum Jones, Matthew Maurel Moon, Bryn Parry, Ross Stewart (re-award), Thomas Zac Miller, Ben Myburgh, Arman Patel, Xavier Petersen, Truter (re-award), Michael Voogt Kaleb Pillay, Andrew Raubenheimer, Michael Ressell, Half Colours Samuel Stavely-Alexander, David Tripe, John van der Athletics: Nic Deckenbrock, Bafokeng Lehloenya Watt, Reece van Wyk, Daniel von der Heyden

	Basketball: Mu'aath Ganief, James Gibbs, Thuso Theledi
	Cricket: Alex Vintcent, James Robb-Quinlan, Samuel
	Stavely-Alexander, Thaafier Japtha
	Drama: Munya Mtombeni, Julian Boeddinghaus
	First Aid: Pablo Slaven, Yanga Soyaya, Landa Tsobo
	Golf: Nicholas Axten, William Bassett, Matthew Gurr,
	Jake Oelz
ze,	Hockey: Andrew Betty, Adam Diggle, David Handley,
	Bryn Parry
	Music: Liam Chester
	Public Speaking: Luke Carter, Zac Miller
	Rugby: Yusuf Ahmed, Jack Campbell, Iviwe Dadamasi,
	Ammar Laatoe, Jordan Petersen, Daniel van den Heever
ieve	Sailing: Lukas Drimie
	Soccer: Fayaaz Allie, Firoz Ebrahim, Aiden Neutt
teyn,	Squash: Kiyan Govender, Arun Nayar, Zuhayr Sirkot
	Visual Arts: Mateo Ciolli, Thomas de Waal, James Farrell,
	Connor Fletcher, David Lewis, Joey Lwande, Matthew
	Owen, Andrew Raubenheimer, Liam Reid, Ben Ross,
jwa,	John van der Watt
	Water Polo: Heath Blackwell, Owen Cross, Noah
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#### Ties

#### Distinction

Academics: Jacob Fried Athletics: Daniel von der Heyden **Competition Mathematics:** Jeremy Liddle Cricket: Adnaan Lagadien Fencina: Joshua Diggle Hockey: James Grieve, Josh Mettler, Robbie Veldtman Public Speaking: Caden Chuang, Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager, Immanuel Magongwa Sailing: Theodor Scheder-Bieschin Soccer: Nic Deckenbrock Water Polo: Jordan de Sousa. Thomas Truter

#### Academic

Hamaad Badroodien, Oliver Bagg, Sean Bailes, Matthew Bennett, Angus Bromley, Tristan Brunton, Daniel Cable, Liam Chester, Brent Cowden, Samuel Crookes, Mohamed-Yusuf Davenhill, Jordan de Sousa, James de Waal, Adam Diggle, Aidan Edwards, Joe Edwards, James Farrell, Harry Ford, Oliver Frankel, Reuben Futter, Jack Gomes, Kiyan Govender, Nikkiran Govender, Daniel Grobbelaar, Jack Grout, Liam Hacking, Nic Hatty, William Heath, Nicholas Henry, Ben Honigwachs, Alexander Horrell, James Hugo, Matt Hume, Callum Jones, Rayan Kader, James Koen, Yazeed Lalkhen, James Le Feuvre, Nathan Leong, Christo le Roux, Bradley Lowndes, Nicholas Lowther, Thomas Malan, Aiden Marsh, Jesse Morgan, Cole Newton, Bryn Parry, Arman Patel, Justin Pillay, Kaleb Pillay, Jordan Planting, Edward Potgieter, Andreas Pouroullis, Christopher Reid, Luke Reynolds, Luke Sara, Theodor Scheder-Bieschin, Nico Schreuder, Katlego Setai, Yanga Siyaya, Jake Skillicorn, Pablo Slaven, Albert Steyn, Akshay Thakersee, John van den Heever, Thomas Welsh, Edward Wild, James Wilkin, Cameron Wilson

#### **Accelerated Art**

Julian Boeddinghaus, Oliver Briggs, Samuel Crookes, Morris Hochstenbach, Oliver Howie, Naethan Mol, Havden Smith, Grant Weich, Michael Whitelaw

#### All Rounders

Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Basson, Muhammad-Zavd Bhorev, Luke Carter, Daniel-Reid Deidericks. Firoz Ebrahim, Oliver Frankel, Matthew Griffin, Michael Mafunda, Nic Perez, Zuhayr Sirkot, Hayden Smith, James Wilkin

#### **African Relations**

Matthew Arends, Jonty Bresler, Matthew Kriel, Bulumko Maki, Harry Morgan, Munya Mtombeni, Lulibo Nyawula

#### Debating

Zac Rosenberg

#### GIN

Gabriel Clarke, Nicolas Dow

#### Interact

Sam Crookes, Deen Fortune, Matthew Owen, Hayden Smith. Michael Whitelaw

#### PR

Andoni Augoustatos, Zeno Benolich, Jack Buckham, Luke Carter, Gabriel Comitis, Sebastian du Toit, Lukas Drimie, Christopher du Toit, Viggo du Plessis, Jack Gomes, Matthew Griffin, William Heath, Connor Henriques, Massimiliano Hunt, Benjamin Koenig, Alex Laspatzis, Thomas Le Grange, David Lewis, Noah Macnab, Matthew Maurel, Matthew Owen, Andreas Pouroullis, Luca Pouroullis, Sam Purchase, Pablo Slaven, Daniel van den Heever. John van der Watt, Reece van Wyk, James Wilkin

#### Quadrangular

Iviwe Dadamasi, Aza Gabada, Toran Head, Lucca Mynhardt, Robert Veldtman

#### Service

Chapel: Jesse Arendse, Alexander Beach, Luke Carter, Luka Lehmann, Singa Mayoyo, Christian Pfende, Yanga Soyaya Fencing: Thomas de Waal First aid: Gordon Alexander, Alex Beach, Matthew de Jager, Daniel Hevneke, Benii Koch, James Koen, Christian Pfende, Alex Tadross, Michael Whitelaw, Tommy Winfield Flags: Adam Diggle, Rieko Kidha Hockey: Robert Forrest, Michael Kotzem, Joseph Lappin, Albert Steyn Rugby: Robert Forrest Water polo: Nic Hatty



#### 13 Year

Yusuf Ahmed, Nicholas Basson, Zachary Berman, Andrew Betty, Nicholas Bosini, Noah Bouwers, Jack Campbell, Sebastian Cheminais, Caden Chuang, Jack Colyvas, Tristan Dahl, Michael Davidson, Carwyn Davies, Jordan de Sousa, Robert Forrest, Daniel Foulkes, Jacob Fried, James Gibbs, Christopher Gray, James Grieve, Daanyaal Hendricks, Sebastian Jack, Ammaar Jackson, Brett Jenman, Luke Johnstone, Kashief Joseph. Benjamin Karlein, James Kotze, Michael Kotze, Joseph Lappin, Bafokeng Lehloenva, Ambethe Liwani, Tiaan Louw, Thomas Ludlam, Kasavan Moonsamy, Luke Moorgas, Arran Muir, Jake Oelz, Rohit Patel, Reece Quin, Alex Savva, Theodor Scheder-Bieschin, Thomas Schooling, Alexander Smith, Albert Steyn, Josh van Wyk

#### Wavne Tucker

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13-Year-Tie recipients







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4th Row: J Petersen, A Naidoo, T Malan, A Muir, C Wilson, M Voogt, N Putzier, N Reid, M Smuts, C Moon, Daniel de Rauville Rohm, J Campbell, M Sandri, J Pillay, N Dow, R Walker, M Yeo, J Bos, J Bresler, G James, M le Roux, N Mason, L Maconachie

3rd Row: G Seaward, A Jackson, J Gibbs, L Stokes, J Colyvas, D Paape, T Welsh, R Patel, O Bagg, D Handley, R Quin, L Opperman, J Farrell, D Grobbelaar, B Ross, L Mynhardt, S Jack, M Fisher, M Lawson, J Hartman, J Holwill, T Scheder-Bieschin, A Savva, A Liwani, M Thomas

2nd Row: S Dyosi, J van Wyk, B Koela, I Kontopirakis, M Masala, R Veldtman, J Whiffler, D Hendricks, A Nayar, L Moorgas, R Murray-Cooke, P Leigh, C Gray, C van Wyngaarden, N Caldwell, G Hudson, M Young, W Waterford, N Bouwers, F Ebrahim, D Omarjee, L Tsobo, H Marguis, O Todd, W Moolman, Z Berman, J Skillicorn

Front Row: M Davidson, A Smith, T de Waal, D Abendanon, B Lehloenya, N Basson, A Marsh, Z Miller, M Kotze, I Dadamasi, L Sidina, R Forrest, A Betty, C Chuang, B Anderson (Head of School), Mr A Reeler (Principal), I Magongwa (Deputy Head of School), J Grieve (Deputy Head of School), B Parry, T Ludlam, B Hendrikse, J de Jager, C Giles, G McKinon, L du Preez, W Fortuin, R Stewart, J Le Feuvre. S Cheminais

Inset: A Gabada, A Laatoe, C Ridgway, F Allie, J Fried, K Joseph

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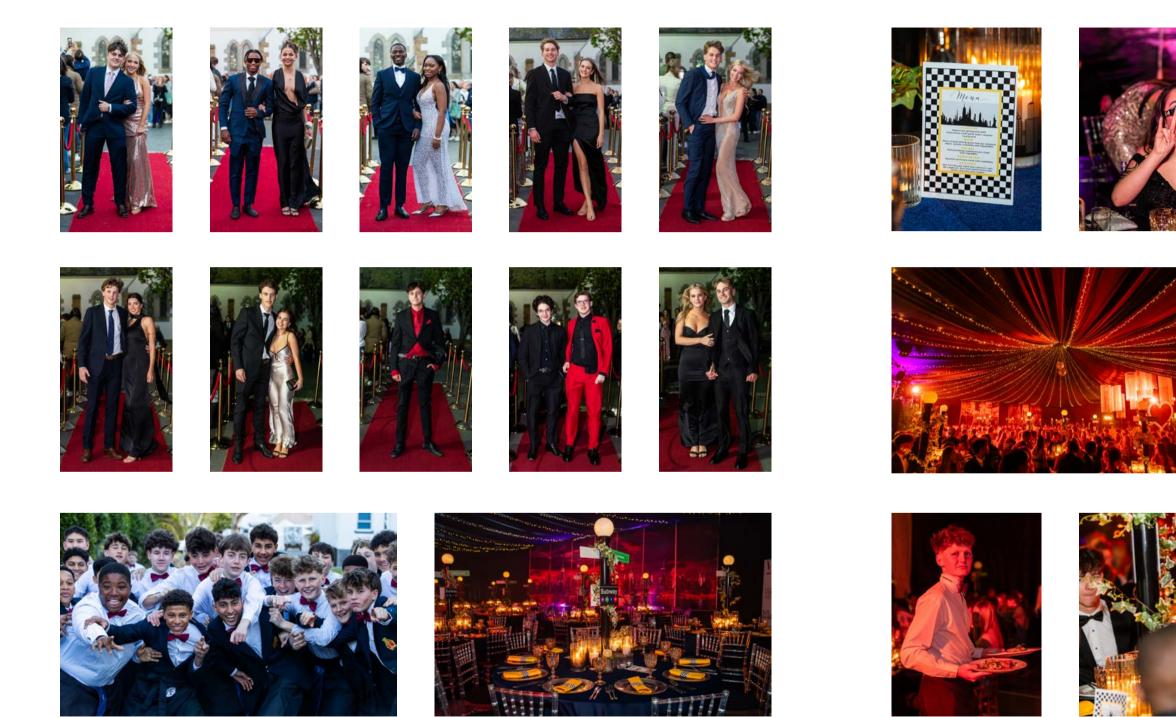


















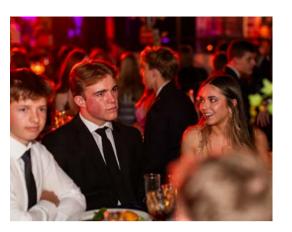


























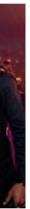




































































Bishops, which was founded in 1949, celebrated 175 years in 2024. To mark the occasion, a number of special activities were planned, both internal and external, to expose Bishops to the community and to bring the wider community to Bishops. Many involved our brother and sister schools from across the country, and many included pupils, staff and ODs in combined events.

#### 175 Memorabilia

A special Bishops 175 logo was created for use during the celebratory year, largely designed by the Head of Art, Husain Essop. This logo was used on all memorabilia, programmes and clothing for the duration of 2024. A special 175 cap was produced, featuring this logo, and was distributed to all boys and staff on all three campuses. On Founders Day, boys were also given a special 175 pin to wear on their blazers for the year, also featuring the new logo.

#### Sports

Bishops took the opportunity to hold a number of sporting festivals at the College and Prep during the course of 2024.

**BISHOPS** 

DIOCESAN COLLEGE

The year started with Bishops hosting the very successful Peninsula Schools Festival (cricket), which involved a number of schools from around South Africa, including both 1st and U15A teams. This was a huge success, and the first 'outing' for our 175 logo, which was proudly displayed on the new electronic scoreboard on the Frank Reid field.

In the last week of Term 1, the Prep hosted a three-day tennis festival with a number of local and up-country schools attending and which was very well received. The College and Prep also hosted a quadrangular athletics meeting in Term 1.

> In the March holidays, Bishops held the first large-scale sports festival in many years, with the 175 Rugby and Hockey Festival. It was a fiveday event including many local and up-country schools, and a great sporting and social success. Inevitably, with a festival of this size, there were some curveballs, but the overwhelming feedback on the event as a whole was very positive. Staging this festival involved a massive collaboration of just about every sector on campus, including many of our support staff.

In the September holidays, the Prep hosted a largescale cricket festival, which was a massive undertaking, including hosting schools from around the country. It was a resounding success. In addition, various smaller sports festivals were hosted by the Prep and College in hockey, water polo, cross-country and chess.

During Term 4 the long-awaited Rowing Centre was opened.

#### Culture

The 175 Public Speaking Festival held in Term 1 was also a huge success. It was quite possibly the first festival of its kind ever held, as boys and girls from across Cape Town were able to compete in all three official Western Cape languages (Afrikaans, English and isiXhosa) as well as in a multilingual section, where they could compete in any two or all three of the languages. The competition was kindly sponsored by Sygnia, which meant that the 300 pupils who attended did so at no cost to themselves. This event opened up our campus to many pupils who might not usually visit Bishops.

The Music Department hosted a 175 Concert Series, which began with the Cape Town Concert Brass performing a sunset concert in the Founders Quad in Term 1, while the audience picnicked on the lawns. During Term 3, a wonderful Staff Concert was held in the Memorial Chapel, featuring most of the full-time and part-time staff from the Pre-Prep, Prep and College Music departments. An Evening of Jazz was also held in Term 3, where staff, boys and ODs performed side by side in a relaxing evening of jazz held in the new Common Room in the Ubuntu Learning Centre. In Term 4, an evening of high-class chamber music was held in the Founders Dining Hall, with a special three-course meal, featuring current and past staff of the Music Department.

In Founders Week during Term 1, a very special 175 Evensong was held, with an anthem commissioned for the occasion from three ODs. 'Come Shout With Joy' was debuted, with music by Grant McLachlan and words by Frank Barry and Archie Swanson. The service included a number of ODs singing in the choir and playing in the brass brand, as well as an OD priest,

Reverend Guy Axelson, delivering the sermon. It was a wonderful celebration of our Anglican heritage through a traditional Evensong, that brought together current boys and ODs.

At the very end of the first term, Bishops hosted a One-Act Play Festival in the Memorial Theatre that ran over two nights, with plays from our Anglican sister schools, Herschel and St Cyprian's, as well as Rustenburg and Bishops. The festival was run by Wayne Tucker, and the Bishops Play, *Lactose Intolerant*, was workshopped by the cast and directed by Yanou Pienaar.

A highly impressive 175 Concert was held in the Memorial Chapel over two evenings during Term 3, with musicians from the Pre-Prep, Prep, College and young ODs all combining forces. It was an outstanding and uplifting evening of music making which included boys aged from four to 24! All the school ensembles were on show, including a number of items in which Prep and College ensembles joined forces, and one item that included Pre-Prep, Prep and College boys.

In Term 4, the Prep revived the Interhouse Singing Competition, which had been missing from the calendar since before Covid-19, and it was again a great success.

#### Community

The Pre-Prep hosted the most wonderful afternoon/ evening of family fun in the form of the Colour Run, with good old-fashioned fun and games for young and old, and a variety of food stalls. This was exceedingly well received, and it was suggested that it become an annual event in some form for the Prep-Prep, in the same way that the Prep hosts the Prep Carnival annually.

A busy Mandela Day outreach project took place on 18 July, with all members of Bishops (Pre-Prep, Prep and College boys and all employees) involved in 175 minutes of community service across a vast range of projects. A number of last-minute accommodations had to be made after torrential rains the night before and that morning. but the entire Bishops community made it their mission to make their 175 minutes count.

#### **Overseas Tours**

Three overseas tours took place in 2024. In the June holidays, a group of boys, parents and ODs climbed to the summit of Kilimanjaro, led by Phil Court and Graeme Klerck, Also in June, a very successful 1st Cricket team tour to Sri Lanka took place, led by coaches Visser Gildenhuys and Lutho Pohlongo. Another rowing trip to the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston took place in October, with a large contingent of the Rowing Club travelling to compete in this prestigious regatta.

#### 175 Wines

An exciting development within our 175 Anniversary was the production of four special wines, especially created for our 175th year by four ODs. The Mitre Red was produced by Bruce Jack (Gray OD) of The Drift, and roughly 3 500 bottles went on sale. A Sauvignon Blanc was produced by Sir De Villiers Graaff (Founders OD) of De Grendel, with around 3 000 bottles on sale. A very limited edition of the Commemorative Cap Classique was produced by John Loubser (Founders OD) of Silverthorn, with around 900 bottles on sale. The 175 was produced by Gus Allen (Founders OD) of Constantia Glen, and around 1 000 bottles of this red blend went on sale. All the wines were sold by Wade Bales Wines (current parent), under a special Bishops

175 label, and were available at all school functions during the year. The wines were a huge hit, and by year end there was only a limited quantity of The Mitre Red and the Sauvignon Blanc available.

#### 175 Stained-Glass Windows

beautiful stained-glass windows Three were commissioned from local expert Anika van der Merwe to complete the last three windows of the Brooke Chapel. The funds to commission and complete these windows were raised with the generous donations of ODs and current families from the Pre-Prep, Prep and College. The first window is dedicated to Ms Xoliswa Christina Gwavu, influential past teacher who helped put isiXhosa on the map at Bishops, and who was also the spiritual 'mother' of many of the first boys of colour to attend Bishops. Ms Gwavu is represented by a beautiful depiction of St Clare of Assisi. A matching pair of windows honouring the life and work of Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu and Mama Nomalizo Leah Tutu were represented by the biblical characters of Isaiah and Ruth respectively, two old testament icons. It was a privilege to have Bishop Joshua and Archbishop Thabo at the service of dedication of the windows, during which the Brooke Chapel was also, finally, consecrated.



#### 175 Time Capsule

As part of the 175 celebrations, boys from each of the eight houses filled a box with current-day artifacts from their house. It is intended that these are opened in 2049. during Bishops' 200th anniversary year. There is also a box filled with artifacts from the 175th celebrations. It is hoped that those boys, staff and ODs who are around for the 200th anniversary will enjoy what those from 2024 left for them to discover. These boxes have been embedded into the wall outside the library in the new ULC. This project was put in place by Rhoda Manie and Jackie Dupont, and the wooden boxes were manufactured by Mervin Walsh.

### **Opening of the Ubuntu Learning Centre** (ULC)

The long-awaited Ubuntu Learning Centre was opened by the Chair of Council, Crispin Sonn, and blessed by the Archbishops of Cape Town on Friday 19 July. This multipurpose building houses the library, a large number of varied work spaces for boys, as well as two large, flexible venues for teaching larger groups. It has been used for teaching, meetings, exams, societies and more, and has transformed the heart of the academic precinct of the campus.

#### **175 Online History**

The 175 Online History (the last 25 years) was completed and launched at the same function as the opening of the ULC. Former Senior Deputy Principal Michael King managed this entire project for the school, writing a comprehensive history of the past 25 years of Bishops, covering all three campuses. It is a real trove of information for ODs and current pupils.

#### Art Exhibition and Wine Show

The final 175 event was a combined Art Exhibition, held in the newly completed ULC, featuring art from the Prep boys, the College Matrics, as well as numerous ODs. This was held over four nights. On the final night, it dovetailed with the OD Wine Show in the same venue. where numerous amazing ODs wines were available for tasting and purchasing. A number of artworks and wine offerings were available in an online auction, raising funds for the OD tertiary scholarship fund, IIOFF.

In all, the boys, staff, parents and ODs were treated to a wide range of activities, concerts, festivals and more, to celebrate the 175th year of existence of Bishops.

Joc Wrensch



Ubuntu Learning Centre



# SPIRITUALITY





The Lord be with you.

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This year started positively, and one could really feel the energy and presence of God within the life of the school. On what basis or what measure, if there is any at all, can God's presence be noted, felt or measured? Can negativity, ups and downs, all of which are part of life, be used to negate or measure God's presence or absence? Such questions can cause one to lose sight of the call to pray and worship God in all seasons of life.

2024 marks 175 years of existence as a Christian School rooted in the Anglican ethos. Our Term 1 College Evensong marked the start of our celebration of God's faithfulness throughout our 175 years of existence. Reverend Guy Axelson (OD) of Christ Church shared a profound and inviting message encouraging us to follow and take up Christ as our travelling companion and mentor. His message led to the planning of an Alpha Course for this year's confirmation candidates who were confirmed on 4 August.

The start-of-term Eucharistic service in Term 2 is one of those special services that will probably always be regarded as the best way to start a school term. We had the Most Right Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba, the Archbishop of Cape Town, presiding and preaching as part of our 175 Celebrations. The Archbishop's first visit this year was followed by a well-supported College Evensong where the guest preacher was Ms Melissa Awu. She was the youngest of all the three College Evensong speakers who spoke this year.

Reflecting on the first six months of this year's Eucharistic services, weekly chapel services, and Sunday evening Prayer Services, God has been faithful, and His mercy and grace have been felt and notable, given what happened on and off the field. I say, 'on and off the field' because overall, 2024 has been a good year despite the evident sadness that has affected the fourth and final term of the 2024 academic year.

This year's third term started positively but ended on a sad note with discipline issues experienced by certain members of our community. It would be foolish to say that we haven't had an amazing year with outstanding achievements in all pillars making up our thriving school. However, the last two weeks leading up to the end of Term 3 brought sadness that tainted our celebration of this year's celebrations, which included an incredible



Mandela Day, which is one of the best ways of showing who we are and ought to be.

The opening of the beautiful Ubuntu Learning Centre by the Archbishop of Cape Town left an indelible mark on those who were present and those who made it possible for the centre to be opened. Our staff worked so tirelessly to ensure that the much-anticipated official opening took place despite the hiccups and weather delays right up to the blessing of the centre. I am grateful to the Archbishop's Chaplain and his office for their support and encouragement in preparing and writing up liturgies for all the services taken by the Archbishop of Cape Town at Bishops. Reverend Mcebisi Pinvana and Reverend Abigail Hopely went beyond their call to serve by making sure that all liturgies were done following the Anglican Right and Tradition.

Before commenting on the fourth and final term, our lay ministers and altar server team has grown and continues We hosted this year's Anglican School's confirmation to minister and serve with passion and enthusiasm. service and 35 young men who had been well I am deeply appreciative of being able to serve and prepared by their parents and me were confirmed. The work with a team that is not only understanding of commitment shown by our Thursday Prayer Group and their commitment, but willing to serve and respond the man who led the Alpha Course took the pressure without any hesitation. Our lay ministers and some of the teaching staff members led and took chapel services off me in running this year's successful Alpha Course. This year's vibrant and committed Prayer Group has whenever asked to step in and lead a service. Such

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been exceptional in holding the school in prayer and spreading the word of God in our school. As I write this report, some of the men who ran the Alpha Course went on to share the word in our Monday and Thursday chapel services. Comments that I have received thus far commend and support the decision to invite external speakers to share God's word for our school's growth in faith and witness to God's word.

In my 2023 report, I shared a concern around general attendance in chapel. I am delighted to note that our young men and staff participation in all chapel services has been pleasing. The current improvement in participation and singing suggests that 2025 may be a great year.

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commitment and dedication are notable and valued because it takes a village to raise and nurture a child. For each service, there is so much planning and organising behind the scenes and such planning requires teamwork and leadership. This year's chapel planning and services were without pressure because of the quality and unity within altar servers and lay ministers. Words may not show and reflect the respect, appreciation and gratitude I have for this year's altar team. Their unwavering commitment has been complemented by Marvin Bester's approach and understanding of Anglicanism and young men. Marvin Bester's faithfulness and deep love for God and his love and care for Bishops's young men makes the work of a priest easy and enjoyable. His passion for God, calmness and knowledge of the space and the broader church is notable and extremely appreciated.

The fourth and final term of this year's academic year did not start well and as I write this report I am locked in prayer as I not only walk alongside our young men and their respective families, I am also prayerfully yearning for Bishops Diocesan College community to remember who we are and what we call ourselves. There is a lot of good that we witnessed and did this year, and such goodness should not be clouded by the challenges at our doorstep. By way of an example, the new Bishops Rowing Centre, which was blessed on 12 November by the Right Reverend Bishop Joshua Louw, Bishop of Table Bay and the Archbishop of Cape Town's council representative, attested to the generous spirit of giving and commitment of our parent body to Bishops Diocesan College.

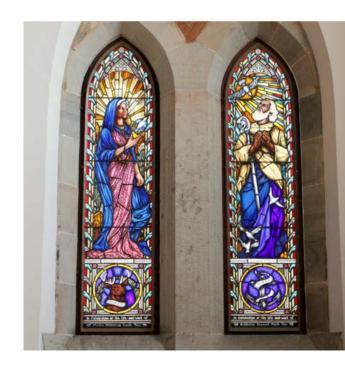
At the writing of this report, we are halfway through the final term and closer to the end of the 2024 academic year, with Grade 10s preparing for their Epic journey. We are so grateful and appreciative for all that God has done in the final term. One of the special and spirit-filled services that took place this term is the consecration of the Brooke Chapel, as well as the blessing of the three stained-glass windows, dedicated to three very special people. The Archbishop of Cape Town issued two certificates during his visit this year. Both certificates remind us of and affirm what Bishops Diocesan College's chapels represent and what they are used for. In my 2023 Spiritual Report, I expressed a concern around the conception and use of the two chapels. During the consecration of the Brooke Chapel, the Archbishop of Cape Town spelt out the usage and purpose of both chapels, which continue to be to glorify God in our school.

As Chaplain, I remain committed to the school's endeavours to support staff and to nurture and raise young men. The Anglican Church advocates and supports unity in our diversity and inclusion, something that I aspire and seek to do intentionally as I minister and share God's ministry to His people. As articulated and expressed in all our worship, as well as recently in this year's Valedictory Service, God is at work and alive in all spheres of our school. Our call and duty are to live out the Christian values and principles shared and revealed by Christ, our mentor. My prayers continue to share and spread God's unwavering love, forgiveness, justice and mercy for all his people. May our school continue to strive towards inspiring and nurturing individuals for God's glory.

Pro Fide et Patria.

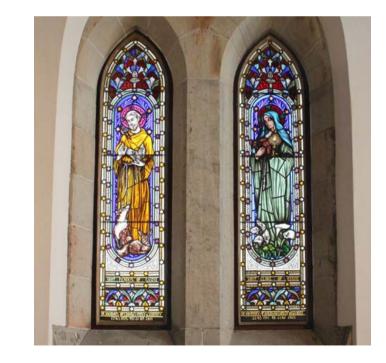
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#### SPIRITUALITY - REPORT FROM THE CHAPLAIN







#### **Consecration of the Brooke Chapel and Blessing of the Stained-Glass Windows**

The Brooke Chapel, named after the Reverend Canon Brooke, Bishops' fifth Principal, is one of the school's gems. It was constructed according to the proportions supplied by Edward Baldwin John Knox, an English mechanical and civil engineer. At its opening in 1880 no ceremony was performed because, at the time, the French teacher M de la Cornillère had just died. The first formal service was held on 26 January 1881. When the War Memorial Chapel was built in 1927, the Brooke Chapel became a library after which, in 1985, it was rededicated as a chapel. While the chapel was being planned, work was undertaken for the placing of stained-glass windows. By 1915, the project was mostly completed, and featured five windows without stained glass. Another was added as late as 2008, and more recently, in 2018, the family of a former longstanding teacher and Vice Principal, Charles Currey, placed a window there in his honour, depicting the legendary St Francis of Assisi

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As part of the 175 Celebrations, the College Executive requested The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba, the Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the ACSA, to formally consecrate the Brooke Chapel at an Order of Blessing and Dedication. According to the canons of the church, a church building cannot be fully consecrated unless fully paid for. In the history, Bishops 150 by John Gardener, et al, referring to the building of the Brooke Chapel, it states: 'There is no evidence of its ever being consecrated, although one must assume that by now any debt has long since been paid or written off ...' In 1985, when the Brooke Chapel resumed its function as a chapel after approximately 60 years as a library, Gardener writes: '... the service was one of rededication as no one could be sure whether either consecration or reconsecration would be appropriate!'

This was not the only event. As part of our 175 Celebration this year, the Bishops community donated three more stained-glass windows, thus bringing to a close the completion of all the windows in the nave. The Brooke Chapel was chosen especially as it has

stood at the centre of worship for more than a century. After an appeal was launched by the Deputy Head and and 'holds a special place in the hearts of many in the Bishops 175 Director Joc Wrensch, funds were received Bishops community, as a place of quiet contemplation, to cover the design, manufacture and installation for services, weddings, baptisms and memorial services'. of these three windows during this special year for These three windows honour three special people in our Bishops. These funds were sent from three communities community and were designed by one of South Africa's of ODs, College families and Prep and Pre-Prep families foremost stained-glass artists, Anika van der Merwe. respectively. They were installed and blessed in an official ceremony by the Archbishop of Cape Town. The following is from the school website: the Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba. At the same time, and very much part of the ceremony, was the 'The most recent window to be installed in the chapel rededication and consecration of the Brooke Chapel. was dedicated to a long-time teacher at Bishops, The blessing and consecration remain a highlight of Charles Currey, and was installed in 2018. It was also Bishops in its 175th year of commemoration. The event designed by Anika. St Francis of Assisi has been used took place on Friday 11 October 2024. Three Bishops in the window that honours Charles Currey. The first of ODs from the Anglican clergy participated in the service the three new windows is in memory of Christina Gwayu. - The Rt Reverend Philip Le Feuvre. The Rt Reverend who passed away two years ago and who, like Mr Currey, Christopher Gregorowski and The Rt Reverend Geoffrey was a teacher of real significance at Bishops. Not only Davies.

did she cement isiXhosa as a language at Bishops, she also acted as the spiritual "mother" to many of the first boys of colour to attend Bishops. While she was often quiet and understated, the impact of her contribution towards the diversification of Bishops can never be underestimated. The biblical figure of St Clare of Assisi will be used in the window to honour Ms Gwavu, creating a natural link with the adjoining window of St Francis, honouring Mr Currey.

'Desmond and Leah Tutu stand out as a couple who were dedicated to bringing about a peaceful transition in South Africa, and ushering in a new order of dignity and equality for all. Desmond Tutu, of course, was best known as the Archbishop of South Africa, during which time he was active at Bishops as the Visitor to the Bishops Council. The Old Testament biblical figures of Ruth and Isaiah have been used in the pair of windows honouring this special couple.'

Bishops' 175th year was therefore a good time to have the service of dedication in which the Archbishop said: 'We, Thabo, by divine permission Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, bless and consecrate the Brooke Chapel as part of this year's celebration of 175 years of existence. This we do in the name of God the Father. God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Amen.'

For more information on the windows, please go to the link:

https://college.bishops.org.za/175/175StainedGlassWindow.html

Paul Murray





# ACADEMACS



## **REPORT FROM THE** DEPUTY HEAD ACADEMICS

The year began on a high note with news that Bishops placed first in the Western Cape NSC examinations. We placed joint first (with Herschel) in Mathematics, and first in Science and Music in the province. We are very proud of the honour that the 2023 Grade 12s brought to the school. Our 2023 Cambridge International AS Level stream results were also very pleasing. It's worth noting that of the 10 subjects offered, learners averaged well above 80% in five, with the remaining five subjects not far behind. Special mention must go to Jacob Fried. In the examinations that are conducted in 160 countries. Jacob came first in the world for History AS Levels. first in the world for English Language and Literature AS Levels, and second in the world (and first in South Africa) for Economics AS Levels.

We continue to monitor the Cambridge Curriculum stream in order to predict its sustainability at our school and the suitability of extending the group of boys taking part.

• In terms of sustainability, it is reassuring to note that we have 14 very capable boys enrolled in our Cambridge stream in Grade 11 next year. They completed their Afrikaans IGCSE in their Grade 10 vear under the tutelage of Trevor Pasquallie, who has been responsible for this subject since the inception of the Cambridge stream in 2023.

• In looking at the suitability of this curriculum to extend our top boys, it was heartening to see how well our AS boys fared in their examinations at the end of 2023. Jacob Fried's achievements in these examinations demonstrated that not only are our boys being extended but are also competing against their international counterparts.

Caitlin Whittaker, who teaches Cambridge Biology and Chemistry, has been of great assistance with her significant administrative skills and great enthusiasm for the programme. She is now our Cambridge Exam Officer and Administrator, and a very knowledgeable resource for boys, staff and parents.

In the NSC Curriculum, the choice of subjects for Grade 10 has been amended to include History as an additional elective subject. Furthermore, we have extended our offering to include Engineering Graphic Design (EGD), a graphic language incorporating the following:

- the ability to visualise or perceive a graphic
- knowledge and understanding of drawing principles and practices
- · freehand, instrument and CAD drawings, and the design process.

Our new management system, ISAMS, was rolled out for use in the administration of the academic programme in 2024. Thanks must go to Sally Bowes, Lael Rothenburg and Wavne Tucker for their various roles in training and supporting the staff during this significant change. Through their efforts, the platform feels intuitive, and the staff have responded well to the training.

We bade farewell to Donovan Abrey (HOD: Information Technology), Nelson Mogodi (Mathematics teacher) and Rhoda Manie (English teacher). Trinity Dhaver has replaced Donovan Abrey in Information Technology and will also offer Mathematics and Coding in Technology.

With our school discipline portfolio being decentralised, certainly to the point where infractions are identified. academic discipline has certainly been an area of focus this year. Central to our values is integrity, and the staff have been encouraged to ensure that their classrooms are places of academic authenticity. Our staff are committed to ensuring that boys who demonstrate dishonesty in class assessments learn these life lessons now.

The quote by Oliver Wendall Holmes, 'Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up', highlights the power of collaboration in enhancing critical thinking, facilitating greater understanding of each other and promoting a holistic learning experience. These ideals underpin the rationale for building the Ubuntu Learning Centre. Many of our classrooms were built 175 years ago, and the school has grown. The building provides differently configured spaces where boys can meet to learn with and from each other. The staff and boys must be applauded for their patience, generosity of spirit and upbeat approach in what has been a very dusty and

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noisy teaching and learning environment for 18 months. Thanks must go to Project Manager Jonathan Holtmann and his team, as well as Business Manager Sean King and his team for the astute management of the finances and logistics required for a project of this nature.

2024 has been a year of finishing what we started in 2023: namely introducing the Cambridge Curriculum stream and seeing the new building competed.

Michelle van Schalkwyk







#### Address from the Principal

I endorse the welcome of the Chair of Council to this, the annual Prize-Giving for the Class of 2024. It was challenging to find a time to hold this event, due to us now having two examination systems but we managed to do so, and my thanks go to all who made this possible, in particular, our Academic Department led by Michelle van Schalkwyk, Wayne Tucker and Yolanda Raman.

I would like to welcome and thank the members of Council, not only the ones present here today, but all members for their service to the College during the past year. Not only have they had to attend the usual activities of a normal year but due to our 175th celebrations there have been many more and I thank them for their continued good governance, oversight and support of the school.

I thank the Chair of Council, Crispin Sonn, for his wisdom, guidance and support, and the enormous amount of time he devotes to a school we both appreciate greatly. Most people will not be aware of the time taken to assume this role and the pressure that comes with it. Crispin not only chairs Council but sits on most committees, in addition to meeting regularly with me. I thank him for his loyal support as well as his wife, Lisa, for her support of Crispin and me.

Our College PA has seen a change in leadership during the year and I wish to thank the outgoing Chair, Minah Koela, for her passion in leading this group of parents and doing it so well, asking us to have courageous conversations as we learn from each other and our differences. Then to Nida Hendrickse who agreed to take over the role in September this year. She has been remarkable, quickly building up a team of amazing people who have been an ear for parents and a massive support to the school. My thanks to Nida and the parents, and to all who served on this body this year.

I thank OD Chairman, Martin Bey, and his committee as well as ODU President Mr David Carter and ODU Patron Justice Craig Howie for their support. I can say without fear of contradiction that the support we receive from these gentlemen is most gratifying and highly appreciated. It's clear that we share the common goal of creating and building a school for our boys that is relevant to the modern world and that, together, we develop good men.

The school is governed by the Council, but the Executive teams are responsible for its daily management, and I thank the new Head of PrePrep, Taryn Bain, who has settled in so well, as well as the Deputies at the Prep. Chris Groom and Karin Dallas, for their amazing work with our junior boys. I thank our College Deputies: Warren Wallace, who took on the role of Head of Sport alone in our restructure: Mark Mitchell who will do the same for Culture next year; Michelle van Schalkwyk who, in addition to running the academic programme, oversaw the completion of the Ubuntu Learning Centre; and then to the new member of our team. Joc Wrensch. who has taken on Discipline and Pastoral in addition to managing our 175th year. This is an incredible team of people to work with and I thank them most sincerely, individually and as a group.

Our school as a whole is managed by the Bishops Executive, which includes the Headmaster of the Prep School, Greg Brown, our new Deputy Principal, Trevor van Niekerk, who has made a significant impact in a very short period of time, and our Business Manager, Sean King. This is a formidable team indeed - the kind of challenges they wrestle with on a daily basis is remarkable. From dealing with loadshedding, building, staffing and other difficult issues, the common thread of this group is their simple humanity, with every decision made being based on our values, our morals and our desire to do what is best for our boys. I cannot thank them enough for their support, encouragement and leadership.

There are three other people to thank individually: our Chaplain, Father Monwabisi Peter, who does such wonderful work in supporting our boys and staff in need; my PA, Shelley Windell, who creates such a perfect balance in the office and who is simply a joy to work with; and then my wife, Rose, partner in life for 31 years now and loval supporter and friend. She knows more about Bishops and education in general than most.

I thank our staff, an amazing team of people who often go the extra mile to make things happen. To our support staff, who provide the infrastructure, maintain it, clean it, provide meals and facilities and so much more, my very, very grateful thanks. And then our teaching staff, who put in so much and who have such a great influence in our boys' lives, thank you for all you do, known and unknown! Your willingness to go the extra mile with the boys you teach, tutor, coach or work with in every way is truly appreciated, and I hope our departing young men have had a chance to acknowledge you in their journey.

Our Class of 2024 started their College career with a bang and then a whimper as Covid-19 hit their Grade 8 year. But the resilience of youth never ceases to amaze me, and they simply got on with it. When us adults were bemoaning lost opportunities for our children, they were creating new ones and getting on with life. This group had to put up with building projects: one being the new entrance they could enjoy and the other, our new learning centre, which took far longer and one from which they weren't going to benefit. They took on the leadership of the school in its 175th year and that was a highlight for me with this group as we held sporting, cultural, musical and religious events that were simply superb. Thank you, gentlemen, and well done.

They were most ably led by Caden Chuang, Chair of the SRF. who built on the renewed energy in the SRF and took it to new levels. Also in the team were James Grieve and Immanual Magongwa who gave really good advice, often from a place of wisdom way beyond their years but always making sure our meetings were a combination of work and fun.

Finally, I wish to honour Head Boy, Ben Anderson. Ben, in his own words, is not your typical boys' school Head Boy. But he has done remarkably well. He promised the school that while he would not play first team in any sport, he would be the #1 supporter - a promise he kept to the end. Ben's strengths as an orator are legendary, his intelligence and support highly appreciated, and I thank him for a job well done.

I know he will probably mention them, but I wish to thank his parents, Murray and Billie Anderson, who were so incredibly supportive of him and the school. The Head Boy's parents take on very special roles, without applying for the job - I want to acknowledge them and thank them for that.

This was our 175th year and it was a wonderful year indeed. Managed by Joc Wrensch and a team of staff, we managed to celebrate just about all that is Bishops this year: from sport to music to public speaking to service to art. Including an updated history of the

school. We made some special memories too, none Yet now they will leave all that behind - the group more important perhaps than the consecration of the identity of the school - to take on life as individuals, Brooke Chapel with its beautiful new windows and the searching for new groups to belong to. This is the time opening of our new Ubuntu Learning Centre, A place, as when the power of group identity and the sense of its name suggests, where we come together to learn, to belonging may be replaced by the uncertainty of going grow and to teach. I cannot thank all those who were it alone. part of 175 enough. Joc Wrensch, in particular.

Being part of a group is safe, requires less thought and This has been a very successful year on so many fronts, introspection, less courage to make decisions as often as I have shared in many newsletters, and I continue to the group makes the decision, or they are made for you. be amazed by the way boys use the opportunities at But now is the time that you leave this group to go out Bishops to grow and flourish. alone. To leave the group that has been so much part of vour world.

And so, my final thoughts:

This takes a new kind of courage. There is no hiding or Our children have been together with others virtually safety in a group identity. At school we make you attend their entire lives. They felt a sense of belonging to a lessons and then write a test on what you have learned group from the moment of their birth. This belonging in the class. Now you will be given tests in life without lessons beforehand. Your lessons will be learned as a then changed as another group was created in their result of the test. schools, both at primary and high school levels. They experienced this sense of belonging towards their friendship groups but also towards the schools they This is a hard transition, perhaps the hardest you will attended, culminating in their time here at Bishops. This have to make, considering your age and the decisions gave them an identity, gave them security, gave them that await you. Let me reassure you that you will be fine. belief and confidence. They identified themselves as You see, on your journey as an individual, terrifying as it Bishops boys and took great pride in what that meant. may seem to some, you are not alone. They identified themselves as members of a House, a team or a group. You are accompanied by all those who have been with

'A deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong. When those needs are not met, we don't function as we were meant to. We break. We fall apart.' Brene Brown

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you before, perhaps not in person but in your hearts, in the lessons they taught you through the shared experiences you had. The values and beliefs you built up until now from the groups you belonged to will be with you on your individual journey and will keep you safe. You may no longer be a member of a House, a team, or an ensemble, but you will always be a member of your family, and an OD of the school.

You have had a fine education from your parents and your school that lives within you. Believe in yourself now as you walk alone. Trust yourself to get it right most of the time and don't berate yourself when you get it wrong.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: 'What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.'

I wish you all the best for the future. May what lies within each one of you guide your path and may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

#### Antony Reeler

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#### **Report from the Head of School**

Good afternoon Mr Reeler, Father Monwabisi, members of staff, beloved quests, dear friends in Grade 11 and, above all, my brothers in Matric.

Thank you for joining us today for a commemoration of an unforgettable five years at this college. Two years ago in Grade 10, I went for a walk in a forest outside my exchange school in New England. As I walked through the maze of auburn fall leaves. I was grappling with an emotion that I had never really felt before: longing.

Some would call what I was feeling homesickness but, honestly, it wasn't my home that I was longing for. Sorry, mom and dad, but the four-storey American mansion where I lived with my host family where sparkling water guite literally ran out of the taps was maybe a bit nicer than our place in Fish Hoek. Really, I knew I was longing for something else.

My exchange school was externally incredibly similar to Bishops. An all-boys school, we began the day in a chapel; there was a huge emphasis on sport; their lessons were also 40 minutes long; they also had an intranet type thing; and an amazing music school decked out with grand pianos. And yet, after about five weeks at this place. I was consumed by this sense of longing. And so I went for a walk in the forest.

On this walk, I dwelt on my feelings and, as time passed, I realised something: what I was missing was not the chapel, I had that; it wasn't the sport, that was here too. I was longing for the single part of Bishops that cannot be copied or replicated. The people. A school is just a bunch of expensive buildings if there are no people to fill them.

Understand this. Today, gents, we are saying goodbye to the buildings, the chapel benches you'll never sit on again, the classrooms you'll never be trapped in again, the fields you'll never run on again, the textbooks and PDFs you'll never learn from again. We're saying goodbye to all these material things. I don't know about you, but I've never had a deep meaningful conversation with a chapel bench, I didn't hike up a mountain with a classroom, I didn't spend the evening of my Matric dance with hockey astros and rugby fields. I don't know when the last time was when you sent an Instagram reel to a maths textbook or dabbed up a grand piano. We're saying goodbye to some very valuable parts of this school, but we're not saying goodbye to the priceless part of this school. The people. Many of those people will still be here, and as ODs, we might all be moving in different unique directions, but this is not farewell, but rather bon voyage. Our collective memories are what hold us together now, this is when we properly realise that intangible link that Bishops establishes. Now that we aren't forced to be together anymore, we realise just All our amazing staff need to be thanked for the how incredible it is that this school and its memory still huge impact they've had on our learning process. I makes us feel together. distinctively remember being at a social event about a year ago, where the topic of teachers came up and I At the end of that walk in the forest, I decided that I was chatting to people from different schools about wanted to serve the people at this school in any way I their teachers. One thing Southern Suburbs teenagers could in my final two years, because I realised that even know how to do well is lav in to an academic member of staff. Wow! But I turned to a friend who was from in a difficult year with disappointment, it was still the people that I loved. I hope you might consider that I Bishops and he said, 'You know, I actually think we have have served you to the best of my abilities. I am satisfied some amazing teachers at Bishops.' Fully agree. And the reason Bishops teachers are incredible is actually not with handing over this role now to someone with a great deal more energy, and a great deal more passion than I because of what they do in the classroom.

feel right now. I've said this many times. Luke is someone who, above all, I trust this great college with. I've already spoken to the Grade 11s in chapel recently, but let me say now in farewell: your burden is great, but the pressure is a privilege. You have a task ahead of you, but you are fully capable of overcoming it. Hard times create strong men.

There are some important thank yous that I think need to be said publicly because of the gravity of these people's contribution to our time at this school. I'll save my own personal thank yous for specific teachers or friends who have helped me for private conversations, so the people whom I have chosen to single out now, I'm thanking on behalf of our whole grade because of what they've done for all of us.

Firstly, and this is an intentional first, Immanuel and James. Thank you for the role that you've played in leading this college and keeping this grade together this year. I'll obviously have more to say in private about just how much that's meant to me, but from our whole grade, thank you for your service to us. In particular, thank you for your humility in leading despite your positions and your own high level of personal achievements.

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I need to tell you all a story of a moment with a Bishops teacher that had an immense impact on me, and I'm not going to name drop because I know he wouldn't want me to. Last year I was on a history tour and it was our final day in Amsterdam. We had just packed up at the hotel, had driven to Anne Frank House, and straight after that we were going to leg it to the airport and head home. Low and behold, as I get off the bus, I realise I can't find my phone, wallet or passport. Single worst combination of things to lose in a foreign country. So, I approach this teacher, who has been with us for the entire tour and not shown a single sign of annoyance or anger. And I explain to him, and he says, 'OK, we're going to have to go back to the hotel.' (Which was 40 minutes away). 'And I'm going to come with you.' Then, halfway on our drive back to the hotel, I realise my phone and wallet were in the seat pouch in front of me! I had placed them there absentmindedly when I had got on the bus at the hotel! When I told the teacher this and we turned around to go back to the museum, I was expecting to see anger and annoyance in his eyes. All I saw was grace. Each of us sitting here today has seen this same grace in a Bishops staff member at some point. Bishops staff continue to consistently go above and beyond what they

are expected, or are paid, to do for us at this college. In particular, our House Directors, who have been our partners in leading Bishops this year. Thank you, Sirs, you've seen us at our best and worst, you've helped us and guided us through all sorts of leadership challenges. We're so grateful to you for your work.

Mr Wrensch, thank you for all of your work on the pastoral side; you've slipped so easily into the role that I think many people forget this was your first year on the job. Thank you for guiding our grade through the mammoth task of leading this school.

Mr Reeler, thank you, Sir, for your dedication to this school. The burden you carry is a great and noble one, and it's a burden that has sometimes been increased by our grade. Thank you for your continued patience and kindness towards us.

Second last, mum! Now I did say no personal thank yous, but really I am thanking you, and all of the amazing mums who helped you, on behalf of our whole grade. You and a lot of other dedicated mothers were able to pull off some really special aspects of our year. Our Matric Dance was by all accounts exceptional, and the drafts of the yearbook I've had a peak at look great. Thank you, mum.

Finally, the support staff! We've all had tough days this year. There've been days where, unusually, I don't feel like greeting anyone who walks past me, and I just want to sort of curl up and be left alone. Whenever I'm feeling like that, a member of our support staff walks past and smiles at me and greets me first. Of course, we're all grateful for the care and love you show our campus, but really there's a reason we don't refer to the support staff as 'the cleaning staff'; it's because they make supporting us the most important part of their role. A hug, a smile, a friendly word with these people has often made my day this year. They are amazing.

The guestion of emotion was a key consideration in writing my speech today. How could I capture the relief of being finished, the joy of celebrating great achievements, the nostalgia of five years spent with dear, dear friends, the sadness in saying farewell, the happiness in achieving a great milestone and the heartbreak of reckoning with deeply painful mistakes. You might be feeling some of these things or, like me, you might be grappling with them all at once bundled in with the stress of exams, and university or other plans for next year. We're not here to gloss over the iourney we've had. I used the word commemoration at the start of this speech. This is not a celebration, but a commemoration. There's a subtle difference but it's an important one to understand and for us to be honest about. There are a great many things that we can take pride in that have been achieved over the past year or five years or 13 years by the people sitting in this chapel, and that's why we have prize-giving with valedictory. It's important to celebrate the personal achievements of so many different people in our grade who have done amazing things in different avenues of the school

But there've also been some painful errors that we, at different times, have all been responsible for. Every Matric group in this school's history has faced challenges and flaws just like us, the heartbreaking thing for our school and for us sitting here is that our flaws have been displayed right in front of us, just a few days before this event. That's painful, I feel that pain; it's also sobering and hopefully will serve as a lifelong reminder to all of us of the importance of caring for those who are placed under our leadership, and the terrible implications of actions that run opposite to that. But at the same time there is also great joy to be found in today, because we haven't just been at Bishops for the past few days, and the past few days should not be allowed to overshadow all of the light that shines from these memories we have of the past five years. matter how hard you work, no matter how many risks you take or how creative you are, the end product is a pretty similar salary and lifestyle to the next guy. That's OK, but it's pretty boring. I prefer our country where we are pushed to excel and to work hard and

We're here today to mark the end of something and the beginning of something much greater. We're at the end of the first end in our lives. Think about it, there will be a last day of university, and a last day of your first job, and a last day with certain people that you love, this is our first last day. It's the first time when we, as people, are really being forced to let go of something. In this process there's a lot of fear, I'm sure there'll be some tears, but they'll be good tears, and the fear you're feeling is good fear. It comes from that survival instinct, which, paired with the plethora of skills that we've been equipped with at this school, is what will allow you to thrive at university. I implore everyone here, use this time to mature. Learn to drive, learn to manage your bank account, to save and invest, learn to keep fit and healthy and eat well. If you're worried about the future and what it holds, stop worrying and start doing. We are free now. We're free of a 7:45 to 3:15 schedule, of a Monday to Friday week. With that freedom comes a daunting prospect: we are entirely responsible for our own actions. There's a huge opportunity for us to seize in that. Your success is now; you reap the benefits financially, socially of anything you achieve in this world. That's the beauty of the sort of country in which we're blessed to live. We pay a small contribution to the state called taxes, but apart from that we're free to say, do, earn, buy, sell, and act as we please. But of course, we're not free from the consequences. If we lived in a government-run society, we probably wouldn't be having this ceremony right now. In a world like that, no That's OK, but it's pretty boring. I prefer our country where we are pushed to excel and to work hard and to achieve, by that very threat of failure which our fear originates from. So, as we commemorate the end of these five years of safety, let's look forward with a good fear, a fear that says, 'I have no idea what the next few years are going to look like, but I know if I work hard, and if I learn from all of the memories of this time at Bishops, I'm going to be just fine.'

In closing, I thought I'd read you a passage from a speech that I discovered from the Head Boy of 2007. He spoke about that incredible walk we just took down from the avenue in his last speech 17 years ago: 'I walked into the gates of Bishops as the sun was on the horizon, behind me the striking mountain, lit up by the sun's rays. I walked under the shade of the gigantic pine trees, planted by my grandfather and his class, in 1951. I proceeded to walk past the first team rugby field, named after the legendary Mr Piley Rees, who coached the first team for five decades and where nine members of my family had represented the Bishops first team. I looked across at the Memorial Chapel, where the 40 pillars, representing the courageous Bishops men who died in the war, were holding up arguably the most beautiful chapel in any school in the country. The thought of 750 boys singing the thunderous Psalm 150, pouring out all the pride they have for their school to produce a sound that lifts the chapel roof, gave me shivers down my spine. I looked down at the mitre on my chest and thought about the honour that comes with wearing it, stamped firmly into every boy's soul. Just before I entered the Founders' gates, I looked down at the Frank Reid cricket field, where great cricketers such as Herschell Gibbs and Adrian Kuiper had left legacies behind. I was reminded of the great tradition that this school is based on, and the history that makes it unique. I realised what I was representing as the senior prefect of this fine school.'

Our school is great, but it also faces great challenges. The road ahead is not easy, but it must be walked with honesty, and we have to acknowledge our mistakes head on whilst keeping a great love for the people here at the centre of our mission.

To the Matrics of 2024, be free and embrace the chance of failure as a motivation to succeed. It has been the honour of my life to serve all of you over the past 12 months.

For faith and country.

Thank you.

Ben Anderson



#### ACADEMIC PRIZES

Adam Buckham: General Good Effort Prize

Isaac Miller Stanley Clarke History Prize Michael Lawson Visual Arts Prize Nicholas Basson First Pauling French Prize Noah Bouwers IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) Aiden Marsh General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Alex Savva General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) Brett Jenman General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) **Cameron Giles** Economics Prize **Christopher Gray** General Good Effort Prize (NSC) **Daniel Grobbelaar** General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Esihle Dyosi IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) **Graham Seaward** General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) **Isaac Miller** General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Jacob Skillicorn General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Jordan De Sousa Helen Liddell Geography Prize (shared) Josh van Wyk Mathematical Literacy Prize

Mohamed-Yusuf Davenhill General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Nicholas Basson General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Nicholas Bosini General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) **Rohit Patel** General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Sebastian Cheminais Helen Liddell Geography Prize (shared) **Thomas Welsh** General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Caden Chuang Accounting Prize PricewaterhouseCoopers Prize for Mathematics and Accounting **Jonty Bresler** The Cambridge Physics A Level Prize Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (Cambridge) The Thresher Prize for Physics (Cambridge) Louis du Preez Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (NSC) The Thresher Prize for Physics (NSC) Michael Kotze The Cambridge Biology A Level Prize The Cambridge Chemistry A Level Prize General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (Cambridge)

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

Louis du Preez The Ashburnham Prize for English Reading Ben Anderson The HJ Kidd Speech Prize Alexander Newton Die JSM Viljoen Afrikaanse Skrywersprys

Milan Sandri
The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prys vir
Addisionele Taal
Jacob Oelz
Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer
(shared)
Jeremy Young
Martin Silberbauer Prize: Most-improved Geographer
(shared)
Nicolas Dow
The Masey Prize for Environmental Studies (shared)
Gabriel Clarke
The Masey Prize for Environmental Studies (shared)
Theodor Scheder-Bieschin
The Warham Searle Prize for Consistent Excellence
in History
Milan Sandri
Sybil McGregor Prize for Historical Research
Isaac Miller
Bertha Solomon Prize for South African History
Arun Nayar
Michael Cameron Computer Prize (Cambridge)
Peyton Leigh
Michael Cameron Computer Prize (NSC)
Munyaradzi Mtombeni
Senior Dramatic Arts Trophy
Ben Ross
Rembrandt van Rijn Prize
Michael Lawson
Leonardo da Vinci Prize
Andrew Raubenheimer
The Sam Butler Drawing Prize
Thomas de Waal
The Pierneef Cup for Art
Ben Karlein
The Piano Prize

**David Handlev** The Prize for the Most Improved Musician **Justin Pillay** The John Joubert Cup for Composition Landa Tsobo The Prize for the Best Contribution to the Choir James Grieve Instrumentalist's Prize The Graham Coote Prize for the Best Contribution to an Ensemble The Brian Guillemard Prize for Major Contribution to Music in the School **James Gibbs** Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (F) John Bos Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (shared) (S) Matthew Thomas Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (shared) (S) **Nicholas Reid** Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (W) **Thomas Ludlam** Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (G) **Bryn Parry** Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (O) Noah Bouwers Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (K) Mohamed-Yusuf Davenhill Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (B) James Grieve Lidderdale Prize for Considerateness (M) **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS** 

Andrew Betty A Principal's Award Landa Tsobo The Bob Snape Prize for Enthusiasm Ben Anderson The George Hodgson Prize Michael Kotze The Philip Stent Trophy Wa-keem Fortuin The Roston Franks Memorial Floating Trophy Immanuel Magongwa Ubuntu Award Peyton Leigh Information Technology Prize Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (NSC) Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared) Gray House Old Boys' Prize for Further Studies Mathematics General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Third in Grade Twelve (NSC) Nic Caldwell Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science (Cambridge) General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (Cambridge) Third in Grade Twelve (Cambridge A Level) James Grieve Victor Lewis Prize for Life Sciences An Old Boy's Prize for Physical Science Gorham Mathematics Prize (shared) Music Prize Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (NSC) Harry Robinson Prize for Mathematics and Science (NSC) General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Proxime Accessit: Second in Grade Twelve (NSC) Arun Nayar General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) The Cambridge Mathematics A Level Prize The Cambridge Computer Science A Level Prize Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (Cambridge) Proxime Accessit: Second in Grade Twelve (Cambridge A Level) Milan Sandri General Good Effort Prize (NSC) Dramatic Arts Prize Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize Edward Ridge Syfret English Prize Life Orientation Prize Mark Newton-Thompson Afrikaans Prize Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (NSC) DUX: First in Grade Twelve (NSC)



#### ACADEMICS - GRADE 12 PRIZE-GIVING

#### **Jacob Fried**

The Cambridge Economics A Level Prize General Good Effort Prize (Cambridge) The Cambridge History A Level Prize Outstanding Academic Achievement Prize (Cambridge) DUX: First in Grade Twelve (Cambridge A Level) **Thomas Truter** The OD Merit Trophy (shared) **Ben Anderson** The OD Merit Trophy (shared) **James Grieve** The OD All-Rounder's Trophy

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#### **GRADE 11**

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Antonio de Souza The Louis Esselen Afrikaanse Toespraak Prvs vir Huistaal **Conor Day** Academic Excellence Prize Daniel von der Hevden Academic Excellence Prize **David Furter** Mathematical Literacy Prize **Dvlan Martin** Academic Excellence Prize **Gabriel Comitis** Academic Excellence Prize **Gavin Martin** Academic Excellence Prize Michael Ressell Academic Excellence Prize Jack Buckham Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize **Jack Gomes** Information Technology Prize James Wilkin Academic Excellence Prize John van der Watt *Outstanding* Academic Excellence Prize Luke Reynolds Academic Excellence Prize (Cambridge) Luke Sara Academic Excellence Prize

Massimiliano Hunt Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Matthew Maurel Academic Excellence Prize Max Marr IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) **Oliver Frankel** Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Reece van Wyk Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Samuel Stavely-Alexander Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize William Heath Academic Excellence Prize Zavier Petersen Academic Excellence Prize Zeno Benolich Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Adam Diggle Academic Excellence Prize Economics Prize (shared) Ben Myburgh Afrikaans Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize **Brad Baker** Academic Excellence Prize (Cambridge) Computer Science AS Level Prize **Connor Fletcher** Visual Arts Prize (shared) Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize

David Tripe Economics Prize (shared) Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Liam Chester Further Studies English Prize Music Prize Michael Bailes History Prize (shared) Academic Excellence Prize Noah Edmunds Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Dramatic Arts Prize **Pablo Slaven** Biology AS Level Prize Strakosch Prize (Life Sciences, Cambridge) Yanga Soyaya isiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) The English Verse Prize **Christopher Du Toit** Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Life Sciences Prize Strakosch Prize (Life Sciences) **Daniel Kushner** Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize The Pauling French Prize The Edna Hodgson Prize for English (shared) Daniel van den Heever Accounting Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Life Orientation Prize (shared) James Thunstrom Academic Excellence Award (Cambridge) History AS Level Prize Economics AS Level Prize (shared) **David Lewis** Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Prize for Third in Grade 11 (NSC)

#### ACADEMICS - GRADES 11-8 PRIZE LIST

#### **Nico Schreuder**

Academic Excellence Prize (Cambridge) French AS Level Prize Afrikaans IGCSE Prize Prize for Third in Grade 11 (Cambridge Curriculum Prize)

#### **Matthew Griffin**

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize (Cambridge) Chemistry AS Level Prize Strakosch Prize (Physical Science, Cambridge) Prize for Second in Grade 11 (Cambridge Curriculum Prize)

#### Noah Macnab

Geography Prize History Prize (shared) Further Mathematics Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Mathematics Prize Strakosch Prize (Mathematics) Prize for Second in Grade 11 (NSC)

#### **Matthew Walker**

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize (Cambridge) English Language and Literature AS Level Prize Mathematics AS Level Prize Physics AS Level Prize Economics AS Level Prize (shared) Strakosch Prize (Mathematics, Cambridge) Prize for First in Grade 11 (Cambridge Curriculum Prize)

#### **Grant Weich**

Die Afrikaanse Voordragprys Visual Arts Prize (shared) Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Life Orientation Prize (shared) Physical Science Prize Strakosch Prize (Physical Science) The Edna Hodgson Prize for English (shared) Prize for First in Grade 11 (NSC)

#### **DISTINCTION AVERAGES**

Adam Diggle Luke Reynolds (Cambridge) Akshav Thakersee Luke Sara Andreas Pouroullis Massimiliano Hunt Ben Myburgh Matthew Griffin (Cambridge) Brad Baker (Cambridge) Matthew Maurel Christopher du Toit Matthew Walker (Cambridge) Connor Fletcher Max Marr Conor Dav Maxwell Fair Daniel Kushner **Michael Bailes** Daniel van den Heever Michael Ressell Daniel von der Heyden Mohammed Kader David Lewis Muhammad-Zayd Bhorey David Tripe Nathan Leong Dylan Martin Nicholas Perez Gabriel Comitis Nico Schreuder (Cambridge) Gavin Martin Noah Edmunds Grant Weich Noah Macnab Jack Breslin **Oliver Frankel** 

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Jack Buckham Pablo Slaven (Cambridge) Jack Gomes Reece van Wyk James Robb-Quinlan Ross Jenman James Shortt Rynard Gordon James Thunstrom (Cambridge) Samuel Dalley James Wilkin Samuel Stavely-Alexander Jisub Lee Sebastian du Toit Joey Lwande Sebastian von Bormann John van der Watt Shankara Moodley Joseph Bolus Tristan Kannemever Joshua Diggle (Cambridge) Veer Patel Katlego Setai (Cambridge) William Heat Luca Pouroullis Zavier Petersen Luke Cartwright Zeno Benolich

#### **GRADE 10**

Luke Davidge

Aarav Desai Academic Excellence Award Alexander Tadross Geography Prize Derek Meyer Outstanding Academic Excellence Award

James de Waal Visual Arts Prize (shared) James Koen The Dr Paul Murray History Prize (shared) Jethro Wickins Visual Arts Prize (shared) Luc Dicey Academic Excellence Prize Lulibo Nyawula IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) **Matthew Couves** Further Studies English Prize Michael Mafunda Music Prize (shared) Naethan Mol Visual Arts Prize (shared) **Trov Stockdale** Academic Excellence Prize William Oriander The Pauling French Prize (shared) Zuhayr Sirkot Academic Excellence Prize **Maximilian Petersen** Mathematical Literacy Prize Jarred Kowen Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Founders House) Fred Verster-Cohen Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (School House) Harry Morgan Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (White House) Athi Ngayi Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Gray House) Michael Mafunda Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Ogilvie House) Nicholas Axten Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Kidd House) Sam Bey Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Birt House)

#### ACADEMICS - GRADES 11-8 PRIZE LIST

#### Boytjie Fyfer

Thomas Dudley Persse Prize (Mallett House)

#### Alec Alfaro-Mclaughlin

Academic Excellence Prize The Pauling French Prize (shared)

#### **Daniel Bursey**

Academic Excellence Prize Economics Prize (shared)

#### Matthew Kriel

Academic Excellence Prize Life Orientation Prize (shared)

#### **Maximus Sandri**

Academic Excellence Prize Dramatic Arts Prize Life Orientation Prize (shared)

#### **Thomas Winfield**

Academic Excellence Prize Further Studies Mathematics Prize (shared) Music Prize (shared)

#### **Cameron Macbeth**

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize The OD Prize for Afrikaans The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize (shared) The Dr Paul Murray History Prize (shared)

#### Ketan Govan

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Information Technology Prize The Guy Currie Physical Science Prize (shared) Strakosch Prize (Physical Science) The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize (shared)

#### Matthew de Jager

English Prize (shared) Hands Memorial Essay Prize Headmaster's Junior English Speech Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Strakosch Prize (Life Sciences) The Andrew Henderson Memorial Life Sciences Prize Prize for Second in Grade 10

#### **Zachary Rosenberg**

Afrikaans Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Accounting Prize The Guy Currie Physical Science Prize (shared) Prize for First in Grade 10 (Archbishop West-Jones) (shared)

#### Jeremy Liddle

Junior Reading Prize (shared) Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Economics Prize (shared) English Prize (shared) Further Studies Mathematics Prize (shared) Strakosch Prize (Mathematics) The Guy Currie Physical Science Prize (shared) The Lascelles Birt Memorial Mathematics Prize (shared) Afrikaans IGCSE Prize The Stanley Clarke Junior History Prize (shared) Prize for First in Grade 10 (Archbishop West-Jones) (shared)

#### **DISTINCTION AVERAGES**

Aarav Desai Matthew Kriel Alec Alfaro-Mclaughlin Matthew Ramsay Alexander Tadross Maximillian Marshall-Smith Benjamin Couves Maximus Sandri Benjamin Koch Michael Kruiskamp Cameron Macbeth Michael Mafunda Daniel Bursey Michael Whitelaw Derek Meyer Naethan Mol Giorgo Ratheb Oliver Howie James Koen Samuel Clarke Jeremy Liddle Samuel Crookes Ketan Govan Thomas Winfield Liam Hacking Troy Haskel Luc Dicey Troy Stockdale Matthew Couves William Oriander Matthew de Jager Zachary Rosenberg Zuhavr Sirkot

#### **GRADE 9**

**Brent Cowden** Music 2 Prize Alexander Horrell Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize **Christopher Reid** Academic Excellence Prize **James Hugo** Academic Excellence Prize Kivan Govender Academic Excellence Prize Matthew Bennett Academic Excellence Prize Nicholas Henry Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Nicholas Mackay French Prize

**Reuben Futter** Academic Excellence Prize Sean Bailes Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize **Travis Turner** Music 1 Prize **Tristan Brunton** Academic Excellence Prize William Hatty IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) Aidan Edwards Life Orientation Prize (shared) The Gladys Manning Memorial Prize **Callum Jones** Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize History Prize (shared) Christo le Roux Afrikaans Prize Academic Excellence Prize **Cole Newton** Life Orientation Prize (shared) Academic Excellence Prize Matthew Hume Further Studies Mathematics Academic Excellence Prize Nikkiran Govender Dramatic Arts Prize Academic Excellence Prize Yazeed Lalkhen Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Life Sciences Prize (shared) **Edward Potgieter** Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Big Ideas Prize Geography Prize (shared)

#### ACADEMICS - GRADES 11-8 PRIZE LIST

#### **Edward Wild**

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Life Sciences Prize (shared) Strakosch Prize (Life Sciences) Alexander Horrell, Yazeed Lalkhen, Edward Potgieter

Big Ideas Social Impact Trophy (shared)

Luca Heesom, Reuben Futter, Ben Honigwachs Big Ideas Social Impact Trophy (shared)

#### **Arman Patel**

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Geography Prize (shared) Life Orientation Prize (shared) History Prize (shared) Mathematics Prize (shared) Strakosch Prize (Mathematics) Prize for Third in Grade 9

#### Kaleb Pillay

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Economic and Management Sciences Prize English Prize IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) Life Orientation Prize (shared) History Prize (shared) Mary Clarkson Prize for Creative Writing Junior Reading Prize (shared) Visual Arts Prize (shared) Prize for Second in Grade 9

#### Hamaad Badroodien

Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Life Orientation Prize (shared) Mathematics Prize (shared) Physical Science Prize Strakosch Prize (Physical Science) Technology Prize (shared) Visual Arts Prize (shared) Prize for First in Grade 9

#### **SPECIAL MENTIONS**

Arman Patel, Hamaad Badroodien English Yazeed Lalkhen, Alexander Horrell, Sean Bailes, **Kivan Govender** Afrikaans Qhamile Sogele, Olothando Kobus, Lukholo Dywili IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) Matthew Hume, Sean Bailes, Kaleb Pillay **Mathematics** Callum Anderson, Luca Heesom, Christopher Reid, Felix Bagg Dramatic Arts Arman Patel, Tristan Brunton, Hamaad Badroodien Economic and Management Sciences Lorenzo Dupont, Zanda Hlongwane, Alexander Love French Kaleb Pillay, Nicholas Henry Geography Hamaad Badroodien, Daniel Cable History Zameer Osman IsiXhosa Prize (Second Additional Language) Nicholas Henry, Harry Dutton, Daniel Bowers, **Tristan Brunton** Life Orientation Arman Patel, Kaleb Pillay Life Sciences Edward Wild, Yazeed Lalkhen Music 1 **Cole Newton, Sean Bailes** Music 2 Arman Patel, Kaleb Pillay Physical Science Alexander Horrell, Nicholas Henry, Edward Potgieter, Edward Wild, Callum Jones, Reuben Futter Technology

Alexander Horrell, Edward Potgieter, Reuben Futter, Alexander De Fondaumiere, Callum Jones Visual Arts Arman Patel, Hamaad Badroodien Further Studies Mathematics Prize

#### **DISTINCTION AVERAGES**

Aidan Edwards James Hugo Alexander Horrell Kaleb Pillay Alistair Hughes Kiyan Govender Arman Patel Matthew Bennett Arthur Townshend Matthew Hume Benjamin Honigwachs Max Davies Brent Cowden Murray Edwards Callum Jones Nicholas Henry Christo le Roux Nicholas Mackay Christopher Reid Nikkiran Govender Cole Newton Nikolas Lowther Daniel Cable Oliver Badenhorst David Brink Qasim Ghani David Traill **Reuben Futter Edward Potgieter** Sean Bailes

Edward Wild Tristan Brunton Enoch Chan William Hatty Felix Bagg Yazeed Lalkhen Hamaad Badroodien Harrison Ford Harry Dutton Jack Grout

#### **GRADE 8**

**Fardeen Parker** Academic Excellence Prize James Gray Academic Excellence Prize Joshua Mafunda Academic Excellence Prize Matthew de Wet Afrikaans Prize (shared) Maximo Craig Physical Science Prize (shared) **Oliver Bresler** An OD's Mathematics Prize **Seanwin Christians** Afrikaans Prize (shared) Yakhani Siwundla IsiXhosa Prize (First Additional Language) **Dominic Kotze** Further Studies Mathematics Prize Academic Excellence Prize Aran Maharaj French Prize Academic Excellence Prize **Nicholas Young** Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared) Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize

#### Milo Bonadei

Geography Prize (shared) History Prize Music 2 Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Prize for Third in Grade 8 (shared)

#### Iyaad Pandie

English Prize Life Orientation Prize Life Sciences Prize Economic and Management Sciences Prize (shared) Dramatic Arts Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Prize for Third in Grade 8 (shared)

#### Cruz Sun

Physical Science Prize (shared) Music 1 Prize The Charles Morris Essay Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Prize for Second in Grade 8

#### **Dean Weich**

Afrikaans Prize (shared) Geography Prize (shared) Physical Science Prize (shared) Technology Prize Visual Arts Prize Outstanding Academic Excellence Prize Prize for First in Grade 8

## **SPECIAL MENTIONS**

Samuel Nicholson, Milo Bonadei English Cruz Sun, Caleb Mentoor Afrikaans Zingce Tywabi, Mandilakhikhaya Madubela IsiXhosa (First Additional Language)

Milo Bonadei, Nicholas Young Mathematics James Gray, Joshua Mafunda Life Orientation Jack Clogg, Samuel Nicholson Dramatic Arts Dean Weich, Cruz Sun, Dominic Kotze Economic and Management Sciences Ethan McMurtrie, James Dickinson French James Gray, Cruz Sun, Iyaad Pandie Geography Joshua Mafunda, Nicholas Young Historv Cruz Sun, Dean Weich, Milo Bonadei Life Sciences **Dominic Kotze, Jasper Magrath** Music 1 Ismaeel Darsot, Nicholas Young, Nathan Whiffler Music 2 Milo Bonadei, Joshua Mafunda Physical Science James Gray, David Douglas, Nicholas Young Technology Ethan Burns, Sean Watson, David Douglas, **Cameron Brown** Visual Arts **Oliver Bresler, Milo Bonadei** Further Studies Mathematics

#### **DISTINCTION AVERAGES**

Alexander Walker Aran Maharaj **Benjamin Klerck Boyd Roberts** Cruz Sun

David Douglas Dean Weich Dominic Kotze Dylan Davies Ethan McMurtrie Fardeen Parker Ismaeel Darsot Iyaad Pandie Jack Clogg James Dickinson James Grav Jasper Magrath Joel Georae John Hewat John Nolte Joshua Mafunda Kailash Fair Matthew Koch Maximo Craig Milo Bonadei Nicholas Brits Nicholas Young Oliver Bresler Rayyaan Osman Ross Mukheiber Samuel Nicholson Seanwin Christians Seth Burns Waseem Dalwai Yuvaraj Gihwala



On Friday 19 July 2024, the long-awaited opening of The Ubuntu Learning Centre took place. The event took the form of an official ceremony, with invited quests attending. The Chair of Council, Crispin Sonn, opened the proceedings, extending thanks to all those involved. Present was the Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba, the Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, who conducted the blessing ceremony. In attendance were the two school chaplains, the Reverend Monwabisi Peter and the Youth Pastor of the Prep and Pre-Prep, Mr Lutho Tsotso. Also present was the Reverend Grant Walters. Chaplain to the Archbishop. The Archbishop proceeded to bless the new building for the school's use, in accordance with the canons of the church, for such occasions. Those primarily involved with the project were Michelle van Schalkwyk who coordinated the team. Sean King and Jonathan Holtmann (the Business and Building Managers, respectively), as well as many staff, all of whom were thanked by Michelle van Schalkwyk. Judging by the votes of thanks, which include too many to mention here, it was a mammoth task to get this project off the ground and complete it. The 15th Principal of Bishops. Tony Reeler, addressed the audience, adding his vote of thanks and appreciation to all who were involved in this great achievement.

The guest speaker at the opening was OD and leading South African economist Professor Haroon Bhorat. His

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address contextualised the building, citing its innovation and purpose to serve the school for years to come. His talk centred on education and learning in the future. providing practical examples of how important learning is in the lives of all at Bishops. There were delicious canapés served along with a selection of the wines that had been specially procured for the 175 Celebrations, as well as live music provided by the Palm Strings Duo. Titia Blake (violin) and Michael Hoole (guitar). The final stage of the proceedings was the launch of the 175 History, penned by former Vice Principal Michael King (see https://history.bishops.org.za/). The Deputy Head and 175 Celebrations Director Joc Wrensch introduced Michael, and explained the reason for the history, which is a supplemental history to the last one written by John Gardener and his team of contributing editors. The next major history will be penned in 2049 at the occasion of Bishops' 200th year.

The project was a year in the making and, today, it is a magnificent building complex of which the school can be proud. Its main function, that of teaching and learning, will certainly enable Bishops to continue to be one of the leaders in education - and of design in 21st- century education. This dynamism is not only reflected in the visual part of the building and the tech-ability that makes it future ready, but also in its engineering accomplishments that include noise-level management and aesthetic landscaping. The massive

complex consists of spacious classrooms, exhibition areas, the refurbished Molteno Library, IT offices and, on the top floor, the Common Room that looks out onto the surroundings and mountains. It is appropriate that the former buildings constructed there thanks to the 125 Trust, have now been redesigned, enhanced and updated to serve the school as we go from the fourth to the fifth and sixth industrial ages ... and well beyond.

According to Derick Henstra, who designed the building with his team at dhk Architects, the new complex is meant to serve as a junction, where everyone at Bishops can enter from different directions, proceed to various venues, participate in the beautifully created spaces, and appreciate the dimensions along which this project was designed. Above all, everyone moving in and through the building will be able to appreciate its sheer scale, aesthetics, light and space - both as individuals and collectively as students, staff and visitors.

It would be remiss of me not to remember all those people who, over the years, have contributed to the building of resources at Bishops, whether financially or through their expertise and time, among others. We pay tribute to them, especially in light of the name of the new precinct, the Ubuntu Learning Centre, after the gracious wording, 'I am, because we are'. The final word must be about the beautiful views of Devil's Peak from the top floor. This is the same vista that inspired the position of the school Bishop Robert Gray founded in 1949, a vista that is admired as much today as it was then.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Paul Murray

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#### A new era for learning

This July, our school community celebrated the grand opening of the newly renovated Ubuntu Learning Centre, a stunning transformation that promises to elevate the learning experience for all students. With its modern design and state-of-the-art facilities, it truly is a gem that reflects our commitment to providing the best educational environment possible.

The renovation has redefined the Molteno Library. making it not only a place to study, but a vibrant hub for creativity and collaboration. The new layout features open spaces that encourage group work, quiet zones for focused study, and comfortable lounges for relaxation and informal gatherings. Ample natural light floods through the large windows, making the atmosphere inviting and conducive to learning. The boys' favourite level of the library is most certainly the top floor with its booths, workstations and vetsaks.

In addition to the impressive physical space, the Molteno Library boasts an extensive collection of books, periodicals and digital resources. From classic literature to the latest academic journals, students

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can find a wealth of information at their fingertips. Jacqueline Dupont is always on hand to assist students in navigating these resources, ensuring that everyone can make the most of what is available.

Beyond academics, the Molteno Library is designed to be a community hub where students can collaborate and connect. It has been wonderful to see the boys enjoying the venue during breaks and open periods. The top and middle floors of the building are open until late, allowing the boys to work into the evening, should they need to.

As we embark on this exciting new chapter, it's clear that the renovated Molteno Library will play a pivotal role in our educational journey. With its beautiful design and comprehensive resources, we are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing space to work in.

We invite all students to take advantage of the new space, explore its offerings, and make it a central part of their academic experience. Here's to a future filled with inspiration, collaboration and endless possibilities!

Jacky Dupont



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The 2024 Big Ideas team consisted of Jacky Dupont, Wandile Nzuza, Chris Hale and Kelly van Vlaanderen, while Rebecca Zeppel, the head of Big Ideas, was on maternity leave. The programme ran over Terms 3 and 4 and included the following 24 boys:

Group Members	Assigned Coach	Project Name
Alexandros Ratheb		
David Brink	Kelly van Vlaanderen	Future Field
Zanda Hlongwane		
Aidan Edwards		
Campbell Graaff	Wandile Nzuza	The Small Thoughts Project
John Dingley		
Michael Rich	Chris Hale	Rural Nutritional Network
Nick Mclagan		
Sean Bailes		
Alexander Horrell		Kamvalethu Library and Learning Centre
Edward Potgieter	Jacky Dupont	
Yazeed Lalkhen		
Ben Honigwachs		
Luca Heesom	Kelly van Vlaanderen	Project Literacy
Reuben Futter		
Ashil Singh	Wandile Nzuza	Mycomatter
David Traill		
Nikolas Lowther		
Callum Jones		
Harry Ford	Chris Hale	Seeds of Change
Matt Douglas		
Benjamin Redfern		
Brent Cowden	Jacky Dupont	Indalo Yetho (Translation: Our Creation)
Kamran Naidoo		

For our pilot project, we teamed up with Luke Carter, who was involved with Big Ideas in 2022. He continued his project after Grade 9 and recently purchased a new premises for the iKhaya Lekamva Children's Home. We enhanced the space with an outdoor chalkboard, interior murals, play area mats, and donated a projector and gently used clothing for the children. This pilot project allowed the class of 24 boys to test their strategic planning abilities.

The Big Ideas class was exposed to a diverse range of speakers and participated in inspiring excursions that included visits to the Red & Yellow Creative School of Business, Novaccino 3D Printing Café, UCT Design School, Langa Township Tours, Polyoak Packaging, and Jakes Gerwel Technical School in Bonnievale.

Project-based learning encourages understanding through collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. The Big Ideas class utilised design thinking to assess the needs and challenges of the community. The boys then ideated, developed prototypes, and tested their solutions. The problems they addressed were authentic challenges, allowing for tangible impact through budgeting, fundraising, marketing and community engagement. We are incredibly proud of what the boys have accomplished and hope this experience leaves a lasting impression on them.

Jacky Dupont

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#### ACADEMICS - BIG IDEAS





## REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD CULTURE

I am fascinated every year with the announcement by Oxford Dictionaries of the 'Word of the Year'. The one that has held an ongoing fascination for me is 'post-truth politics' but, more so, the concept of 'posttruth'. This holds even deeper interest for me as an educationalist, who is supposed to be guiding people along a path of authenticity and, even more importantly, along a path that leads to a confident, humanitarian and moral person. Post-truth is now being seen as related to communications and cultural practices.

So, the challenge of educating has just notched up a few levels. The first challenge being how do we teach the truth and whose truth are we talking about? Who do we define as role models for the boys of Bishops, and are we still meant to do this? How do we start identifying the truth both within our community and outside? This leads to the huge question around what information creates truth. Do we expose boys to more speakers from various aspects of society? Do we now start prioritising deep questioning in classes and attempt to increase the circle of engagement for our boys? The questions can go on ad infinitum.

All these questions came to the fore for me during the wonderfully engaging Speakers' Series managed by the Blueprint Society. In the weeks preceding the local

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elections, the society asked a member of the DA, the ANC, the IFP and the EFF to address the boys. To keep all the parties in the same space, the boys asked them to address several generic questions. It was fascinating to see the reaction of boys to the various leaders and to hear how each of the leaders presented their social construction of reality.

It was during the Q&A session that I realised how deeply powerful the face-to-face interaction was, both from a connection perspective and for the ability to dig further into concepts and ideas. It was wonderful to see boys picking up on discrepancies or inconsistencies and challenging these and, most importantly, it was rewarding to see how our young men were able to manage conversations around disagreements.

We as staff are always asking ourselves how we are training our boys to engage with people, how we educationally fertilise the environment of Bishops and, most importantly, how we foster boys who will be happy with discrepancies in conversation, but who are still happy in those scenarios to keep questioning until they come to clarity and understanding. I believe it is questioning boys who will be our future leaders, and these are the boys who will create the transferable solutions that will carry us into the future, while embracing the post-truth mindset but still holding on to the deep values that are part of our school. 'Well... what about you? Do you see yourself as a potential Nobel Prize winner one day?'

As you read the Eisteddfod and Societies reports, you I hope as you read the reports under the Cultural will begin to see the diversity of experiences boys umbrella, you will see that one of the aims of the who attend these meetings gain. Through the Drama programme is to expand the experiences of Bishops experiences, for a brief moment, they gain invaluable boys. The aim is to increase the exposure of the boys insights as they stand in other people's shoes. In Art to people who have carved out their own extraordinary they start dropping words and use iconic metaphors paths. Hopefully, the programme has given food for to verbalise their insights. We talk about role models thought, not about who I want to align myself with, but for our boys. Well, I wonder these days if we should be rather who I plan to be in 10 years' time. As cultural staff labelling people as role models, or should we rather be this is our commitment to the cultural programme, now asking boys who they want to be or, more importantly, and going forward. Our wish for our boys is that they what they personally want to achieve. There is so much will not need to be associates of post-truth culture but focus in social media on people and communities, and rather individuals carving the multidirectional paths that who we want to identify with, rather than focusing on embrace humanity. Most importantly, they will be the who we want to be. In a speech to a school in Cape 'courageous follower' - the person leading from behind Town, Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Tutu once and the one holding everyone together. asked if anyone would ever think that a boy from a dusty township would one day be one of the four South Mark Mitchell African recipients of a Nobel Prize. He then asked the boys present to point to the person sitting to their left and then to their right, and ask them whether they could see themselves as Nobel Prize winners one day. There was lots of giggling and headshaking and then he astutely asked every boy to point at the person in between - i.e. himself - and ask the same question:



# **DRAMATIC ARTS**

#### **Bishops 175 One Act Play Festival**

As part of the 175-year anniversary celebrations, Bishops cleverly launched a creative and collaborative concept to involve partner schools. The One Act Play festival, held over two nights in March, drew in participation from Bishops learners as well as performances from Herschel Girls School, Rustenburg Girls' High School and St Cyprian's, all schools that have been involved in past productions requiring female cast members. The concept resulted in an extremely entertaining evening of theatre with four entirely varied productions.

St Cyprian's kicked off the evening with an adaptation of the first act of Top Girls, written by Caryl Churchill. This play, set in the 1980s, involves self-obsessed women celebrating each other. The audience interviews that opened the play set the scene for the cast to take the audience on a journey that challenged outdated yet ever-present notions of women's place in society and the behaviour this inspires.

Every actor's worst fear was then realised in Herschel's The Actor's Nightmare, a play by Christopher Durang in which an entirely clueless man is mistakenly shoved on stage to perform in a play without knowing the story or the lines. This ensemble piece switched seamlessly between various iconic plays, and the dark comedy left the audience with thoughts to ponder during interval.

The second half of the evening included two workshopped productions. The first, from Rustenburg Girls' High, was entitled Counting Sheep. This slick, tight-knit ensemble piece energetically wove together physical theatre, song and movement to reflect on the complexities of the human experience through dreams. All elements of the production worked together to create a vibrant and entertaining piece of theatre.

The festival concluded on a suitably comedic note with Bishops' Lactose Intolerant, which explored the subconscious and very human trait of overthinking. Most of us can identify with the momentum that is easily gathered when this takes over, and the cast offered us moments of reflection as we recognised relatable characters. Witty pop culture references kept the audience engaged throughout, and ended a most enjoyable evening on an absolute high.

#### Melissa Sanderson





#### CULTURE - DRAMATIC ARTS









This was a bumper year when it came to the diverse musical offerings the Bishops community experienced. The Music Department has always held the philosophy that we are not a department that chooses one genre of music and perfects that, but rather that we are committed to offering the boys and the community diverse musical experiences. We are a department that encourages exploration of sound rather than limiting ourselves to a certain style of sound!

This year we continued with the Lunchtime Concert series that focuses on giving individual boys an opportunity to perform the solo works they've been learning. It's also a space where the boys in the audience who are not performing are exposed to a multiplicity of different music genres.

In the first term, we commissioned a choral work for the 175th Celebration College Evensong. For this we worked with poets Archie Swanson and Frank Barry (both ODs), who helped us script the words, and then Grant McLachlan (also an OD) set these words to music. The final composition ('Come Shout for Joy') for choir, brass and organ was a very moving piece that looked backwards as well as to the future. Importantly, we can also use this in hymn format for the whole school to sing going forward. As part of the Bishops 175 Celebrations, the Music Department launched the 175 Concert Series. The aim was to perform a variety of concerts, with the focus on holding them in places not usually accessible to the general public. The series opened with a wonderful evening of brass band music, performed by the Cape Town Concert Brass under the direction of Frank Mallows (OD). The performance was held in Founders Quad on the calmest evening of the year. The sound of brass ringing around the quad was quite extraordinary. The second event was a Staff Concert with members of the College, Prep and Pre-Prep Music Departments getting together to have fun performing their favourite music. This impressive display of talent, which included solo works as well as ensembles, was held in the Memorial Chapel. The third concert in the series was held in the Upper Common Room of the newly opened Ubuntu Learning Centre, For this event, boys, staff and ODs turned to light music and jazz in a relaxed lounge setting. It was a cold winter's evening and the subdued lighting, together with a fire flickering in the corner, created a truly intimate experience. The last concert in the series was 'Serenade and Savour: A Chamber Music Experience' held in the Founders Dining Hall. For this limited-seating formal event, we combined forces with our award-winning culinary team, Feedom, to create a special evening of food and music pairing. A grand

piano was moved into the hall and Music staff performed piano trios by Mozart and Schumann as well as light tango music, to keep the sensual sounds dancing. The highlight of the 175 Concert Series, however, was Grant McLachlan (OD). We then collaborated further on this performance with Kieran Katell (OD), who is a lighting specialist, who designed exquisite moving cameo visuals that framed parts of the chapel, to enhance the meaning behind this incredible Psalm.

certainly the 175 Celebration Concert that was held over two nights in the Memorial Chapel in early August to sold-out audiences. The philosophy behind this concert, a collaboration which we've been wanting to do for years (but never quite found the opportunity to realise), was to present the full musical journey from the Pre-Prep to the College, and so all three departments were involved. ODs gave up their time to join some of the ensembles, which added to the musical journey at Bishops and beyond. The concert focused on ensemble performances combining young and older players and it was wonderful to see the energy and excitement that this created; it was so rewarding to see how everyone involved rose to the occasion. One of the highlights of the concert was the Orchestra's performance of the music score of the movie *Avatar*, which was arranged by Stephen Carletti (OD). To highlight this, we used a powerful data projector, which was custom-shaped to fit into the dome above the baldacchino, to screen the film. The overall effect was quite riveting. Another highlight was a performance of three of the movements from Saint-Saëns' 'Carnival of the Animals' (for piano and orchestra). In this performance, the three soloists were Matrics Ben Karlein (piano), Justin Pillay (piano) and James Grieve (cello). Yet another memorable moment was an African Choral Landscape created by the Choir with overlaid soundscapes provided by Travis Turner and Nikolas Lowther (both in Grade 9). Part of the performance was conducted by Landa Tsobo (Grade 12). The finale of the concert was a rendition of Psalm 150 by Choir and Brass. This truly inspirational arrangement, which included a customised fanfare, was created by

Simply Blue continued with its performances during the year, including a memorable evening where they shared the stage with Wynberg Girls' High School and Hoërskool DF Malan. We also held the annual Vocalists Concert, the Rock Band evening at the Kalk Bay Theatre, the Evening Concert for ABRSM Exams and the Matric Recital.

During the year we also had musicians excel individually. Firstly, Ben Karlein (piano) was chosen as a soloist to play in the prestigious Hugo Lambrecht Concerto Festival. For this performance, he played the third movement of Gershwin's Piano Concerto. One of our Bands, Leave it Blank, with band members Edward Cruise, Julian Pilkington, Oliver Frankel and Liam Chester, had an extremely successful year, winning the Wynberg and Herschel band slams and placed third in the V&A Waterfront Band Slam (where Julian Pilkington was awarded Best Singer). Travis Turner (piano) was awarded the prize for the best Grade 9 Pianist in the Afrikaans Eisteddfod.

Staff are such a crucial part of a department and at the end of last year we said goodbye to two of our staff, Gloria Bassett and Stephen Carletti. In the interim, we appointed Marga Smith and Daniel Brodie to stand in while we made new appointments. Marga and Daniel have been extraordinary in the time and expertise that they have offered to the department, and we would like to thank them for their dedication to the boys over the year. Added to this, Mark Mitchell, our current Director of Music, who has held the reins for the past 24 years, steps down from this role, to take on a more comprehensive Deputy Head role. He will be replaced by Jaco Goosen as Director of Music. We also welcome Garth Kayster to the full-time music staff next year.

Finally, as we close another year, I would like to thank the boys and staff for the memorable performances we all have been involved in and for the dedication and grit you have shown in the preparation process for all the concerts. May the 'musical silence' of the upcoming holidays be your inspiration for 2025 and in that silence may you all find the energy and beauty of more 'musical creativity' in the coming year.

Mark Mitchell





Simply Blue, our flagship a capella singing group headed up by Ben Anderson and James Grieve this year, got off to a flying start with a polished performance at Experience Bishops. Following the decision by the new musical directors, Lente Louw and Vasti Zeeman-Knoesen, to enlarge the group to include a few more Matrics and also Grade 10s for the first time, they then had a training weekend to prepare for their first major concert of the year, a collaboration with the a capella groups from Wynberg Girls' High School and Hoërskool DF Malan, on 26 April. Here the boys did themselves proud onstage, as well as offstage, to create a memorable experience for themselves as well as our guests.

Their next appearances were at the 175 Celebration Concerts as well as the Matric Mothers' Brunch. The latter, which featured songs dedicated to the special women in our lives, was excellent preparation for their second major performance of the year entitled 'For Four', a concert structured around four categories of feminine presence in their lives. This sophisticated concert, beautifully performed and narrated, alternated CULTURE - SIMPLY BLUE

the full group with solos, duets and smaller ensembles. After singing one piece with the new members of Simply Blue 2025, the group handed over the reins to the new leadership: John van der Watt and Gordon Alexander. We are incredibly proud of this group for their commitment to and excellence in this beautiful art form.

#### Mark Mitchell





This year has been an incredibly productive and exhilarating one for Visual Arts, filled with explorations of media and subject matter that have truly showcased our students' talents. Celebrating 175 years of Bishops schooling, we began with projects that reflected this milestone. In the first term, Grade 10 students created beautiful watercolour still lifes inspired by '175 years', while our Grade 11 students worked on photo-realistic portraits of figures who embody the Bishops ethos and history.

As the year progressed, we embarked on enriching excursions to the David Lewis Sculpture Garden, museums and galleries, which fuelled the boys' creative spirits. Our students worked tirelessly to meet deadlines and produced work of outstanding quality - pieces that would not be out of place in a gallery. I am immensely proud and continually amazed by their talent and dedication. Alaric Hobbs continues to inspire the boys in our Accelerated Art Programme and led the creation of the stunning new mural outside the Simpson Centre, which celebrates 175 years of Bishops and has made walking to class a truly inspirational experience.

Husain Essop



Andrew Raubenheimer, Grade 12



Bafokeng Lehloenya, Grade 12



Grade 10 art



Grade 11 art



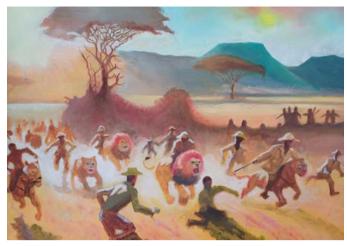




Grade 11 sculptures



New 175 mural



Ben Ross, Grade 12



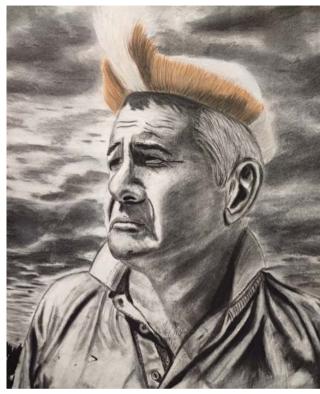
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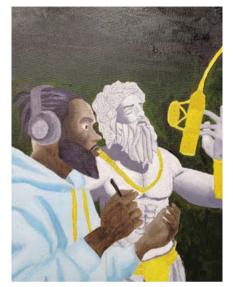
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Joshua Whitehorn, Grade 10



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Mateo Ciolli, Grade 12





James Whiffler, Grade 12



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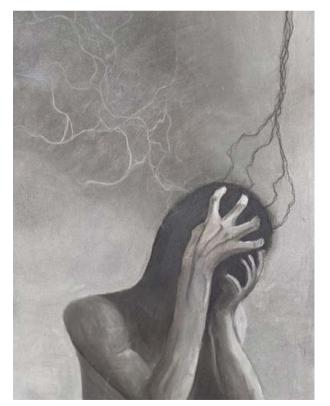
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Matthew Owen, Grade 11



Kasavan Moonsamy, Grade 12



Grant Weich, Grade 11



Michael Lawson, Grade 12



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Thomas Truter, Grade 12



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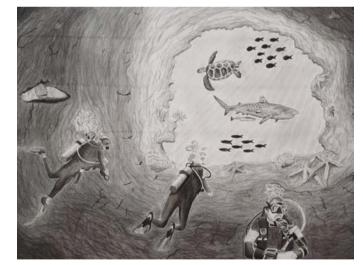


Tristan Dhal, Grade 12





Nathan Mol, Grade 10



Thomas De Waal, Grade 12



The Bishops Eisteddfod involves a process that starts in the fourth term of the preceding year with the updating of the Information Booklet, the planning of the key dates around entries and prelims and then choosing the Set Song for the Interhouse Singing. This entire process is really a team effort by all staff involved in the cultural life of Bishops. Although it's always billed as a cultural event, it's so much more than that. It's a time when the school is totally engaged in their Houses; it's a time of deep learning for the boys of Bishops and, most importantly, it's a time for making new friendships, connecting with people with whom you do not always connect, and it's a time of discovering new talent that has, sometimes, lain dormant in a House.

When asking the boys what the best part of the Eisteddfod was for them, the main theme was about connection and feeling part of a whole. 'The most enjoyable part of Eisteddfod was working with the people in the House and interacting with people you wouldn't usually interact with' (Justin Pillay). 'The most enjoyable part of Eisteddfod for me is getting together as a House. During this time, I found that I interacted with many of the boys in different age groups and have built strong relationships with boys from different age groups' (Thomas Ludlam).

Part of any creative process requires resilience. Again, the Eisteddfod journey for the boys who are involved

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from a performance and/or management perspective requires the acceptance that not everything will run smoothly or even end up as one had planned. In response to the question of what the toughest part of the Eisteddfod was, the comments were: 'The toughest part of Eisteddfod for me was to try and get every single Matric boy to encourage the rest of the House during Interhouse Singing' (Thomas Ludlam). 'It was probably the difficulty in communicating with so many guys who (even though supposedly good with tech) could be masterminds of avoiding a message/request' (Ben Karlein). 'The toughest part was balancing everything with the June exams looming over us. Managing both commitments took a lot of focus, but it taught me the importance of pacing myself, even when it felt overwhelming' (Munya Mtombeni). 'The toughest part consisted of building a culture of excellence within my boarding House' (Landa Tsobo).

There are moments when pure grit is needed to complete the tasks associated with a section. This is what the Matrics had to say around what they would do differently: 'It requires a huge amount of time and effort to make sure everything runs smoothly. I think Eisteddfod would have been much easier to run if we started planning earlier' (Justin Pillay). 'I would have stopped to "smell the roses" a little more. Eisteddfod is about so much more than points or owls; there are so many unique experiences in leading and performing that are important and not to be taken for granted. I'll treasure many of these memories for years to come, and I'll treasure the relationships with guys like James and Ben that Eisteddfod gave me the opportunity to build' (Ben Anderson). 'What I would have done differently if I was able to run it again, would be to be a bit stricter and encourage boys to do as much as they can' (Thomas Ludlam). 'If I could do it again, I'd worry less about how it would all turn out and just enjoy the process. I learnt that it's the little moments – the laughter, the teamwork, the last-minute chaos – that actually stays with you long after Eisteddfod is over' (Munya Mtombeni).

The Eisteddfod plays a huge role not only in acknowledging boys for their creativity, but also in the development of leadership skills. I know that the boys who managed the Eisteddfod on behalf of their Houses grew from the experiences. The boys who were brave enough to take on writing a play for the first time in their lives grew a deeper appreciation of playwrights; the boys who stood on a stage for the first time grew in that inner deep confidence that gives them permission to start their journey; and those who trained and conducted their House choirs learnt what it was like to have to motivate, discipline and, most of all, inspire their team members to aim at something beyond their conception. If the Eisteddfod did this for our boys, then all has been accomplished. There is one more thing that I hope the boys learnt with the Eisteddfod process - and particularly with the Interhouse Singing - that unless they all decided as a team to work together, combining the multiple different experiences of each member and bringing them all together, nothing really works. If they have learnt this, then I believe they will have the skills to address some of the challenges of our world today. The first step towards this is being able to hold people of different backgrounds and experiences together

as a whole and to be able to give them the feeling of 'belonging'.

After the much-contested competition, the final awards were as follows:

- Prelim Owl
- Visual Arts Owl
- Drama Owl
- Speech Owl
- Music Owl
- Interhouse Singing Owl
- Boarding House Owl
- Overall Eisteddfod Owl

Kidd House

Gray House Mallett House

Birt House

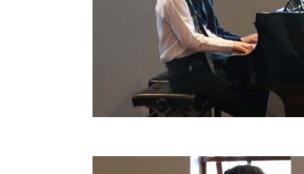
Gray House

- Mallett House
- School House
- Gray House

#### Mark Mitchell



















## CULTURE - EISTEDDFOD

























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#### **Accelerated Art Programme (AAP)**

The Accelerated Art Programme continues to be an enjoyable way to end a long school week. Our society of creatives has learnt a range of new skills and sharpened their existing knowledge of media and techniques through various projects big and small.

The group had a great time exploring spray paint as a tool of expression, which culminated in their contributing to the new mural gracing the walls of the Simpson Centre entrance under the guidance of internationally renowned muralist Nardstar<sup>\*</sup>. The year drew to a quiet close, as boys adorned their hand-built ceramics, reflected on a busy year, and started looking forward to the potential that the new year holds.

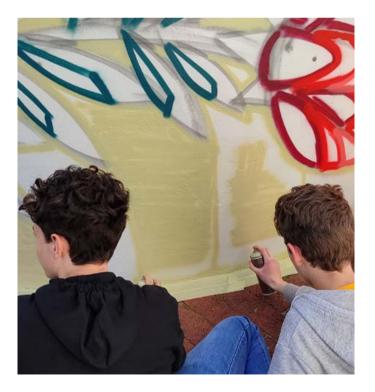
We extend special thanks to Husain Essop, Sue Johns and Mark Mitchell for contributing to the success of the various projects undertaken.

Congratulations to Luka Lehmann, Morris Hochstenbach and Edward Cruise who achieved first, second and third places respectively for the Open Accelerated Art Prize at the Eisteddfod.

Our heads of the society, Edward Cruise, Grant Weich and Luka Lehmann, hand over the reins to a strong Grade 11 contingent.

Alaric Hobbs Teacher-in-charge





#### **African Relations**

The society enjoyed a successful and impactful year. Our meetings were filled with engaging discussions, with students exploring diverse topics related to African cultures, history and current social issues. We were fortunate to host several insightful guest speakers who provided fresh perspectives on relevant issues and topics.

One of the year's highlights was our Cultural Evening,<br/>an event that brought together invited schools to<br/>celebrate the vibrant cultures and people of our country.The Blueprint Society had an impressive year, bringing in<br/>speakers from across South Africa to broaden students'<br/>knowledge of finance, career paths and personal growth.The evening was a memorable celebration of unity and<br/>diversity, showcasing music, dance and the artistry of<br/>South Africa's many communities.The Blueprint Society had an impressive year, bringing in<br/>speakers from across South Africa to broaden students'<br/>knowledge of finance, career paths and personal growth.<br/>By hosting well-known figures from various fields,<br/>Blueprint helps students explore new ideas and prepare<br/>for their futures.

The dedicated committee members worked hard, and<br/>their commitment made this year's events a resounding<br/>success.This year featured talks from leaders in sports, politics<br/>and business. A highlight was former Springbok captain,<br/>Jean de Villiers, who shared his experiences in rugby<br/>and gave away a signed jersey, creating a memorable<br/>moment for students.

Aneen Kritzinger Teacher-in-charge

#### Beekeeping

The Beekeeping Society took a bit of a back seat this year after the hives were vandalised during the December/January holidays. The hives were knocked over - toppled! We called in the help of an expert early in the year to help restore them, and this included the installation of new woodwork, four supers, one queen excluder, 50 wet/waxed super frames, and five waxed brood frames. By the end of May we had managed to extract a reasonable amount of honey, which was bottled with a lovely 175 logo on the label. The logo was designed by Sharlene Lawrence (Marketing), and we have given away a good number of bottles of honey. We look forward to an active 2025 as we should be back to full production. We are grateful to Mark Mitchell for finding the extra funds to re-establish the bee hives.

Mervin Walsh Teacher-in-charge

#### Blueprint

In addition to sports, Blueprint explored the world of politics in a dedicated Politics Week during the run-up to the national elections, when students had the rare opportunity to engage with prominent political figures. Western Cape Premier Alan Winde kicked off the week, sharing his insights into local governance and South Africa's political landscape. Representatives from the ANC, EFF and IFP further enriched the discussions, allowing students to understand the diverse political ideologies shaping South Africa's future.

Entrepreneurship was another major theme, with
 successful entrepreneurs sharing their journeys, insights
 and tips for building a business. These sessions inspired

students who are interested in business and finance and gave them practical advice for future careers.

Blueprint's commitment to exploring different career paths and perspectives makes it a valuable part of student life at Bishops, helping boys shape their goals and equipping them with knowledge to succeed beyond school.

#### Visser Gildenhuvs Teacher-in-charge

#### **Bird Club**

It's been a fascinating year for this fledgling society. We've enjoyed outings, guest speakers, our own homegrown Open Period meetings and our first birding camp!

Outings: So far, we've counted 146 species on six different outings. Each outing has seen the 'lifer' list of individuals grow. The core group of those going on outings include Hayden Smith, Kaleb Pillay, Max Harvey, John Nolte and Wynand van Zyl. Apart from visits to Strandfontein Sewage Works, Rietvlei, Kirstenbosch and Macassar Dunes, a special highlight was our trip to Sir Lowry's Pass, where a birder not linked to Bishops, Sarel Snyman, offered to lead our tour. This was a magnificent outing, with brilliant still weather, and included some junior birders from the Cape Bird Club.

Guest Speakers: Mike Buckham (Chairperson of the Cape Bird Club and parent of Jack and OD, Adam) presented a most stimulating talk in the first term on his top 20 Western Cape birds. A light was lit when he spoke about the birds of the Tankwa Karoo.

An OD. Dr Matthew Golesworthy, who matriculated in 2011, happened to be in Cape Town visiting his parents. While helping out by playing the organ in the 175 Concert in August, he came to chat with me and the result was his offering to speak to the Bird Club (and the Democritus Society) on a topic related to the PhD in Chemistry he completed at Oxford University. The topic was the 'Quantum Robin' - the surprising influence of guantum mechanics on bird migration. Dr Golesworthy is currently a Maths teacher at St Edwards School in Oxford.

Colin Beale. Professor of Ecology and Conservation Biology at the University of York, has written a book entitled 101 Curious Tales of East African Birds. He and his wife. Victoria, have been in South Africa on sabbatical and I met up with them at one of the evening meetings of the Cape Bird Club. He offered to speak to our boys, and we invited members of the Cape Bird Club to join us. It was fascinating to hear him talk, and see some of the amazing images and footage he shared with us. His book is now available in the school library.

Mr Court invited the Bird Club to join the International Society to listen to Dr Bob Baigrie (OD and past parent) talk on his experiences in Uganda climbing Margherita Peak and then enjoying a birding tour through Uganda with his wife, Carolyn. The list of birds seen, the photographs taken and the beauty of the people and area were an inspiration.

Open periods: Our chair last year, Adam Buckham, set the standard of using open periods for teaching and learning more about birding. We're hugely grateful to Kaleb Pillay who has virtually single-handedly taken on the mantle of presenter extraordinaire! Kaleb facilitated our weekend outings and the camp through his meticulous and thorough presentations on what to expect from upcoming visits to birding sites. In addition to this, we've started to encourage boys to share their holiday experiences and Hayden Smith, Kaleb Pillay, Max Harvey and Tom Moodie have delighted us with their experiences at the Pilanesberg Nature Reserve, Tswalu Kalahari Reserve, the Breede River and Timbavati.

Tankwa Camp: Thanks to the 'light being lit' when Mike Buckham treated us to his Top 20 birds in the Western Cape, we arranged a four-day stay at Skoorsteenberg Farm and Cottages in the Tankwa. I am most grateful to fellow colleague, birder and Kruger expert, Shaun Hewett, for joining our group of Hayden Smith, Kaleb Pillay, Jack Bradshaw, Kailash Fair, Max Harvey, Tom Moodie, John Nolte and Wynand van Zyl.

Kailash's dad. Malcolm Fair (OD and son of retired Maths teacher Tom Fair), very kindly gave us some invaluable birding tips for this area and, fired up by these tips and Mike Buckham's enthusiasm for how 'simple' this might be, we were able to see 65 species including two of the four of Mike's 'top birds': the Karoo lark and the Karoo korhaan. We were unable to find the Karoo eremomela or the cinnamon-breasted warbler. Next time maybe... a birder's lament!

We are looking forward to many more trips, talks and enjoying the thrill of being 'out there', looking, finding, discussing and debating bird IDs.

Graham Robertson Teacher-in-charge

#### CULTURE - SOCIETIES







#### Christian Union of Bishops (CUB)

CUB has seen a great increase in numbers over the course of the year: we've had an influx of younger grades, genuinely interested in discussions, which has helped create a firm foundation for the society. We have had lively debates and discussions around many topics, including 'Jesus - more than a swear word', 'Why Christianity?', 'Sexuality and marriage', 'End times', 'Praver and other spiritual disciplines', and 'Why God is worthy of worship'.

The faith, scriptural knowledge and enthusiasm of those who attend is inspirational, and the willingness to share, debate and confront difficult topics all with genuine objectivity is most encouraging.

We held our annual Quiz Night in August, and many boys and girls participated from the Christian Unions from a variety of schools. Joc Wrench again proved to be an expert guizmaster, and he made the evening both enjoyable and informative, for which we thank him again. The Quiz Night usually consists of different general knowledge sections, typically with the last one being the Bible. Father Monwabisi was our quest speaker this year and we would like to thank him for taking the time to talk to everyone.

We would also like to thank the committee for this year, led by Chairperson Luke Carter and Secretary Singa Mayoyo, and specifically the Matrics, Landa Tsobo, Immanuel Mangongwa and Ben Anderson, whom we are sad to see go. We handed over leadership at the end of Term 3 in the first half of September to the new Chairman for 2025, Matthew Couves, who then appointed the new committee.

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In Term 4 we had one talk before watching an inspiring film titled I can only Imagine, based on the true story of a man who was abused as a child, and who came to faith in Jesus. It details his life and the events that led up to his writing his famous song, 'I can only Imagine'.

#### Keith Warne

#### Teacher-in-charge

#### Dance

Only a small group of Grade 12 boys participated in the Dance Society this year. We met with Grade 11 Herschel girls (home and away) and learnt the dance steps to the waltz, foxtrot, guickstep, cha-cha, rock 'n roll and sokkie dances. It was lovely to interact with such a pleasant group of young adults.

#### Phil Court Teacher-in-charge

#### Debating

The 2024 season was another outstanding one for Bishops Debating, with our teams performing brilliantly in the inaugural, highly competitive National Debating League. Moving through the knockout rounds with confidence, our junior team ultimately secured third place in the Western Cape after a strong run to the semifinals. Meanwhile, in a closely contested final against Reddam, our senior team triumphed, solidifying Bishops' position as the top debating school in the Western Cape. Bishops was also honoured to host both the firstever Junior Debating National Championship and the Senior Debating Championship over the September holidays, with our team placing fourth overall. Full colours were awarded to Ben Anderson. Noah Macnab.

and Oliver Frankel for their exceptional dedication and contributions to the society throughout their College careers. Recognised for their commitment in Rotary debates and consistent practice attendance. Connor Henrigues and Zac Rosenberg earned the Debating Tie, while Matthew de Jager and Daniel Bursey received Half Colours for their achievements.

Several of our debaters were invited by the Western Cape Schools Debating Board to participate in provincial trials, vying for spots on the Western Cape Debating Squad that represents the province nationally. Notably, Noah Macnab placed fourth overall, with Matthew Walker selected for the Senior Provincial Squad and Hamaad Badroodien for the Junior Provincial Squad.

#### Nadia Snyman Teacher-in-charge

#### Democritus

2024 was a wild ride! From jaw-dropping science shows to the arrival of our very own 3D printer, the year was packed with memorable moments, groundbreaking projects and lots of fun.

Our state-of-the-art Bambu Lab 3D printer: First up, the big one! Democritus got its hands on its very own 3D printer. And the best in the business, thanks to the prize money from our performances at the Bridge-Building Competition and Mayor's Innovation Fair. And we didn't buy just any printer, we got the real deal. Our state-of-the-art Bambu Lab X1 Carbon 3D printer has been a game changer, opening up a whole new world of possibilities for our robotics projects and for learning 3D printer design and printing. The future's looking super bright with this new tech at our fingertips!

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Explosive science shows: If you missed our 2024 science show, where were you at Experience Bishops? We launched self-built rockets, created fiery music with a Rubin's tube, and pulled off some seriously cool chemistry experiments that left everyone on the edge of their seats. As always, it was pure excitement, all thanks to the Democritus Society crew doing what they do best: building and experimenting.

Engineering competitions: Our engineering teams had a great time at external competitions. First, we showed off our precision and problem-solving in the Bridge-Building Competition at UCT. Then, we went on to take part in the aqueduct water flow competition called Aqualibrium, proving that engineering and water science make a perfect match. These competitions helped fund the 3D printer, taking our future projects to the next level.

A dream made reality - Across the Alps Science **Tour:** Now for one of the biggest highlights of 2024 the Across the Alps Science Tour! This wasn't just any trip, it was epic. We set our sights on visiting some of the most cutting-edge research facilities in the world located in Italy, Switzerland and France. For years, this tour had been the goal of Democritus boys: a chance to immerse ourselves in the world of highenergy physics, meet with leading scientists and get a behind-the-scenes look at the future of scientific discovery. In June, Lizelle Swanepoel made it happen and several Democritus Society members together with non-Democritus boys toured Italy, Switzerland and France. CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) in Geneva was our focus. CERN is the world's largest particle physics research laboratory, and we had the chance to witness first-hand the Large Hadron Collider experiments and complex. We went on guided

tours of the CERN control centre and SM18 large magnet facility, and our group of 35 tour members got the rare opportunity to do a hands-on experiment in the Science Gateway S'Cool LAB, building particle cloud chambers! CERN was deep and simply next level! We also explored Italy's scientific wonders and delved into the science happening in Switzerland. We summited Mont Blanc at Chamonix in the French Alps, sleighed down the snow-covered slopes and hiked to the Blue Lake. In France we scaled the Eiffel Tower and visited the Army Museum, the Arc de Triomphe and much more. It was an unforgettable adventure; one that pushed us to think bigger about the possibilities of physics and science. Democritus members went global.

**Big-brain moments:** PhD lectures and global exploration: 2024 wasn't just about building things (although that was a big part of it!). We also had the chance to learn from some of the brightest minds out there. We hosted an awesome PhD guest lecturer from the US, who dived deep into the world of autonomous car design. It was a mind-bending talk that had us all thinking about the future of transportation and the wild possibilities of AI. And if that wasn't cool enough, we packed our bags and drove to iThemba LABS in Stellenbosch where we explored accelerator-based physics and nuclear medicine. Spending time with professional scientists in this field of research was as inspiring as it gets.

#### Tinkering and building every week in meetings: Every

Thursday at 13:00, we gather for our weekly sessions where we throw around ideas, tackle engineering challenges, and build cool stuff. Whether it's making crazy science demos, designing and building robots, or just tinkering with new tech, each session is hands-on and designed to make something amazing. Currently we're running our new Design and Print your own Toy or



Tool Competition. Boys have already designed and most have printed their projects. Early 2025 will be the time for judging and announcing the winner!

**Looking ahead:** More cool ideas in 2025: As we look back on 2024, one thing's for sure; we're just getting started. The 3D printer has opened a whole new world of possibilities, and we've got exciting plans for the year ahead. Whether it's more robotics projects, science shows, or engineering challenges, we're ready to push the limits and see how far we can go.

Lizelle Swanepoel Teacher-in-charge

#### Drama

Societv members commemorated the Bishops 175 Celebrations with a one-act play showcase of captivating stories and boundless creativity. In the spirit of camaraderie, and to pay tribute to the young ladies who have trodden the boards in Bishops productions over the years, we were thrilled to collaborate with Herschel Girls School, Rustenburg Girls' High School,

and St Cyprian's. Julian Boeddinghaus, Tristan Dahl and of Olifants River Game Reserve. He shared numerous Matthew le Roux ensured that everything was perfect interesting stories about some of his adventures and backstage and technically, while the cast of *Lactose* experiences in the veld - one involving a very close Intolerant, starring Ben Anderson, Reece van Wyk, Noah encounter with an angry buffalo. He is also the author Edmunds, Munya Mtombeni and Thomas de Waal, had of three best-selling books. Next, we were privileged the audience in stitches. to have Professor Von der Heyden of Stellenbosch University's Department of Botany and Zoology talk to The Grade 9 Creative Arts Drama class was involved in us and involve us in fun and interesting experiments. Her the Prep adventure A Night at the Museum. Iziko Natural work specialises in marine biology, and she took us on History Museum closed their venue for the night and a journey diving into South Africa's extremely diverse the boys became characters and storytellers all over and unique waters and coastline, as well as Botswana's the museum in each era and area. They dressed up and magnificent delta. The ability to analyse water for the acted as characters from history, engaged with and presence of DNA is a game changer in understanding wowed the Prep boys, transporting them into another what species are found in an area.

time! A great time was had by all.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year was a once-in-a-The theme for this year's Eisteddfod Drama was 'Know lifetime trip to a beautiful private bushveld farm in the vour own happiness. You want nothing but patience -Waterberg, where we were able to collar rhinos. This or give it a more fascinating name, call it hope.' (Jane was an incredible experience for all of us. The boys were Austen, Sense and Sensibility). Dramatic Arts Owl: all very hands on and thanks to many people involved, Mallett (1); Gray (2); Ogilvie (3). including the vet, Andy, we were allowed to assist with important procedures like injecting the rhinos, Awards measuring their heartbeats, and putting on the collars.

Full Colours: Tristan Dahl Half Colours: Julian Boeddinghaus. Munva Mtombeni

Wavne Tucker Teacher-in-charge

#### **Field and Stream**

Adam Bales reports: 'The society has had an epic year. We've had many society gatherings that have covered The first meeting scheduled for 2025 is with an electrical amazing and fascinating topics. Our first meeting engineer and PhD holder from Stellenbosch, who has discussed what it entails to be a game ranger and life developed collars and an amazing AI tracking system for in the bush, as told by Mario Cesare who spent 42 years rhinos as well as other animals such as pangolins, lions in the bushveld, some of which were as chief warden and elephants. These collars have proven to be the most

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Most recently, the International Society asked us to collaborate with them on a meeting, where they invited Dr Bob Baigrie, an OD, to speak about his recent trip to Uganda. He shared awesome photographic slides and spoke of his adventures climbing the Rwenzori mountains, going to the source of the Nile River, and trekking with gorillas.'

effective method of protecting rhinos from poachers. We would like to raise awareness and funds for the NPO. www.rhinocustodians.com. so that we can fund as many rhino-collaring initiatives and do what we can to help protect these beautiful animals. Other trips include the Mom's and Son's trip in June/July and the Tsonga Trail in October.

'Be the change you want to see.' - Mahatma Gandhi

#### Leon Glanvill Teacher-in-charge

#### Forum Chair: Munva Mtombeni

The society was founded by Michael Fisher in 1976. Mr Fisher handed it over to Paul Murrav in 1991.

The first meeting of the year featured a talk given by Dr Murray that presented the differences between areas of conflict in the world: war, civil war, genocide and war crimes. Each of these categories was explained with relevant examples. Discussion followed and further questions were asked, making it a meeting involving robust discussion.

The next meeting was presented by entrepreneur Mr Frederick Hsu who addressed the society on 'Finding your way in the dark; how to navigate without a life map'. The basis of this talk was that some of us do not develop a clear life or career path in our post-school years and instead enter adulthood with a pathway shaped by events and influences. This means that lessons must often be learnt through trial and error. The talk focused on the pros and cons of structured career development (e.g. various professions) and an open career trajectory

(e.g. entrepreneurship). With the latter becoming more common, what can we do to learn from the experiences of others? This was a fascinating talk, in which Mr Hsu gave members practical advice for navigating the world with its challenges.

OD Andrew Russell presented the third meeting of the year addressing the topic 'Are the lessons of Nelson Mandela relevant today?'. Students from St George's Grammar School, one of our partner schools also founded by Bishop Gray, attended as well. The questions raised elicited robust discussion and proved hugely beneficial to the students aspiring to learn more about South Africa's greatest icon.

An additional meeting was held involving all the societies managed by Paul Murray. Here, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf gave a slide presentation on the University of Cambridge for students interested in studying abroad.

The final meeting of the term was led by Professor Roman Roth, head of Classics at UCT. His topic was 'Julius Caesar: traditionalist, reformer or revolutionary?' Members were very interested in this topic, especially as Julius Caesar was portrayed in a practical way, rather than as a figure from distant history.

#### Paul Murray

Teacher-in-charge

#### Interact

The Bishops Interact Club enjoyed another year of successful community outreaches and projects. Some notable events included regular civvies' days where funds were raised for initiatives such as Ladles of Love and FoodForward SA; the annual Fun Frenzy hosted

at SACS where Bishops invited children from the VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy for a day of fun. games and snacks; and the third annual fun day for Vision Children's Home. This day included activities such as soccer, board games and movies enjoyed with hot chocolate and KFC. This year Bishops invited the Interact Club from Rustenburg Girls' High School to experience this special event.

Another significant event was the dinner hosted by Claremont Rotaract, where Bishops and other schools in the area could demonstrate what they've been up to over the past two years through presentations and



speeches. This was a valuable occasion during which Bishops Interact members could mingle with their peers from neighbouring schools and celebrate their efforts in terms of community upliftment.

> The following boys were awarded their Interact Ties for their committed service to Interact: Matthew Owen, Havden Smith. Deen Fortune. Michael Whitelaw and Sam Crookes.

Yanou Pienaar Teacher-in-charge





#### International

Burgert Maree (former staff member) joined us to share his experiences of living, studying and travelling in Finland. Burgert did a Master's Degree through the University of Finland and spent 18 months living in the country. Grant Weich was on the school's Science Tour to Europe over the June holidays and gave an outstanding talk on all aspects of the tour - science, art, history, geography, architecture, philosophy and more. We were all spellbound by his presentation. Andrew Court (OD) spent a month in Kyrgyzstan on a climbing expedition and came to tell us about his adventure in this mountainous, landlocked country. Professor Bob Baigrie (OD) gave an informative and fascinating talk, 'Mountains of the Moon', about his travel adventures in Uganda. His presentation included beautiful pictures of the flora and fauna (particularly birds) he encountered in the various national parks he visited.

Phil Court Teacher-in-charge

#### Lingua Franca Chair: Daniel von der Heyden

Chair: Daniel von der HeydenThe final meeting of the year was a talk by Paul Murray<br/>on 'The lamentable loss of Latin in schools'. This<br/>was a stand-in talk due to the unexpected news that<br/>the speaker scheduled to address the meeting was<br/>unavailable. The talk was accompanied by a selection of<br/>slides on the big screen in The Mitre Lounge.

The first meeting of the year covered the topic of 'Fashion, food and art in Milan, Italy', during which students were shown a slide presentation of the vibrant city and its many hidden gems. Discussions accompanied the presentation, which concentrated on science, particularly the Science Museum that features examples of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions. **Paul Murray Teacher-in-charge**  The next meeting involved a practical tour of the new 175 Exhibition Centre, as part of Bishops' 175 Celebrations. We asked questions about how the school's history is represented: how does a school like Bishops, much of whose history is colonial, achieve the aim of inclusivism? Questions from the floor followed along with robust debate.

OD Brandon de Kock (a former member of Lingua Franca) spoke at the next meeting, addressing the question 'Can Antarctic penguins bring peace to the world?'. The talk encouraged students to be perceptive of the world around them and all the opportunities that are out there. It gave the boys a great deal to contemplate, including the importance of thinking differently about various phenomena.

A joint meeting was held for all the societies managed by Paul Murray (The Historical Bench, Lingua Franca, Forum and The Archives and Museum Society) where Dr Matthias Dörrzapf of St John's College delivered a slide presentation on the University of Cambridge for students interested in studying abroad.

#### **Museum & Archives** Chair: Jack Buckham

The society meets once a semester to share aspects of the school's history with its members. The first of the two meetings was the screening of the Bishops 125 History, Narrated by Brian de Kock, a former teacher and OD at Bishops, this 16mm film was prepared especially for Bishops' 125th year (1974) and is approximately 15 minutes long. The footage, digitised by OD Michael van Ryneveld, includes spectacular coverage of Bishops' history, including academics, sport, the Chapel and social engagement. Comments after the screening reflected that a lot has changed and, in some ways, much has stayed the same. However, the contrast between Bishops then and now was clear.

The second of the meetings covered archival footage from slides. These show Bishops 'then and now' and fit into the narrative displayed on the boards of the new 175 Exhibition Centre, showcasing sport, academics, and the social and spiritual life (of both the Prep and College). Michael van Ryneveld, who put together the presentation, also captured further material on sporting and other events, which will be screened at subsequent society meetings. It was very heartening to see how members appreciated Bishops' history, which can also be viewed by Museum guests.

The Museum is open weekdays from 08h00 to 16h30, or contact Paul Murray on pmurray@bishops.org.za.

Paul Murrav Teacher-in-charge

#### Philosophy

The Philosophy Society had a remarkable year, engaging in a series of events that enriched our understanding of various philosophical themes. This report highlights the significant activities that fostered thought-provoking discussions and deepened our appreciation for philosophy's role in contemporary society.

We held two impactful movie nights. Grave of the *Fireflies* is a haunting anti-war film that poignantly illustrates the devastating effects of war on the most vulnerable members of society, particularly children. Through this screening, we facilitated discussions about the moral implications of conflict and our responsibility towards those affected. Members reflected on the emotional depth of the film and its relevance to contemporary issues of war and peace.

We also watched Judas and the Black Messiah, a powerful portraval of how the FBI targeted and ultimately killed Fred Hampton out of fear of the rise of a 'Black Messiah' who would liberate Black people during the Civil Rights Movement. This film prompted robust discussion about systemic racism, the struggle for civil rights, and the ethical considerations surrounding state power and activism.

In addition to our movie nights, we held open discussions centred on identity and the Bishops mould. These discussions provided a platform for members to explore complex questions surrounding personal and societal identity, encouraging an exchange of diverse perspectives. Through our discussions, we deepened our understanding of how identity shapes our experiences and interactions within society.

We were also honoured to receive an invitation from With countries like the US. England and South Africa the University of Cape Town to participate in an having their general elections scheduled for this year. introductory course in philosophy. This opportunity politics became a hot topic not only at our College, but allowed our members, Grant Weich, Shankara Moodlev all around the world. and Muhammad-Zayd Bhorey, to engage with academics and broaden their knowledge of philosophical The society held three meetings, which has led to concepts. Attending this course not only enriched their the growth of the society that now boasts an active philosophical education but also strengthened our membership of 24 boys. Our meetings evolved from connections with the academic community. being a slot for a free doughnut and a Coke to a place of intense political discourse and deep ideological The events held by the Philosophy Society this year discussions.

have been instrumental in fostering an environment of intellectual curiosity and critical thinking. As we continue to explore philosophical themes and engage with pressing societal issues, we look forward to building on this year's successes.

#### Sa-eed Slamdien Teacher-in-charge

#### **Politics**

In our second meeting, we concluded that politics is indeed an unpredictable science. We were in awe of 'Our children should learn the general framework of their government and then they should know where they our local politically active population and the choices they made in the election. We reflected on the impact come in contact with the government, where it touches of these choices and their possible ramifications. As it their daily lives and where their influence is exerted on turned out, we were vastly inaccurate in our pre-election the government. It must not be a distant thing, someone else's business, but they must see how every cog in the projections, as well as naive when we labelled the newly formed MK party a 'small party' with no significant wheel of a democracy is important and bears its share of responsibility for the smooth running of the entire impact on the election. machine.' - Eleanor Roosevelt

These wise words by a former US First Lady perfectly sum up what the Politics Society wishes to achieve. 2024 proved to be a wholesome year. Under the vibrant and enthusiastic leadership of Daniel von der Heyden, the society made the most of the 2024 political season.

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In our first meeting, the discussion on a post-election South Africa was led by our chair. This meeting touched on the 2024 National Elections and whether this election signified, as quoted by media houses, our new 1994. We also took a deep dive into predictions for the 2024 elections, looked at coalitions formed thereafter, and at what value these shifts in political power might bring to South Africa.

In our third and final meeting, we examined British politics and the impact of their general election on the world. Our predictions for these election results proved to be a bit more accurate.

We look forward to the new year, discussing the outcome of the US elections and collaborating with other societies.

#### Japhta Makwena Teacher-in-charge

#### Public Speaking

2024 was another very successful year for the Public Speaking Society. In February, we hosted the inaugural Bishops Sygnia Trilingual Public Speaking Competition in conjunction with the isiXhosa and Afrikaans departments. Students could compete in any of the official languages (English, isiXhosa and Afrikaans) of the Western Cape, or in a combination of these languages. The theme, in honour of our 175th year, was 'Learning from the past and looking towards the future'. Nicholas Basson made the finals of the Afrikaans category and placed third overall. Max Marr made the finals for his multilingual speech in English, isiXhosa and Afrikaans, and Yanga Soyaya also made the finals and placed second overall for his speech in isiXhosa and English.

While the Society was preparing for the Trilingual Public Speaking Competition, Ben Anderson and Jacob Fried were competing in four online rounds of the Re:Solved Debate and Public Speaking Competition hosted by Munk Debates and Branksome Hall in Canada. Both boys made the finals and were flown to Canada in April to compete in the final against competitors from Canada and Australia. Ben's team was declared the winner, and he and his teammate were awarded a prize of CA\$5 000.

Also in April, four of our Bishops boys made the South African team to compete at the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Canberra, Australia, Caden Chuang, Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager and Immanuel Magongwa gave excellent accounts of themselves at the competition, with Samuel making it to the finals for Impromptu Speech, and Matthew making it to the Grand Finals for Persuasive Speech and placing third in the world in this category.

The National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships took place in East London this year at Merrifield College. All the boys made at least one final.

- Hamaad Badroodien made the Persuasive Speaking final.
- Noah Macnab made the Impromptu final.
- Shankara Moodley made the Debating final.
- Daniel Bursey made the Impromptu final and the Debating final
- Matthew de Jager made the Persuasive Speaking final and the Interpretive Reading final.
- Samuel Clarke made the Interpretive Reading final, the Persuasive Speaking final and the Impromptu final.

All six boys placed in the top 20, and four of the boys made the South African team: Samuel Clarke, Matthew de Jager, Noah Macnab and Daniel Bursey.

Matthew placed third overall, and Samuel won the competition and was therefore the 2024 National Champion.

In the Public Speaking Society as a whole, our membership has continued to grow, and our boisterous meetings led by our experienced Matrics. Grade 11s and of balancing a demanding medical career with his love some experienced Grade 10s are a testament to the of music. Alongside his medical commitments, he is a wealth of talent at Bishops. singer with VOX Cape Town and hosts a monthly music programme on Fine Music Radio. His reflections on Clea Schultz-Mofokeng maintaining a personal passion alongside professional Teacher-in-charge responsibilities inspired the audience to consider the importance of balance in their own lives.

#### Science Café

Science Café welcomed three engaging speakers this year, each bringing their unique expertise and passion to a different term. In Term 1, Dr Ola Basson, a highly respected ENT specialist, opened the year with her talk, 'Restoring sound - beyond hearing aids'. With more than 20 years of experience and a pivotal role in the Ear Institute Cochlear Implant Programme, Dr Basson explored the fascinating world of hearing restoration. She introduced attendees to pioneering ear prosthetics and cochlear implants - some no larger than a grain of rice - revealing how these devices are transforming lives and expanding possibilities for those with hearing loss.

In Term 2, Dr John Woodland (OD) shared his journey in the field of drug discovery with his talk, 'Changing the world one molecule at a time'. As a chemist, Dr Woodland illuminated the lengthy, collaborative process that brings a molecule from the lab to a medicine capable of changing lives. His passion for chemistry was clear as he detailed the challenges and teamwork required to ensure therapeutic compounds are safe and effective. His talk gave the audience a window into the dedication that fuels breakthroughs in health and innovation.

Dr Kyle Paulssen closed the year in Term 3 with his talk, 'Balancing science and passion'. As a medical doctor, anatomist and lecturer. Dr Paulssen spoke about the art CULTURE - SOCIETIES

These Science Café talks provided a diverse and rich experience, spotlighting how science, dedication and personal interests converge to drive both professional and personal growth.

Marvin Bester Teacher-in-charge

#### Ten Club

The Ten Club, a society presided over by principal Tony Reeler since the departure of the previous long-serving president, Peter Westwood, had an amazing year with 10 presentations making a powerful impact on those attending. The society is comprised of 10 Matric pupils who meet five times a year for a presentation on a topic that is relevant and of interest to the speaker, followed by a thought-provoking discussion on the talk.

The meetings started with presentations by Caden Chuang and Rohit Patel. Caden started by posing an interesting question, 'Should we continue investing in anti-ageing medicine?'. While at first many would immediately answer, 'Yes, of course!', that response might be different after hearing some intriguing arguments for both cases, and reflecting on the potential impact on the world when you look a bit deeper. Rohit followed this with a presentation on lucid dreaming. Not necessarily a topic that many would know much about, but that is what made it so interesting. He explained the science behind lucid dreaming and how you can figure out if you are in one, and it led to a discussion on the problems that can come with it.

The second meeting of the year started with a presentation on genetics by Michael Kotze. The talk was centred on the upcoming genetic editing technology. CRISPR-Cas9. After Michael explained how it works. we discussed the implications it could have on modern medicine and combating illnesses that are as yet incurable, such as Type 1 diabetes and certain cancers. This led to a debate about the ethics of changing the genetic code of humans, with different sides being taken. Ben Anderson followed this with a presentation on politics. He summarised the political history of the United States, going through the various leaders and how they influenced the strength of the Democratic and Republican parties. Everyone interested in the topic was treated to one of the most well-crafted and captivating talks they're likely to hear on the subject. Even those who didn't have too much of an interest were listening to every word from start to finish, and that tells you a lot.

James de Jager started the next meeting off with a presentation on decision-making and psychological traps. He showed us many examples of traps that people subconsciously fall into due to their surroundings, and how information is obtained. He also showed us how some people use these techniques to influence decisionmaking to benefit them in some way. The ensuing discussion included ways in which you can recognise when you are in these situations and how you can avoid being influenced by them. Jacob Fried then spoke about the ownership of private property, giving an interesting perspective on how the change of ownership has such

an influence on economies and the development of land over time.

The fourth meeting treated us to presentations from Luke Moorgas and Milan Sandri. Luke spoke about the science of the brain and how we can have an influence on its development, along with how we could alter genetic roots to potentially enhance desirable characteristics. The discussion that followed centred on nature versus nurture, and whether those alterations would be ethical in today's world. Milan continued the meeting with a presentation on films. He showed us scenes from five so-called 'classics' and broke them down, explaining filming techniques used, how these scenes and movies influenced Hollywood, and how they changed society's perception of specific genres. These were interesting revelations, as one generally doesn't appreciate the art that goes into creating a 'cinematic masterpiece'.

Andrew Betty opened the final meeting of the year with a presentation on blockchain and cryptocurrency. With the direction in which the world is moving, this is a very relevant topic, and it was amazing to hear the thoughts of someone who is clearly deeply interested and knowledgeable on the subject. Andrew spoke about the basics, allowing us to grasp what we had in front of us, before going into more depth so we could discuss some interesting hypothetical scenarios.

James Grieve gave the final presentation on a topic that has played a huge role in his life, music. He spoke of the intricacies of music and how techniques changed as we moved through different periods of music. He performed examples of these, allowing us to understand exactly what he was talking about.

#### Michael Kotze Secretary



#### The Historical Bench Chair: Jack Buckham and Daniel von der Heyden

This society was founded by Paul Murray in Bishops' 150th year. The first meeting of the year centred on a very interesting topic, 'UN-recognised countries and their disputed territories' presented by Jack Buckham, a Grade 11 student. The talk was accompanied by an interesting selection of slides on the smart screen. The guestions and discussion that followed showed the appreciation from the floor for one of their peers who had given an excellent and well-researched presentation. The next meeting was presented by David Lewis, who spoke on the legacy of large dams, particularly in parts of the US. His talk centred on the pros and cons of dam removal and the challenges that come with dammed-up water. His presentation was well received, judging by the questions and discussion that followed. At the next meeting a Grade 9 student, Hamaad Badroodien, spoke on the topic, 'Space Race 2.0 - the modern space race'. He gave context, explained the key

Ten Club with Principal Antony Reeler

players, and discussed the technological innovations of the programme - with emphasis on the economic and political implications. A further meeting was held where all the societies managed by Paul Murray met. Here Dr Matthias Dörrzapf gave a slide presentation on the University of Cambridge for students interested in studying abroad. The final meeting of the year was a talk delivered by Paul Murray, who addressed the society on the topic, 'Is SA art internationally competitive?' After the information was presented in the form of slides, it was decided that in certain aspects SA art was internationally competitive. The members appreciated the richness of SA art in its different genres, styles and forms. One work (by William Kentridge) struck the students as worthy of analysing, which unveiled a host of different options for interpretation, thus introducing members to the art and science of iconography.

Paul Murrav Teacher-in-charge



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2024 was a busy year for the school, boys and staff alike, with the many and varied 175 activities and celebrations. The House system continues to be the cornerstone of pastoral care at the College, and I am indebted to our eight House Directors who work tirelessly to ensure that our boys experience the best pastoral care that we can offer. We have a mix of highly experienced and relatively new House Directors, who work together to share their skills and expertise for the benefit of the boys. On the staffing front, we had very few changes in the Houses, but Nokuzola Gololo (Assistant House Director in Ogilvie) was on maternity leave for most of the second semester, and we were grateful to Michelle van Zyl and Clea Schultz-Mofokeng who stepped in for her. Jarred Bradley also ably took over Jacky Withers' role as Assistant House Director in Birt House during Jacky's leave in Term 3. Bishops really is blessed with the quality of staff when it comes to pastoral care.

2024 continued to see our boarding Houses thrive, after the significant drop-off we experienced after Covid-19 in 2020. The boarding Houses are predicted to be at just over 95% capacity at the start of 2025, with only 11 beds available across all three Houses. Houses remain fiercely competitive in their individual identity and through the various Interhouse competitions during the year. Arguably the two largest Interhouse competitions of the

year, Sports Day and Eisteddfod, were won by White House and Grav House respectively.

In the final guarter of 2024, we had some unfortunate behavioural issues in our boarding Houses, after which the school initiated two independent reviews into boarding practices and culture. These reviews will come to fruition early in 2025, and guide us in implementing further changes in our boarding practices so that our Houses are safe and enjoyable spaces for a diverse student population.

The 2024 Matrics had a busy 175 year, lead well by our energetic Head of School. Ben Anderson, and his able Deputies, Immanuel Magongwa and James Grieve, with SRF Chairperson Caden Chuang managing a bumper year for the SRF. At year end, 40 boys were awarded distinctions for leadership. In September, the Grade 11s attended the leadership camp at Rocklands led by Angus Firth. The reports received of their engagement were very favourable, and therefore encouraging for Matric leadership in the school for 2025.

We are also enormously grateful for all that our Bishops Support Unit (BSU) staff manage, in an ever-expanding role. Apart from their expert counselling and care of boys throughout the year, exam time has become

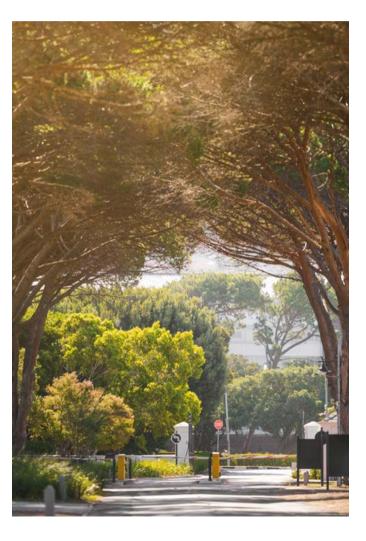
particularly busy with the extra burden of managing online exams, readers, scribes and extra time. This has in some measure been made easier through the use of our new facilities in the Ubuntu Learning Centre. Peter Farlam, Marileen Harrod and their team of interns have certainly been indispensable in our pastoral care system.

The San continued to be run expertly by Sister Carryn Boden, with the assistance of Dr Colin de la Harpe (now in his second year) and Sister Anita Groenewald (relief sister). However, it became clear that the burden on Sr Boden was simply too great, and after a process to investigate the best way forward, the San was restructured for 2025, with Sr Boden as the day sister, and Sr Groenewald as the night sister, in a much enlarged role and now living in the San cottage. We look forward to seeing how this works for 2025.

Finally, our House Mother in White House, Angela Fordham, is retiring at the end of February 2025. We shall miss all that she brought to the House during her years of service to so many White House boys.

Joc Wrensch

#### PASTORAL - REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD PASTORAL







#### **Founders House**

**House Director: Willem Steyn Assistant House Director: Barry Emms House Mother: Lorraine Chateau** Tutors: Glen Gibbon, Chris Hale, Sam Mofokeng and Joc Wrensch **Deputy Head of House: Ross Stewart** 

2024 was a standout year for Founders House, filled with remarkable achievements on and off the sports field. Our boys displayed tremendous spirit, resilience and skill, making us proud in every area of school life.

The year began on a high note with our annual Clifton outing, which was, as always, a tremendous success. The camaraderie and House spirit were palpable as we enjoyed a perfect evening at Clifton, setting the tone for what would be an exceptional year.

On the cultural front, two main events stood out. The first was our annual Founders Variety Show, a platform for the boys to showcase their musical and theatrical talents. It was an entertaining evening that also helped raise funds for much-needed refurbishments to the Founders House gym. ensuring it remains a top-class facility for the boys. The second cultural highlight was the Eisteddfod, where the boys continued to uphold our tradition of excellence. Their stellar performance in the Inter-House Singing built on the high standard set by the 2023 cohort.

One of my personal highlights was the celebration of Mandela Day on 18 July. Founders House supported two very worthwhile charities in Ladles of Love and Ikhaya Lekamva Orphanage. We spent three hours in service of these organisations, putting food parcels together for the homeless through Ladles of Love and creating a vegetable garden at the orphanage.

2024 was also a year of sporting dominance for Founders House, with several Interhouse titles coming our way. Rugby (U18 and U16): the boys showed fierce competitiveness, securing victories in both age groups; Soccer: a thrilling final against Grav House saw our 1st XI earn a well-deserved win; Sailing: in a historic moment, Founders became the first boarding house to lift the Sailing Cup; Fencing: our fencers, inspired by the legendary Richard twins, retained the Fencing Cup in a powerful display of skill.

Founders House has also produced international sporting talent, with three of our boys earning national honours: Josh Mettler (Grade 12): SA Schools Hockey; Theo Scheder-Bieschin (Grade 12): SA Sailing: Adnaan Lagadien (Grade 11): SA U19 Cricket.

In addition to these individual achievements, our boys have also been recognised for their leadership gualities, with Founders providing the school captains in cricket (Kashief Joseph), water polo (Ross Stewart), soccer (Calum Daniels) and sailing (Theo Scheder-Bieschin).

As the year drew to a close, we were honoured by the announcement of Luke Carter as the new Head of School for 2025, and Singa Mayoyo as the next Head of Founders House. Both will no doubt lead with distinction in the coming year.

#### Floreat Founders!

#### Willem Stevn



#### PASTORAL - HOUSE REPORTS









#### **School House**

House Director: Leon Glanvill **Assistant House Director: Brad Smith House Mother: Denise Franks** Tutors: Japhta Makwena, Nelson Mogodi, Julianne van Zuydam and Keith Warne Head of House: Immanuel Magongwa **Deputy Head of House: James de Jager** 

Boys have grown into young adults at Top House over the last 124 years, initially in the actual school, and then the boarding House. It is a complex process when a House has 83 young men living, eating and working together. With all that happens in any community, there is both support and opposition to change. Both can be because of cohesion or free will.

School House is a community that is proud to have the stooges, tutors, parents and ODs being a part that community. To watch the juniors win tug-of-war is rewarding. To see a young man ecstatic about scoring his Maths pass mark after struggling to understand the subject, is rewarding. To watch Top House play touch on the field and not worry about what grade their fellow player is in, is indicative of the brotherhood among the students.

I want to give voice to other achievements. The Basil Bev Trophy for Excellence is awarded to a Top House student who has earned South African colours in the year. South African colours were awarded to Immanuel Magongwa for Public Speaking and to Matt Fenn and Tim Young for Water Polo. We have another young man, Waco Bassick, a 16-year-old, who has just been selected to represent Western Province in the U19 Division! Not only this, but he is also the only Grade 10 student to be voted by his 1st team cricket peers as Player of the Year - an award usually exclusively awarded to a Matric.

Immanuel Magongwa has led School House with distinction. We also had excellent input from James Farrell, Matthew Thomas and James Bos. The Deputy Head of House, James de Jager, showed great support in helping manage the House. It was difficult for him to always be present because he was the only Matric in School House completing his A levels.

Cabaret and Eisteddfod were happy events and Louis Stokes must be commended for his efforts in leading Top House in another sterling performance. The Grade 8 lads settled guickly, and we all followed William Marshall's regular victories on the world circuit as a gokarter. We have a new crop of sportsmen and musicians. The House was fortunate to be able to work with a dynamic parent group to see the upgrade of the Rec Room, the gym, and Grade 11 studies. Assistance was received from the school for some of these upgrades, but most of the funding was raised at the Top House Cabaret, and has allowed the House to create a homely living space for its students. The practice of collecting phones and laptops for Grade 8s and 9s is having positive results, and was extended to include the collecting of cellphones from Grade 10 students.

Brad Smith has been a brilliant assistant and has shown he has all the qualities to make an excellent boarding House Director. I thank the stooges for the hard work they have put in and the late nights they spent helping students. As Theodore Roethke wrote, 'In a dark time. the eye begins to see...'

As School House moves into its 125th year as a House, we celebrate the year that has been, and look ahead with excitement.

Luceat lux vestra (Let your light shine), Top House.

Leon Glanvill





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#### White House

House Director: Jean Nolte **Assistant House Director: Kurt Baatijes** House Mother: Angela Fordham Tutors: Phil Court. Rebecca Goble. Wendy Moult. Warwick Richter and Alungile Williams Head of House: Iviwe Dadamasi **Deputy Head of House: Wa-keem Fortuin** 

White House had a very good year, and the boys made themselves and their House proud once again in so many different ways.

It was with great pride that the House brought home the treble: Heats Week, Relay Sports and Sports Day, Iviwe Dadamasi, Wa-keem Fortuin and their fellow leaders will cherish these victories and sweet memories for a long time to come, no doubt. All the boys across all the grades made contributions in this regard and it would be hard to mention all the many performances as it was a big team effort. Daniel von der Heyden deserves a special mention for his athleticism. He not only raked in points for his House and broke a very old record, but he also displayed his prowess on the international stage in the Decathlon arena. That is very impressive!

Shortly after the above, another big competition appeared on the horizon as Founders Day was around the corner. Yes, the Tug-of-War Competition was the next event and here, although the juniors tried their best, it was the White House heavies (the seniors) who brought it home and again bent the spoons.

There were other wonderful achievements on the sporting front worth mentioning. Starting with the Grade 8s. Jack Stam excelled in tennis and Thomas Spangenberg in athletics and water polo, while Oliver Bresler and Tristan Mentz played A-team rugby and Tobias Hill did well in basketball. Tim Deckenbrock played superb soccer at an age level above his own, and Zac van Breda excelled in rowing, a tough and timeconsuming sport.

In Grade 9. Caleb Clark kicked dust into opponents' eves in the sprinting events. Max Morgan and Liam Grieve displayed some gutsy performances on the athletics track, and Freddy Pfaff did the Cape Town Cycle Tour and performed well in a number of other cycling races. Cuan Sides competed at an extremely competitive level in karate (he has already earned his black belt) and Clive Ddamulira played 1st team basketball. Rais Liebenberg. Chris Reid, Ben Durrant and Max Morgan all played A-team in their sports.

On to the Grade 10s: Ethan January represented his country, Namibia, in hockey and Litha Mbiko and Harry Morgan attained provincial honours and excelled in hockey and cricket. Noah Coleman impressed by making a provincial selection for water polo, and Jack Hibling, Joe Lanning and Christian Toweel played rugby at A-team level. Luke Miller made selection for the Heatlie XV rugby side and Christian Pfende deserves some credit for his rowing efforts.

The Grade 11 boys also made their efforts count. Sam Abrahams covered many miles on his bicycle doing big events and ran his first 10km race, while Rynard Gordon, Rieko Kidha, Joshua Macdonald and Tim Visagie (bar injury) played some good rugby for the blues. Joey Lwande broke into the U16A Rugby side and Reece van Wvk and Thuso Theledi ran out for the 1st Soccer team. Adam Diggle was a stalwart on the hockey front and Nic Deckenbrock earned his Distinction Tie for playing U20 soccer for his country. Namibia. This is exceptional.

The Matrics also made solid contributions. Nathan Putzier helped us immensely with his sprinting performances on Sports Day while Rubanza Bitarabeho, Iviwe Dadamasi, Esihle Dyosi, Wa-keem Fortuin, Bradley Lowndes, Mlibo Masala, Nicholas Reid and Carl van Wyngaarden all played at 1st team level in their respective sports. Carl was very much a standout performer in hockey and the captain of tennis, and Landa Tsobo was the captain of fencing. Thomas Truter was exceptional in the water polo pool and represented his country, receiving a Distinction Tie and winning two prestigious prizes at the final Matric Prize-Giving. He certainly made White House very proud!

Luca Heesom and Matthew Gurr should be commended for braving the elements and the thin air with Mr Court to conquer Mount Kilimaniaro. This is no mean feat. Luca also captured some special moments around the House and school, being the talented photographer that he is.

One of the highlights of our year was the partnership we had with FoodForward. This is an organisation that distributes food to those in need across the country. On Mandela Day, we spent 175 minutes helping FoodForward pack food parcels. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of this initiative, and we hope to partner with them again in the future.

On the academic front, Jonty Bresler was a standout achiever, placing in the top 10 in two physics Olympiads - one local and one international.

We also had some wonderful successes in the arts. particularly the performing arts. We enjoyed seeing the performances of Luca Heesom. Reece van Wvk and Munyaradzi Mtombeni. And then we had the singing talent of Rubanza Bitarabeho, Joey Lwande, Rieko Kidha and, who can forget, Landa Tsobo, We also enjoyed seeing Freddy Pfaff performing as percussionist in the school's orchestra.

There were many contributions in so many different fields and it is impossible, given the scope of this article, to mention all the wonderful contributions made by the boys of White House. Suffice it to say that we were very pleased with the spirit in the House and the willingness of our boys to become involved - for the school and/or for their House. Well done. White House!

#### Jean Nolte

















**Gray House** 

House Director: Sean Henchie **Assistant House Directors: Julian Vincent and Richard Smith** Tutors: Jacky Dupont, Mouton Joubert, Rhoda Manie, David Motsi, Khets Ngcobo, Victoria Nkosi and **Roseanne Withev Head of House: Thomas Ludlam Deputy Head of House: Cameron Giles** 

Once again, the boys of Gray performed exceptionally well in all Interhouse events this year. While bringing home trophies and medals is pleasing, what is more important is that the boys always participated in good spirit, with gusto and pride. Gray House was by far the best sporting Day Boy House, with a trophy in the Junior Hockey and runner-up places in Senior Hockey, Senior Soccer, U15 Rugby and Sailing.

Gray prides itself on putting on a strong showing in the Eisteddfod each year, and this year was no different, winning the Visual Arts Owl, the Music Owl, and the overall Eisteddfod Owl, for a record-setting eighth year in a row.

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Our boys enjoyed a number of sporting highlights this year. Three of our cricketers took '5-fers': Tiaan Louw playing for the Bishops 1st XI took 5/7 against Pretoria Boys: Michael Kruiskamp took 5 for 28 for the Frank Reid X1 vs Noordheuwel and Luke Furter 5-22 for the U15B team against Wynberg Boys. Another three cricketers scored centuries: Aadam van Graan 128\* (off 88 deliveries) for the U14A team against Stellenberg; Kyle Stirk 100\* (off 78 deliveries) for the 2nd X1 against St Andrews: and Imraan Leith 117 (off 76 deliveries) for the U15A team against Pearson. Michael Kruiskamp was selected to represent Western Province U16 Cricket at the Nationals in Pretoria. Tiaan Louw signed a professional contract with Northamptonshire County Cricket Club in the United Kingdom and will begin his county cricket career in January 2025.

Joshua Huntingford competed in the Lifesaving Interclub World Championships held on the Gold Coast of Australia. He competed in 12 events between beach/ surf and pool, reaching the A-finals for four of the events and the B-finals for two events. His team won the Gold Medal for the Beach Relay.

Our water polo players have also done exceptionally well this year, with Jordan De Sousa selected for the U18, U21 and the South African Men's sides. During the season he earned his 100th Cap for the 1st team and was awarded a full scholarship to the prestigious Stanford University in the United States. Cuan Cadiz and Robert Kirsten (U14B), Oliver Badenhorst (U15A), Dominic Zulch (U15B) and Milo Letschert (U19B) were all selected for Western Province teams.

Other notable achievements include Kyle Stirk who was the fittest Grade 10 based on the SPW Physical Testing results and Max Craig on winning the bronze medal in the WP District Chess Trials.

Half Colours were awarded to Zuhavr Sirkot (squash) and David Handley (hockey). Full Colours were awarded to Michael Lawson (sailing), Cameron Giles (soccer), Ammaar Jackson (soccer), Jordan De Sousa (water polo re-award), Cameron Wilson (basketball), Reece Quin (athletics), Tiaan Louw (cricket), Christopher Gray (hockey), Thomas Ludlam (hockey) and Albert Steyn (hockey). Joseph Lappin and Albert Steyn were awarded Service Ties for hockey for three years of umpiring.

Gray House boys had another excellent year academically, with the following boys being awarded prizes at the first-term Prize-Giving for their academic performance in 2023: Tristan Brunton, Leo Cobbledick. Aarav Desai, Maximus Sandri, Ketan Govan (2nd in grade); Jeremy Liddle (1st in grade); Liam Chester, Oscar Peignon, Richard Collins, David Lewis (3rd in grade); Noah Macnab (1st in grade); Christopher Gray, Justin Pillay, Rohan Murray-Cooke, Sebastian McAdam, Jordan De Sousa and Milan Sandri (1st in grade). In Term 4, at the Matric Prize-Giving, prizes were awarded to Michael Lawson, Cameron Giles, Christopher Gray, Jordan De Sousa, David Handley, Justin Pillay, Thomas Ludlam and Milan Sandri (1st in grade).

There were some notable performances on other fronts too. In the SA Programming Olympiad 2024, Katlego Setai earned a distinction and was awarded a Gold Certificate. In the Eskom Science Expo, Jeremy Liddle won gold and Aarav Desai and Kieran Govan won silver medals, with Aarav and Ketan winning the Royal Society of Chemistry Award for the Best Chemistry Related Project.

Academic Ties (Half Colours) were awarded to Cameron Wilson, Jordan De Sousa, Albert Steyn, Edward Potgieter and Justin Pillay. An Academic Jersey (Full Colours) was awarded to Aarav Desai.

Jeremy Liddle was awarded a Distinction Tie for Mathematics for his extraordinary performance in various mathematics competitions and Olympiads.

Noah Macnab made the Impromptu Final at the National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship at Merrifield College in East London and was selected for the South African team that will be competing in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in April 2025. Liam Chester and Edward Cruise (as members of the Bishops rock band Leave it Blank) won first place in both the Herschel and Wynberg Battle of the Bands competitions.

Justin Pillav achieved a distinction for both his Grade 8 Piano ABRSM exam and for his Grade 8 Percussion Trinity College Music exam. Liam Chester was awarded Hoogste Lof (above 90%) at the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod.

A remarkable number of Gray House boys earned Full Colours in cultural activities: David Lewis (art), Michael Lawson (art), Edward Cruise (art), Noah Macnab (public speaking), Tristan Dahl (drama) and Justin Pillay (music). Liam Chester was awarded Half Colours in music.

Marshall Oosthuysen (Chile) and Jeremey Liddle (Switzerland) were selected for Exchange. Nic Perez earned his All-rounders Tie, while the following all earned their 13-Year Ties: Tristan Dahl. Jordan De Sousa. Christopher Gray, Ammaar Jackson, Joseph Lappin, Tiaan Louw, Thomas Ludlam, Reece Quin and Albert Steyn. During the year, we held formal grade dinners for Grades 9 to 12. We are always grateful to our speakers who share their experiences with our boys. This year they included Mr Rowan Gordan (CEO and owner of Nimble Group), Mr Trevor van Niekerk (Deputy Principal), Mr Ryan Julius (Olympian and 1st Hockey team coach) and Mr Julian Vincent (Assistant House Director).

At our annual House Dinner, we announced our Gray House Grade 12 of the Year award, which went to Justin Pillay 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 Joel George. In addition, we announced our incoming Head of House. Noah Macnab, and the Deputy Head of House, David Lewis, for 2025.

I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful group of 2024 Gray House Matrics. I cannot think of a more pleasant and easy-going group of young men than these. I must specifically thank Thomas Ludlam and Cameron Giles for their excellent leadership in uniting the Matrics in a common cause. I would also like to acknowledge the guidance and unwavering support from my two assistants, Richard Smith and Julian Vincent, and the enthusiasm and wisdom that the Grav House tutors bring to the House as a whole, and to their tutor groups in particular.

#### Sean Henchie



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#### **Oailvie House**

House Director: Ronald Jacobs Assistant House Directors: Nokuzola Gololo and Shaun Hewett Tutors: Graeme Klercke, Graham Robertson, David Russell, Clea Schultz-Mofokeng, Tessa Stevn, Lizelle Swanepoel and Michelle van Zyl Head of House: Bryn Parry **Deputy Head of House: Michael Kotze** 

We have come to the end of another industrious year, with our Matrics bringing the curtain down on their time at this fine institution. To the Grade 12 Class of 2024. thank you for your contributions. Your leadership has left a lasting impact, inspiring those who follow in your footsteps. As you embark on the next chapter of your journey, we wish you every success and happiness.

My gratitude is also extended to the Ogilvie House Committee, ably led by Mrs Parry and Mrs Kotze, who saw many projects coming to fruition over the year. To the tutors, my Assistant House Directors, and Alfred Blom, collectively your contributions were immense, which made the difference in this extraordinary year.

'A bottle of water varies in price depending on where it is purchased.' In my speech to the Grade 12s of 2024,



I encouraged them to place themselves where they are valued and appreciated as they leave the safe confines of this institution.

This year has not been without its challenges and although the accolades and achievements were celebrated, it was through the tougher times that real growth was obtained and we all must be encouraged to learn as we take on the challenges that life throws our way head-on.

'What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.' Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### Ronald Jacobs





#### **Kidd House**

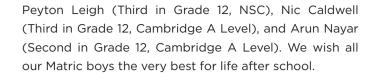
House Director: Mervin Walsh Assistant House Directors: Marvin Bester and and squash. Alex van Selm Tutors: Blaine Bahnemann, Hama Mtowodzwa, Our annual Kidd House Variety Concert did not Trevor Pasquallie, Yanou Pienaar, Kirstyn Raasch and disappoint. Our parents (Matric moms) and boys put on Nadia Snyman a sterling performance in the Old Gvm with the Matric **Head of House: Robert Forrest** KFC (Kidd House Fighting Championship) belt on the **Deputy Head of House: Ben Hendrikse** line. We enjoyed a few excellent individual music items interspersed with a variety of skits performed by the The staff and boys of Kidd House can look back on a various grades.

fantastic 2024. Our Matric cohort did us proud in leading the House. Robert Forrest and Ben Hendrickse led a team of Matrics who put servant leadership foremost in all that they did.

Our 2024 Eisteddfod effort was remarkable. We placed second on the night for the Interhouse Sin Competition and third overall for the entire Eisted effort. Our 'culture vultures' got to showcase talents. Our leaders won us the Prelim Owl - testar to the leadership and direction given on all fronts regard to the preparations and general management

The following boys featured in our annual Matric Prize-Giving: Nicholas Basson, Noah Bouwers, Josh van Wyk,

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On the sporting front, our boys were magnificent. Cameron Moon (100 plus 1st team caps) and Owen Cross did superb duty for the 1st Water Polo team who swept aside all before them, winning the Mazinter Cup and the SACS Night Series. There are too many individual sporting successes to mention here, but Kidd House boys can hold their heads high having claimed a plethora of Interhouse victories in golf, surfing, climbing,

We bade farewell to our tutor. Blaine Bahnemann, and welcomed Trinity Dhaver who was appointed to the IT Department earlier in the year. Trinity is not only a coding guru, but also a lav minister.

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#### **Birt House**

### **House Director: Ruan Ellis** Assistant House Directors: Sa-eed Slamdien and Jacky

Withers

Tutors: Jarred Bradley, Husain Essop, Nhlanhla Mbuyazi, Andrea Rutter, Anne Stevens and James Swift Head of House: Andrew Betty **Deputy Head of House: Louis du Preez** 

As the first year not to have a complete Grade 8 experience due to Covid-19, it was imperative that the Birt Matric group of 2024 found a balance between valuing the traditions of old and looking forward to initiating change to enhance the House's future. In the 175th year of Bishops' history, it was our job to set the golden standard for Birt House. Here is how it went:

Birt started off miles ahead of the rest with the Birt Safari first on the agenda. After welcoming the new Grade 8s into Birt, it was their time to follow in our footsteps and share these experiences. Clifton did not disappoint. The classic flip-flop find and rock swim are always a catalyst for creating bonds that will last for their time at Bishops and beyond. After a successful annual Birt Safari, it was time to prepare for the infamous Sports Day. It turned out that the many morning runs and conditioning sessions on Lutgensvale were of value, as Birt snatched the position of top Day Boy House while still managing to win the self-proclaimed Best Vibe award. It was a strong start for the Palms and just a glimpse of what was to come.

The next major event was Eisteddfod. Birt found itself with a stellar reputation, with many considering the Palms to be favourites, but with some fearsome competition and minuscule margins it was not our year. However, it was the first time in what felt like decades that Birt arrived home with Eisteddfod Owls, having to dust off and wipe down what was a previously neglected trophy cabinet. After the winter holidays the Birt boys were eager to return with a bang, starting with almost-perfect Chapel attendance. Many Interhouse competitions in hockey, rugby and tennis ensued but it was the thousands of hours spent on table tennis during breaktime that paid off - with Birt bringing home a prized piece of winning silverware.

Birt always manages to harness something that is just a little bit more special - often non-tangible and hard to put into words. It is best described by the breaktime atmosphere. Under the leadership and guidance of our teachers and seniors. Birt has become so much more than just a House for many of our boys. Through the ups and downs, Birt manages to merge school and home to create a comforting and supportive environment for all learners. This is proven in the House's success in all facets of school life, from sporting to cultural achievements. As the 2024 Matrics' time at Bishops comes to an end, we are all eternally grateful for every day spent in Birt.

Up The Palms!

Andrew Betty















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#### **Mallett House**

**House Director: Campbell Smith** Assistant House Directors: Michael Vamvadelis and Sharief Petersen Tutors: Lydia Barnett, Angus Firth, Visser Gildenhuys, Aneen Kritzinger, Wandile Nzuza and Caitlin Whittaker Head of School: Ben Anderson Head of House: James Grieve **Deputy Head of House: Gareth Mckinon** 

The new school year began with us welcoming 25 eager and enthusiastic Grade 8 boys into the House. They were well mentored by the Matrics and very soon found their way around campus with confidence. The Grade 8s were kept busy with their orientation, followed by their camp on the banks of the Breede River and finally their New Boy Welcome Service which concluded a busy, but fun, first two weeks at the College.

On the sports fields, two Mallett cricketers were involved in a long overdue victory against Rondebosch in the annual day/night cricket clash. James Robb-Quinlan and Thaafier Japtha were both integral members of the side, hitting some huge sixes on the night and leading a commanding batting display to run out victorious for the first time in five years.

After a few early-morning House runs, we were ready to take to the track and field on Sports Day. The highlight of the Mallett performances was a wonderful individual performance from Imaad Hendricks, who won the U14 100m in a very impressive time of 12 seconds. Given that we were missing many boys during Heats Week and Relay Sports, we did well to end up in sixth place.

The rowing season always gets off to a busy start in Term 1 with many early mornings and weekend commitments. Early in the first term, Dominic Planting participated in the Western Cape Junior Championships. He won the U14A Skull, U14A Quad and the U14A 8.

The Mallett House parents were kept entertained with a lovely Matric and Grade 8 boys and parents picnic under the plane trees on the Sahara fields. The Grade 8 parents had the chance to pick the brains of the experienced Matric parents on how best to survive and thrive in the busy five years of College that lay ahead. While this vital networking was taking place, the Matric boys and their mentees enjoyed an evening of soccer and touch rugby, and got to know each other a little better. A few weeks later, the parents of all grades partook in a reception in Mallett House, where we enjoyed some lovely food and got to sample the Bishops 175 wine collection. It was also a chance to show off the newly renovated and improved Reading Room, which is a new favourite spot for boys to sit and work quietly, away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the House.

One of the last events of the first term was the Inter-Tutor soccer tournament, which took place on Founders Day after the completion of the Avenue Mile and Interhouse Tug-o-War. The Junior final was between Mr Gildenhuys' and Mrs Barnett's tutor groups, and was won by Mr Gildenhuys' boys for the second year running. The

senior competition featured the same two teams, but this time, Mrs Barnett's boys won in a penalty shootout.

The second term started with news that Jacob Fried had been invited to attend the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards. I was very proud to attend the awards ceremony alongside Jacob and his family at the CTICC, where Jacob was awarded the following awards on the evening: Top Student in the World for Cambridge International AS Level History, Top Student in the World for Cambridge International AS Level Language and Literature in English, Top Student in South Africa and Second in the World for Cambridge International AS Level Economics. This was a remarkable achievement as Jacob beat 160 000 students from 90 countries around the world to gain these honours.

In the same term, Jacob Fried and Ben Anderson made it through to the finals of the global public speaking and debate competition known as Re:Solved, which is run annually by Branksome Hall high school in Canada. The preliminary rounds were completed online, but as finalists, they were awarded a fully paid trip to Canada, where they participated in the finals. They were pitted against each other with partners from other international schools and Ben eventually came out on top, with both boys enjoying a truly memorable experience abroad.

We have several very talented road and trail runners in Mallett and Rohan Rossouw and Jack Gomes both enjoyed a great day out running the Two Oceans halfmarathon. Rohan finished in an excellent time of 1 hour 34 minutes.

With Term 2 in full swing, Eisteddfod prelims on the go and mid-year exams looming, the parents enjoyed another wonderful guiz night in the Woodlands Pavilion.

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We shared a lovely meal and then got stuck into various rounds that tested the knowledge of famous speeches, people and places, general knowledge, and a challenging one-second music round, all of which were superbly answered. The standard was high, and the winning score was impressive but, more importantly, a great time was had by all.

Once the exams were over, we got into the business end of the Eisteddfod and the House singing practices began in earnest. There was quiet confidence, mixed with the slight pressure of having won the Interhouse singing for the past two years. Ben Karlein spearheaded the Mallett effort and put in an incredible amount of work getting entries in and coordinating many of the aspects required to excel. Ben Anderson was a point-scoring machine for Mallett - he appeared in five finals, was awarded Best Actor in the House plays and was part of the winning debating team. When Mallett eventually wins Eisteddfod in the next few years, it will be in no small part due to the groundwork that Ben has put in.

Hamaad Badroodien also excelled with gold diplomas in four of his finals, along with a diploma and an honours to round off a busy week of finals. Sam Clarke wrote a guite magnificent House play from scratch with only the given topic to go on. It was superb and a cut above the rest. This was a major driving force in our winning the Dramatic Arts Owl. Sam also put together and edited the very clever walk on video for the Interhouse Singing. James Grieve once again used his exceptional talent and leadership to make sure that, as a House, Mallett was ready to defend their Interhouse Singing title with confidence. And defend it we did! The boys were superb on the night in all three of their songs and took home the title for a third year running. Along with the Singing Owl, Mallett also won the Dramatic Arts Owl and placed

in the top three in the Visual Arts Owl, the Music Owl and the Speech Owl - and was narrowly beaten into second place overall by Gray House. This was the best place that Mallett has ever achieved, and I could not be prouder of the team effort that got the House that close to victory. Next year...

As if the second term wasn't busy enough, Waseem Dalwai and James Grieve were selected to represent Western Province in hockey tournaments that took place during the holidays. James's team went on to win the tournament and he was selected as part of the South African U18A team, with the added accolade of being named as the vice-captain of the team.

In between the busyness of term three, the Grade 8s enjoyed a movie night in the Memorial Theatre with a big screen, slushy and popcorn machines and pizzas a memorable and enjoyable evening. The Grade 9 boys enjoyed an evening of 10-pin bowling where they were shown up by the three Mallett staff members who clearly spent a lot more of their youth practising on the bowling lanes than the Grade 9s have. Much fun was had, and these events provided boys with the opportunity to form strong bonds as a grade.

The third term also brought with it much Interhouse sport and once again the Mallett boys were out in full force. Led by Tristan Swanich, the squash boys managed a runner-up placing, and the senior hockey boys, led by James Grieve, went one better and won the Inter-House Hockey Cup after very tense and thrilling semifinal and final matches.

There were also several exceptional achievements for the Mallet House gentlemen outside of the classrooms.

Cameron Macbeth achieved a gold medal in the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists for his project on 'Enhancing propeller efficiency with biomimetic design inspired by whale fins'. Alex Tadross was awarded a silver medal for his research on 'Testing the best mesh designs for catching debris in storm water pipes to combat flooding and soil erosion'. Alex was also selected as a reserve for the International Science Fair.

With the end of the year in sight, we celebrated the Ben Karlein was selected to play at the Hugo achievements of the House and had the chance to thank Lambrechts Concerto Festival, where he performed and bid farewell to the Matric class of 2024. Rohan the third movement of Gershwin's Piano Concerto in Naidoo. Head of House in 2020 when the current Matrics F, and was one of only three pianists selected to play were in Grade 8, sent the House a wonderful video with the orchestra. Ben, who was up against some stiff speech highlighting the world-class nature of a Bishops education. Rohan is currently studying at Harvard. competition, including several university students, was chosen by a panel of adjudicators after submitting an audition video. The following awards were handed out on the evening:

The debating tradition is very strong in Mallett and Hamaad Badroodien was ranked 12th overall out of hundreds of junior participants at the National Debating League Awards. Caden Chuang was ranked first overall out of more than 500 debaters and formed part of the Bishops team that won the National Debating League trophy in the Western Cape.

It was a wonderful year for the mighty Mallett House, with many highlights and success stories. Mallett House Matthew Ratcliffe has been mountain biking all over continues to be a home away from home for the boys the mountains of the Western Cape and has achieved and we continue to emphasise the need to be kind some remarkable results throughout the year. Toward and respectful to ensure that all boys are made to feel the end of Term 3, he represented the newly established welcome and happy. On a personal note, I would like to Bishops Cycling team at an interschools cross-country thank James Grieve and Gareth Mckinon for their help race in Durbanville. This was a huge event comprising and support in leading the House, and all the Matric boys more than 800 scholars from primary and high schools who gave time and effort to their various portfolios. To all over the Western Cape. Matthew finished in a very our Head Boy, Ben Anderson, you led the school in its impressive fourth place overall. 175th year with immense pride, humility and distinction.

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The final school term is a short but exceptionally busy one, with Matric exams and Grade 10 Epic being the immediate focus. The Grade 11s took over the leadership of the House after attending a leadership camp at Rocklands, where they learnt many valuable lessons. They also enjoyed a lovely evening out at Hudsons to celebrate and mark the start of their leadership journey.

Junior Academic Achievement: Luke Traut: Junior Academic Endeavour: Hamaad Badroodien: Senior Academic Achievement: Jacob Fried; Senior Academic Endeavour: Zach Berman: Service to Mallett Award: Ben Anderson: Grade 8 of the Year Award: Waseem Dalwai: Matric of The Year Award: James Grieve.

#### Campbell Smith



The 18th Bishops Epic took place from 19 November to 5 December. Although there was apprehension among some of our boys leading up to the event, most grasped this exciting opportunity with both hands, despite being away from home for so long, without technology's crutch, and in a somewhat challenging environment. As always, the previous year's Grade 10s 'talked Epic up', but after good preparation, the buses rolled out of Bishops on time with 144 boys, a far bigger cohort than in the previous two years.

This year, the Cederberg region had seen late winter rains, so there was plenty of water in the mountains and the Clanwilliam Dam was brimming. All areas had recovered from the devastating fire experienced in September 2023 and our hiking routes had been adjusted to include as much of the spectacular mountain terrain as possible. The weather played along beautifully. unlike in some years, and it was neither too hot, nor too cold. One could almost say that it was just right, despite one or two cold, damp nights, when unpleasant weather visited the mountains briefly!

Every year on Epic, we aim to give boys an awesome outdoor experience, free of technology. Epic is not a pushover - at times boys find themselves out of their comfort zones, but most adapt to their new environment after a short while. Early indications have suggested that most boys enjoyed a wonderful experience, where much fun was had, some hardship endured, where friendships were forged, skills learnt and, for some, a time of real

personal growth. This year was particularly good, as we had very few disciplinary issues to deal with and almost no need to visit a doctor or hospital. Particularly good for the Epic Director!

Epic is not just 16 days away. There is much preparation required of our boys during the year. Some seven training talks were presented during the second semester. Life Orientation dedicated a whole block of sessions to Epic, cycling and swimming workshops were held for those who were not proficient enough in those areas, voluntary hikes were offered and a week of practical Epic preparation preceded Epic. And then our buses departed for the Cederberg, and one of the most rugged and remote wilderness areas in the Western Cape. Part of our training this year concentrated on the sensitive environment our boys were visiting. Ensuring boys left only footprints, taking all their litter off the mountain with them and leaving no mark were paramount. And to a large extent they adhered to this. which was encouraging and ensured our future as a school in the Cederberg. So I must compliment the boys on this.

Boys rotated between three of our four base camps. At the Waterbase, which all boys experienced, they partook in skiing, kayaking, sailing, fishing, raft-building and stayed a night on Mango Island. At Sanddrif, our other action base, boys abseiled, climbed, mountain-biked, took the 14-metre plunge at Maalgat and experienced San Art and caving at Stadsaal. Three groups also did their 24-hour solos at Sanddrif. At Elizabethfontein, the boys did bush clearing, fishing, and the Sevilla Rock Art trail. They helped with maintenance at Elizabethfontein Primary and took part in activities with the young learners there. On the first night in the Cederberg, one group (Krakadouw) performed in the school's annual concert and many of our boys danced and played music, which was a real hit with the children. Two groups enjoyed a night out at the local restaurant, Traveller's Rest. At Jamaka, boys were involved in shooting and outreach at Grootkloof Primary School. Three groups also did their 24-hour solos there. Boys mostly hiked or cycled between bases. The adventure culminated in the arrival of the boys' father figures for the final tribal council and braai on the last evening. It was wonderful to see fathers and sons reunited at the end of their Epic adventures.

There is much charity work that our Epic Parents' Trust for its invaluable support and to the Bishops staff Committee does each year and 2024 was another members who willingly gave of their time to make Epic bumper year, thanks to Andrea Koch, who coordinated what it was, once again! the committee, Michelle Dicey, who visited the two schools and was able to distribute donations effectively. The Bishops Epic brings together boys, staff, ODs, Helene Planting (for flyers) and Nicki Hibling, who stooges, professionals and volunteers in a magnificent coordinated the thrift sale. Several other parents environment and this year the minor adjustments we were involved on the committee and we thank them made to the programme certainly paid dividends. Well all for their fantastic work. Each year we ask for wish done to those Grade 10s who made it a great success lists from both schools and the committee attempts by grasping this fantastic opportunity! Long may the to do as much as they can to fulfil these wishes. This experiences you enjoyed last in your memories. vear generous donations to fulfil these wish lists were made by a number of parents, and Jonathan Ferreira Graeme Klerck

(Caxton Books) helped with discounts on the stationery orders. All 300 children received a stationery and care pack, arts and crafts were catered for when our boys engaged with the pupils from both schools, Grootkloof was provided with a new washing machine and every boarder received a new duvet set, sheet and pillowcase. The boxes of donations and purchases included puzzles. games, books, clothes, sporting equipment, household items and chairs and tables and were well received by happy kids and grateful teachers at the schools. A sincere thanks to all who contributed.

I'd like to thank the Boeddinghaus, Sedgwick, Stewart and Koch families and Market Toyota (Tokai) sincerely for lending us vehicles for Epic. These proved to be a great help to us. Thanks also to Tyrone Adams, who tirelessly sorted out the maintenance activities at both schools. Our gratitude also extends to the Epic Brains



























# EXCHANGE

The Bishops Exchange Programme offers Grade 10 boys an amazing opportunity to travel abroad, live in another country and attend a different school for a term. This year there were fewer applicants than in the past, and just 15 boys were selected to take part in the programme:

Luke Hofmeyr	Framlingham College, England
Joshua Whitehorn	Kents Hill School, USA
Jeremy Liddle	Schweizerische Alpine, Switzerland
Naethan Mol	St George's College, Argentina
Keegan Rinquest	Rijnlands Lyceum, Netherlands
Dylan Vorwerg	Rijnlands Lyceum, Netherlands
Marshall Oosthuysen	Orchard College, Chile
Derek Meyer	Belmont Hill School, USA
Andy Ward	Christ Church Grammar School, Australia
Samuel Clarke	The Doon School, India
Samuel Crookes	Colegio Anglo Colombiano, Colombia
Dan Coetzee	Dean Close School, England
Danny Newton	King William's College, Isle of Man
Matt Kriel	Episcopal Academy, USA

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Phil Court Teacher-in-charge





## REPORT FROM THE **DEPUTY HEAD SPORT**

The year 2024 started on a high note as we celebrated the College's 175th anniversary, marked by our hosting of a multiple sports festival. In this milestone year, we entered a new partnership with 10X Investments, a sponsor whose values of commitment, unity and determination align well with ours. We are thrilled to embark on this three-year journey together and appreciate their support as we continue to develop our sport.

Kicking off the year, we hosted the Peninsula Cricket Festival, showcasing our 1st XI and U15 teams. The 1st XI team truly shone, clinching victory in all five of their matches and went on to complete an outstanding season plaving a special brand of cricket. This year has seen two players reaching 100 caps, captain Kashief Joseph and vice-captain Michael Kotze.

Building on this strong beginning, our 1st Water Polo team achieved an impressive set of wins, marking a historic season. Highlights included silver at the SAC Shield Tournament, bronze at the KES Tournament, gold at both the SACS Night League and Mazinter Cup Final, and, for the first time, a victorious finish at the SACS Water Polo Tournament. Adding to their accolades, the team received the Fair Play Trophy at KES for their exemplary sportsmanship. This is a testament to the culture and dedication of these young athletes. They also earned the honour of being named the Western Province Team of the Year

As the winter season approached, our sports festivals continued with the 175th Rugby and Hockey Festival. This event brought together more than 1 400 students from 16 schools for an exciting line-up of rugby and U18 hockey matches. The 1st Hockey team excelled, remaining unbeaten in six matches and delivering an exhilarating season, especially during our muchanticipated 'Friday Night Lights' games. Despite a tough start for our rugby teams, the players and coaches maintained unwavering enthusiasm and commitment, showing resilience and passion in every game. Our 1st Squash team also had a remarkable season, reclaiming the WP Top School title for the first time since 1992 and earning a spot at the National Top Schools competition in Maritzburg in August. Congratulations to our squash team for making us proud and representing the spirit of our institution.

Beyond team sports, several of our students reached new heights individually. Notable achievements included:

Thomas Truter and Jordan de Sousa's selection to the South African U18 Water Polo team for the World Championships in Argentina. Track and field athlete

Daniel von der Heyden broke a South African record with a gold in the U18 decathlon at the ASA Senior Championships and later earned bronze at the German National Athletics Championships, placing him eighth globally. 1st XI opening batsman Adnaan Lagadien was selected to represent the South African Emerging U19 team in a five-match competition in Zimbabwe. and scored a century in his third game. In hockey, Rob Veldtman. Josh Mettler and James Grieve were selected for the SA U18 team, while Callum Anderson was selected to represent the South African U17 team in a tournament in Malaysia. Cole Hewetson represented South Africa in the OKN Karting World Finals in the UK, finishing an impressive fourth. Additionally, swimmer Luc Bestel and go-karting talent William Marshall brought home medals and honours from international junior competitions.

This special 175th year showcased the dedication, resilience and talent of our students in their sports endeavours. As we emphasise a balanced education, our sports programme remains an integral part of character building. It's a medium through which our students learn teamwork, resilience, and the essence of dedication. preparing them for the challenges beyond school life.

#### Warren Wallace

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Bishops had a remarkable year in athletics, showcasing the talent and dedication of its students through various competitions and events. The Interhouse competitions featured intense rivalries among teams from the Houses, with White House emerging as dominant. Their victory was highlighted by a series of exciting relay races and a thrilling Sports Day, where they triumphed in numerous athletic challenges, solidifying their position as the top House of the year.

Following these events, the Bishops athletics team participated in the prestigious Quadrangular meet, competing against Wynberg, SACS and Rondebosch. The athletes demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship.

A standout achievement came from Daniel von der Heyden, who competed in the German National Athletics Championships in Hanover. Facing a highly competitive field of top U18 decathletes, Daniel secured a bronze medal with a total of 7 129 points, narrowly missing silver and gold by just 9 and 32 points respectively. His outstanding performance not only set a new South African U18 men's decathlon record, but also ranked him eighth in the world. Daniel's resilience, particularly in overcoming an injury to achieve a personal best in the pole vault, earned him a spot on the German national elite team, making the school and South Africa proud on the international stage.

The athletic achievements of Bishops students were further recognised with the awarding of colours:

**Full Colours:** Reece Quin, Joseph Phillipson, Daniel von der Heyden

Half Colours: Nic Deckenbrock, Bafokeng Lehloenya

Notably, Joseph Phillipson gualified for the Western Province Athletics team in the 3 000m, further highlighting his impressive performance this season.

The athletics season concluded with the Athletics Spring Meetings against SACS, Rondebosch and Wynberg, and new captains for the Bishops Athletics team were announced. Joey Lwande, Nic Perez and Ben Myburgh will lead the team into the 2024/2025 season, ensuring the continuation of the school's athletic legacy.

Sa-eed Slamdien Teacher-in-charge



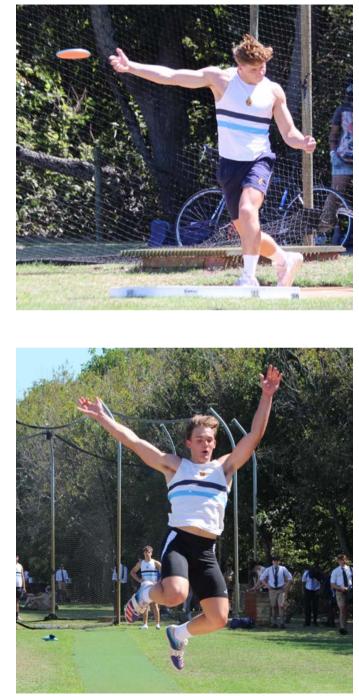




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#### **Avenue Mile**

The event took place on Founders Day after the combined celebration service that was held in the Mallett Centre. More than 200 boys across all grades took part in the race, with many dressing up for the occasion. It was good to see ODs Syd Cullis, WP van Zyl and Craig Christian taking part in the race. There was a mad sprint at the start, but very quickly the Mclagan

brothers moved to the front and led the race all the way to the finish. Nick managed to outsprint Chris and become the first junior to ever win the Avenue Mile! He finished in 5 minutes 13 seconds; Chris finished in 5 minutes 14 seconds, and John van der Watt came third in a time of 5 min 45 seconds.

#### *Phil Court Teacher-in charge*







#### Basketball

At the end of the basketball season, one thing was clear: the players showcased remarkable determination, battled through tough games, and made the most of every opportunity on the court. From nail-biting finishes to unexpected upsets, it was a season marked by resilience and the unyielding spirit of the teams.

The U14, U16 and U19 teams faced some of their toughest opponents yet. The competition was fierce, with several games pushing the players to their physical and mental limits. They all endured high-pressure moments, from tight fourth-quarter battles to back-to-back losses that tested their resolve. However, instead of succumbing to adversity, the players dug deep, showing a level of grit and perseverance that earned the respect of their opponents.

Each player played a pivotal role in maintaining their team's focus and energy. Whether it was a clutch threepointer in the dying seconds, a key defensive stop or an assist that sparked a crucial run, everyone stepped up when needed. Even in the face of challenging games, each team's ability to bounce back and fight for every possession was a testament to their growth and cohesion throughout the season.

The season was not just about victories and losses – it was about growth. Early on, the teams faced some setbacks that seemed insurmountable, but they quickly adapted, learning valuable lessons from each encounter. There was a noticeable shift in each team's mentality: where there was once doubt, there is now belief. Emphasis was placed on teamwork, communication and selflessness and this began to pay off, with players

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developing not only their individual skills but also their collective understanding of the game.

Throughout the season, the chemistry between the players blossomed. Off the court, they built camaraderie and friendships that translated into stronger communication on it. Whether it was celebrating a wellexecuted play or lifting each other up after a missed opportunity, the sense of unity was palpable. These moments of teamwork turned into key victories and ensured that, win or lose, the players were in it together.

For now, though, the focus is on celebrating the hard work and the memories created. It was a season full of highs and lows, but one that the players will not soon forget.

Victoria Nkosi Teacher-in-charge



#### Climbing

This year was another successful chapter for our Climbing Club, with tremendous enthusiasm and growth among our members. The club burst at the seams this year as we reached full capacity, and we're thrilled to see even more students showing interest with each passing term.

Our climbers demonstrated remarkable commitment throughout the year, with every individual showing substantial improvement. The dedication and teamwork within the group have been superb, and it was truly rewarding to see these boys' commitment each week.

Our year concluded with the much-anticipated Interhouse Climbing Competition, a thrilling event showcasing the skill and determination of our climbers. Congratulations to Kidd House for winning the overall competition, and to Tommy Winfield, who earned the title of Best Climber of the Day with his exceptional performance.

Special thanks go to our club captain, Nicolas Basson, whose leadership and organisational efforts were invaluable.

#### Ruan Ellis Teacher-in-charge

#### Cricket

**January:** The year commenced on a particularly memorable note for 1st XI skipper Kashief Joseph who, following an impressive showing for the Western Province U19s at the Khaya Majola Week in Makhanda at the backend of December 2023, earned selection to represent the Southern Superstars in the annual Cubs Weeks in Stellenbosch. He promptly scored 143 off 130 balls (10 x 4s and 9 x 6s) versus the Coastal Conquerors.

Bishops's 175 Celebrations - and the new LED-type scoreboard on the Frank Reid - were officially launched on 9 January with the hosting of the 10-school, 20team Peninsula Cricket Festival (PCF), very generously sponsored by Old Mutual Wealth, Loughborough University and Peninsula Beverages. More than 300 U15 and U19 cricketers, accompanied by their coaches and managers, from three different provinces, descended upon Bishops's campus to commence five days of highcalibre cricket. The 1st XI opening batsman, Adnaan Lagadien, perhaps mindful of the magnitude of the 175th anniversary. (wholly) stole the show on the first day on the Frank Reid with a 260-minute, record-breaking innings of 218\* of 173 balls (17 x 4s and 12 x 6s) versus Hilton College, Adnaan's knock eclipsed the 217\* scored by the former record-breaking 1st XI opening batsman Haldane Murray on the Frank Reid in 1989 versus SACS and, in doing so, registered the highest individual score ever - by a Bishops cricketer.

It should be noted that an already memorable day for Bishops cricket was sealed by way of a 185-run win with leg-spinner Peyton Leigh returning the outstanding figures of 14-2-45-7 (including a hat-trick). The feelgood factor of the day set the wheels in motion for a hugely successful week on the Frank Reid for the 1st XI who, following their victory against Hilton, recorded wins against St David's (208 runs), Affies (six wickets), Waterkloof (seven wickets) and Pretoria Boys (117 runs) to conclude the festival with a five-from-five win ratio the only one of the competing 20 teams to do so during PCF 2024.

were particularly memorable for Imraan Leith (U15A) and The U15As gave a good account of themselves, with Raa'id Arendse (2nd XI) who both scored their maiden losses to Hilton and Affies being offset by hard-fought tons, 117 and 127 respectively, for Bishops. February wins against St David's. Waterkloof and Pretoria Boys. midweek matches, which are becoming something of a No fewer than 26 of the College's premier Grade 8 tradition against UK and Swiss-based opposition, many cricketers were hard at work before the start of the of them day-night affairs on the Frank Reid, were played academic year, too, care of a three-day training camp against Charterhouse. St Paul's, Wellington College and at Bishops, which included pre-season squad matches the Swiss U17 national side, and managed by OD Jonty against Wynberg. The local season commenced on Acton. Andoni Augoustatos walked away with the Man Saturday, 20 January, with games - home and away of the Match award - a cowbell - in his winning effort for - versus Paarl Gim. The Bish-Bosch 1st XI day-night an U17A composite team against Bishops's guests from T20 again took centre stage on the Frank Reid, pre-Switzerland. The 1st XI's winning start to 2024 came to match jitters with regard to possible load-shedding an end, in Stellenbosch versus Paul Roos, on Saturday, aside (and ultimately unfounded) on a near-perfect 17 February, in a low-scoring affair. Bishops's 94 was, for summer's evening on Wednesday, 24 January. A crowd a time, looking like a defendable total when the hosts of several thousand enjoyed the tangible razzmatazz of were reduced to 57/8. An unbroken ninth wicket stand the occasion (the introduction of a DJ to proceedings of 38 did, however, see Paul Roos home. There was little may have helped) as Bishops eased past Rondebosch's time for the 1st XI to dwell upon this disappointment as total of 146 with 26 balls to spare to register a sevena 13-member squad, accompanied by Messrs Gildenhuvs. wicket win: Bishops's first Bish-Bosch victory since 2019. Hewett and Pohlongo, boarded an early-afternoon flight Adnaan Lagadien continued his remarkable run of form to Lanseria on Wednesday, 21 February, to travel to St on the Frank Reid as he carried his bat in the chase with Alban's College in Pretoria for the annual Independent a man-of-the-match 112\* off 57 balls (4 x 4s and 12 x Schools' Cricket Festival (ISCF). Matchday one, versus 6s). SuperSport Schools post-match headline probably Michaelhouse on 22 February, was a milestone occasion summed up the game - and sentiment - best: 'Unbeaten for Kashief Joseph as he played his 100th game for the Lagadien ton secures epic Bish-Bosch T20 victory.' The 1st XI. The celebration was marked by the presence of month concluded with fixtures against Wynberg, with Kashief's parents, granddad and two of his brothers the 1st XI continuing its unbeaten start to the year with (other brother. Shafiek, was en route to Makhanda with a hard-fought win on the Jacques Kallis Oval. U14A the U15As for their ISCF at St Andrew's College). Kashief captain Ibraheem Taliep gave an early display of his marked the occasion with a score of 59 in a winning undoubted talent with an innings of 174\* (110 balls) in a effort (by 130 runs). The feel-good factor established winning effort versus Wynberg on Sahara. against Michaelhouse continued for the 1st XI throughout the ISCF as the team embarked on another winning February: The first weekend of the month saw a doublerun with victories against St Stithians (with its attack header, versus Paarl Boys' (Saturday, 3 February) and spearheaded by Kwena Maphaka), St John's (a game Pearson from Ggeberha (Sunday, 4 February), for the in which Adnaan Lagadien registered his third century U14As, U15As, 2nd XI and 1st XI. The Pearson games of the year) and Cornwall Hill, to conclude ISCF with

four wins from four matches played. All-rounder Waco Bassick was named Player of the Festival for his return of 14 wickets (and two 40+ scores) in four matches, including 6/25 versus Michaelhouse and 5/25 versus St John's, and returned to Cape Town with a new cricket bat as his prize. The U15As, under Mr Makwena and Mr Joseph's guidance, headed to St Andrew's College in Makhanda for the U15 ISCF 24 hours after the 1st XI, and held their heads high by way of wins against St Andrew's College and Clifton. One game was abandoned, due to inclement weather (against St John's), and one was lost (against St Stithians).

March: The term's league fixtures concluded on Saturday, 2 March, with traditional fixtures versus Rondebosch. The 1st XI had a poor day at the office and, despite Waco Bassick's 5/43, lost by 137 runs. There were, however, better results elsewhere with the 2nd XI's draw on Cricket A completing an unbeaten term's cricket for the team and the 3rd XI's victory on the Range sealing a Triple Crown of wins for Messrs Mofokeng and Ngcobo's charges against Wynberg, SACS and Rondebosch. The 2nd XI game will be remembered for an extraordinary act of sportsmanship from Bishops' wicketkeeper, Singa Mayoyo. The Rondebosch batsman was on 98 and on strike with the final ball of the day's play to be bowled (and the only conceivable result being a draw). He hit the ball to mid-off: set off for a single and tried - hopefully in vain - to make it back for the second to reach his century. Singa, having received the ball, consciously opted not to remove the bails to allow the Bosch batsman to complete his hundred. The warm embrace between the two players thereafter epitomised sportsmanship at its best and reminded many that the spirit of the game lives.

U15 cricketers Daniel Perold and Tristan Brunton headed to New Zealand for five weeks on 4 March to complete the inaugural Bishops/Hamilton Boys' High School cricket-specific exchange. Daniel was hosted by the Botherway family whose son, Jackson, spent Term 4 2023 at Bishops with the Perolds, while Tristan was a quest of the Gulla family in return for Aditya staving with the Bruntons during his exchange to Bishops in October and November 2023. It should be noted that Daniel and Tristan were members of the Hamilton Boys' High School U15 team that defeated Tauranga Boys' College at Bay Oval in the final week of March to win the Seddon Cup and be crowned 2024 North Island U15 champions. The 1st XI brought the curtain down on the term's action on 8 March with its annual game versus the ODs. It was fitting that Adnaan Lagadien - again featured prominently, with 74\* off 36 balls to guide his team to an eight-wicket win. The Grade 12 members of the 1st XI were duly rewarded for their collective efforts that resulted in the team's success during the term with Calum Daniels, Michael Kotze, Peyton Leigh and Tiaan Louw all receiving Full Colours for cricket in the final assembly of the term (captain Kashief Joseph had already been awarded Full Colours). The Vincent Wells turf nets on the Frank Reid had, by month's end, been demolished to make way for the new Bishops Rowing Centre. New (and bigger and better) turf nets will be built on Sahara in time for Term 1 2025.

**April-August:** Head coach Brad Barnes, with the able assistance of 1st XI coach Lutho Pohlongo, was, by the first week of May, working with the highest-ever number of Bishops cricketers in the Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre (SCTICC) as per the annual Winter Nets Programme (May to August). JP Duminy's JP21 Foundation returned to Bishops during the mid-year school holidays for the third consecutive year for its

annual week-long winter coaching clinic. The undoubted highlight of the winter months was, however, the 1st XI's 12-day tour to Sri Lanka during the June/July school holidays (please see separate report for a comprehensive tour-specific overview). A Frank Reid XI, under the guidance of Messrs Barnes and Wrensch and co-led by Singa Mayoyo and Alex Vintcent, assembled during the latter days of August to commence preparations for Bishops's first visit to the Fasken Time Cricket Festival hosted by St David's Marist Inanda in Johannesburg. The 13-member squad departed on 28 August and was, by the following day, engaged in its first two-day game of the festival (in an unseasonally cold Johannesburg where temperatures barely rose to double digits), versus Noordheuwel. The match ultimately ended in a draw with Michael Kruiskamp's maiden fifer for Bishops (10-2-28-5), the individual highlight of the game. The final two days of the festival saw Bishops compete against hosts, St David's. Bishops set St David's 282 to win on the final day and had to doff their caps to the opposition for a thoroughly impressive chase in which the target was reached for the loss of a solitary wicket with a little under an hour's play remaining in the day on Sunday, 1 September.

**September:** Bishops teams returned, officially, to preseason action in the first week of September. The springtime weather, unlike 2023, played ball and allowed for time in the middle during the first two Saturdays of the month versus Parel Vallei and Stellenberg respectively. Adnaan Lagadien, having been selected to represent the SA Emerging U19 XI on a five-match ODI tour to Zimbabwe, scored a century (112 off 87 balls that included 12 x 4s and 3 x 6s), in the fourth game in Bulawayo on 27 September. Adnaan, care of his national representation, was duly awarded Full Colours and a Distinction Tie upon his return to Bishops. The SPORT - CRICKET

month concluded with U14A and U15A holiday-time tours to Johannesburg (Charl van Rooven Cricket Week hosted by KES) and Ggeberha and Makhanda (Grey Colts Cricket Festival hosted by Grev High School) respectively. Both teams struggled, from a results point of view, with the U14As losing to Jeppe, Grey High School and Affies (after Matchday one, versus KES, was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to inclement weather). The team's match versus Jeppe was memorable for the high-scoring nature of the game. Jeppe scored 400/6 in its allotted 50 overs. Bishops replied, with gusto, and finished on 360/8, falling short by 40 runs. The U15As defeated St Andrew's College in Makhanda on day two of the festival and lost to Grey College, Kearsney and Jeppe on the other three days. The 1st XI did not tour domestically in the September school holidays in view of its mid-year trip to Sri Lanka.

October: The 1st XI was back in action on the Frank Reid during the weekend before the start of Term 4 in the form of a Friday evening fixture versus Rondebosch Cricket Club and a Saturday 50-overs-aside contest against Paarl Boys. Thereafter, the team played a Tuesday afternoon T20 on 8 October versus Wynberg on the Frank Reid on the second day of term as Wynberg would be out of town that weekend. The game, ultimately lost by Bishops, was memorable for 1st XI vice-captain Michael Kotze, as he earned his 100th cap. The moment was made particularly special for Michael as his father. John, was there to present him with his cap with his mother, Jill, and three brothers were in attendance too. The local league resumed, versus Wynberg, on the weekend of 11 and 12 October. It was a weekend to remember as the U14As. U14Bs. 2nd XI, 3rd XI and 4th XI all registered wins. Ibraheem Taliep scored a century (113) for the U14As on Silverhurst A to record his second ton of the year against Wynberg.

The CSA Schools SA20 was launched with the Bishops 2024/2025 1st XI, sans Grade 12s, winning its first-round encounter on the Frank Reid versus Groote Schuur. 1st XI Grade 12 stalwarts Calum Daniels. Kashief Joseph. Michael Kotze, Peyton Leigh and Tiaan Louw, boasting a combined 418 1st XI caps, played their final game for Bishops on the Frank Reid, versus SACS, on Saturday, 26 October. The 1st XI won the match by 159 runs in what proved to be a memorable weekend for Bishops cricket with the U14Bs, U14Cs, U15As, 2nd XI, 3rd XI and 4th XI winning too. The month saw the introduction of Monday Masterclasses, held during open periods for the benefit of any interested Bishops cricketer, during which resident experts in their specific field/s of the game offered hands-on advice on how to improve elements of one's own play. Keith Ingram coordinated a seam bowler's session and Ryan Maron a fielding-specific one.

November and December: The regular season concluded on Saturday, 2 November with traditional end-of-year fixtures - home and away - versus Rondebosch. The 1st XI, after so memorable a year, posted a sub-par 151 all out in 37 overs on Cricket A to lose by six wickets. Other teams fared better, though, with the U14As beating their much-vaunted opponents on Sahara; the U14Cs - inspired by Mohamed-Irshaad Davenhill's 90\* off 54 balls (hot off the heels of a midweek hundred versus Reddam) - won its Friday afternoon T20; the U15Bs emerged victorious in a Friday day-night game on the Frank Reid thanks, in no small part, to a 137-run partnership between Max Morgan (137) and Nick Mackay (91\*) and the 5th XI got the better of Bosch in its fixture. The final word with regard to the weekend's games is, however, reserved for the 3rd XI who, care of its two-wicket victory on the Range in which Alex Tadross' 90\* saw his team home, secured a coveted Grand Slam as per calendar year Term 1 and Term 4 wins versus Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg.

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The U14As played an extra week's cricket for the year and concluded their season, under lights on the Frank Reid, versus the Mpumelelo Project XI. Opening batsman Aadam van Graan had the distinction of scoring the last century of the year, by a Bishops cricketer (113), during the game. Ibraheem Taliep hit the winning runs to finish 63<sup>\*</sup> and, in so doing, finished 2024 with a staggering 1 070 runs in 17 innings (4 x 100s and 6 x 50s) at an astonishing average of 103.45.

Bishops hosted the semifinals and final of the Cape Town leg of the CSA Schools SA20 on Saturday, 9 November and the 2024/2025 1st XI defeated Rondebosch in its semifinal on the Frank Reid to advance to the final and a likely record 43rd fixture in the calendar year. SACS overcame Wynberg in the other semifinal on Oaks. SACS, having been asked to bat by Bishops in the final, posted 142 in its allotted 20 overs. Bishops, despite a blistering start, faded under pressure and ultimately fell to a 45-run defeat. There was, however, little time to dwell as it quickly emerged that Bishops - as finalists - would be joining SACS at the Western Cape regional CSA SA20 finals in Oudtshoorn in January 2025.

The end-of-year 1st XI dinner was held, beside the Frank Reid, on the evening of 9 November. Adnaan Lagadien, in recognition of his 1 544 runs at 46.8 in 2024, was named Player of the Year with Waco Bassick (737 runs at 36.9 and 83 wickets at 13.1 and a strike-rate of 19.1) winning the players' Player of the Year trophy. James Robb-Quinlan was named captain of the 2025 1st XI with Adnaan Lagadien and Samuel Stavely-Alexander to serve as joint vice-captains. Bishops was delighted to receive the news that five of its cricketers had been selected to represent Western Province at Decembertime national tournaments. Litha Mbiko and Michael Kruiskamp travelled to Pretoria as members of the Western Province U16 team coached by Bishops's head

coach, Brad Barnes, and managed by Bishops' 1 coach. Lutho Pohlongo. It should be noted that Tha Japtha was named as a non-travelling reserve. Ad Lagadien, Kashief Joseph and Waco Bassick particip in the Khaya Majola U19 Cricket Week - held in Town with Bishops as a match-day venue - as pa the Western Province U19 side. Waco Bassick rec Full Colours for cricket in the year's final asse Alex Vintcent, James Robb-Quinlan, Samuel Sta Alexander and Thaafier Japhta received Half Colour

#### Coaching staff:

Head coach: Bradley Barnes **1st XI:** Visser Gildenhuvs and Lutho Pohlongo 2nd XI: Joc Wrensch and Willem Stevn **3rd XI:** Sam Mofokeng and Khets Ngcobo 4th XI: Chris Ekron, Paul Schooling and Kirwan Kleir 5th XI/Flamingos XI: Mervin Walsh **UU15A:** Japhta Makwena and Zaid Joseph UU15B: Richard Smith and James Howard **U15C:** Sean Henchie and Blaine Bahnemann **UU14A:** Mouton Joubert and Sean Hendrieck **UU14B:** Warwick Richter and Wandile Nzuza U14C: David Russell and Fayyaad Domingo (Term 1) Trinity Dhaver and Thabiso Dlamini (Term 4)

#### 2024-specific personal milestones in chronologica order (batting)

#### 100s:

Adnaan Lagadien [1st XI]: 218\* (173) v Hilton on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 9/01/24. Kashief Joseph [1st XI]: 104\* (55) v Rondebosch Cri Club on the Frank Reid. T20. 23/01/24. Adnaan Lagadien [1st XI]: 112\* (57) v Rondebosch or Frank Reid. T20. 24/01/24. Ibraheem Taliep [U14A]: 174\* (110) v Wynberg on Sahara. Declaration. 27/01/24.

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st XI	Imraan Leith [U15A]: 117 (76) v Pearson on the Range.
aafier	50 overs. 04/02/24.
lnaan	Raa'id Arendse [2nd XI]: 127 (111) v Pearson on Oaks. 50
bated	overs. 04/02/24.
Cape	Luke Hofmeyr [3rd XI]: 101* (73) v SACS on the Range.
art of	50 overs. 10/02/24.
eived	Adnaan Lagadien [1st XI]: 107 (100) v St John's College
mbly.	at St John's College. 50 overs. 24/02/24.
ively-	Kyle Stirk [2nd XI]: 100* (78) v St Andrew's College on
s.	the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 24/02/24.
	Joe Edwards [U15B]: 100* (87) v Bergvliet on Oaks. 30 overs. 24/02/24.
	Yusuf Patel [U14B]: 102 (77) v Rondebosch on Sahara.
	35 overs. 02/03/24.
	Adnaan Lagadien [1st XI]: 101 (75) v Best Way Cricket
	Academy in Sri Lanka. 50 overs. 29/06/24.
٦	Aadam van Graan [U14A]: 128* (88) v Stellenberg at
	Stellenberg. 40 overs. 14/09/24.
	Thaafier Japtha [1st XI]: 113 (100) v Stellenberg at
	Stellenberg. 45 overs. 14/09/24.
	Ibraheem Taliep [U14A]: 113 (116) v Wynberg at
	Wynberg. 50 overs. 12/10/24.
	Ibraheem Taliep [U14A]: 129* (119) v St Andrew's College
,	on the Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 25/10/24.
	James Dickinson [U14B]: 111 (46) v SACS at SACS. 35 overs. 26/10/24.
l i	Mohamed-Irshaad Davenhill [14C]: 103 (70) v Reddam at
	Reddam. T20. 30/10/24.
	Ibraheem Taliep [U14A]: 107* v Welsh XI on the Frank
	Reid. 35 overs/day-night. 30/10/24.
	Max Morgan [U15B]: 137 (120) v Rondebosch on the
cket	Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 01/11/24.
	Aadam van Graan [U14A]: 113 (93) v Mpumelelo Project
n the	XI on the Frank Reid. 35 overs/day-night. 08/11/24.

## 2024-specific personal milestones in chronological order (bowling)

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

Peyton Leigh [1st XI]: 14-2-45-7 (including a hat-trick) v Hilton on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 09/01/24. Tiaan Louw [1st XI]: 3.3-0-7.5 v Pretoria Boys on the Frank Reid. T20. 13/01/24.

Ben Koening [2nd XI]: 11.3-3-29-6 v Paarl Gym at Paarl Gym. Declaration. 20/01/24.

Joze Louw [U14A]: 11-5-22-5 v Paarl Gym at Paarl Gym. Declaration. 20/01/24.

Waco Bassick [1st XI]: 7.2-1.26-5 v Grey High School on the Frank Reid. 50 overs. 26/01/24.

Luke Furter [U15B]: 6-0-22-5 v Wynberg on the Range. 35 overs. 27/01/24.

Yakhani Siwundla [U14A]: 5-3-4-5 v Paarl Boys on Sahara. Declaration. 03/02/24.

Farhaan Barendse [5th XI]: a hat-trick v Ottoman CC at Ottoman CC. T20. 15/02/24.

Julian Pilkington [2nd XI]: 16-1-50-6 v Paul Roos on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 17/02/24.

Tristan Theys [U15B]: 7-0-23-5 v Paul Roos on Oaks. 35 overs. 17/02/24.

Waco Bassick [1st XI]: 6-0-15-6 v Michaelhouse at St Alban's College. Declaration. 22/02/24.

Waco Bassick [1st XI]: 7-1-25-5 v St John's College at St John's College. 50 overs. 24/02/24.

Sebastian du Toit [4th XI]: 4-0-10-5 v Rondebosch on Sahara. T20. 29/02/24.

Luke Chamberlin [U14B]: 7-1-25-5 v Rondebosch on Sahara, 35 overs, 02/03/24..

Waco Bassick [1st XI]: 15-2-43-5 v Rondebosch on the Frank Reid. Declaration. 02/03/24.

Michael Kruiskamp [Frank Reid XI]: 10-2-28-5 v Noordheuwel at St David's Marist Inanda. Two-day

game. 29/08/24.

Shafiek Joseph [U15A]: 4.5-0-13-5 v Parel Vallei on Oaks. 50 overs. 07/09/24.

Waco Bassick [1st XI]: 9-4-22-5 v Stellenberg at
Stellenberg. 50 overs. 14/09/24.
Cameron Giles [2nd XI]: 8.1-2-13-5 v Stellenberg on the
Frank Reid. 50 overs. 14/09/24.
Daniel Perold [U15A]: 10.3-2-38-5 v St Andrew's College at St Andrew's College. Declaration. 22/09/24.
Nick Green [3rd XI]: 6-1-12-5 v Wynberg on the Frank
Reid. 50 overs. 12/10/24.
Alex Vintcent [1st XI]: 2.2-1.2-5 V Groote Schuur on the
Frank Reid. T20. 16/10/24.
Peyton Leigh [1st XI]: a hat-trick v Parel Vallei at Parel
Vallei. 50 overs. 19/10/24.

Alex Walker [U14B]: 5-1-15-5 v Parel Vallei on the Range. 40 overs, 19/10/24.

Yaasin Allie [U15C]: a hat-trick v St Joseph's College at St Joseph's College. T20. 21/10/24.

Oliver French [3rd XI]: 5-0-24-5 v SACS on the Range. 50 overs. 26/10/24.

Tristan Theys [U15B]: 7.2-0-28-5 v Rondebosch on the Frank Reid. 40 overs/day-night. 01/11/24.

#### Shaun Hewett Teacher-in-charge



Adnaan Lagadien (left) with OD Haldane Murray (right) beside the Frank Reid in the wake of Adnaan breaking Haldane's longstanding record of 217 for the highest individual total scored by a Bishops cricketer. Adnaan scored 218\*.

#### Fencing

Our fencers enjoyed a busy year, with training and inhouse competitions during the first and second terms. During Term 3, Wendy Moult took over the running of the Fencing Club as Jacky Withers was on long leave. The Junior Youth National Competition took place in August, and a few of our new and aspiring fencers entered. Alexander Horrell and Nikkiran Govender participated and acquitted themselves well. Alexander is currently ranked 14th in U17 epee. Matthew Earle unfortunately hurt his arm and he and Brent Cowden had to withdraw. Joshua Diggle went on to compete in the epee and foil events and is currently ranked 10th in U20 foil.

We held the Fencing Championship on the afternoon of 16 August, when we paid tribute to our Matric leavers – Landa Tsobo, Thomas de Waal and Thomas Schooling – and handed out awards to the rest of the club for their consistent participation and fencing achievements. Matthew Earl enthusiastically took on the role of armourer and captain of fencing, and Joshua Diggle was elected vice-captain. Joshua enjoyed a most successful fencing year. He was awarded Half Colours in Term 1, and Full Colours in Term 3. In addition, he attended a special





assembly in March, where he was awarded his Distinction Tie in recognition of his selection and participation in the Junior South African team when he attended the All-African Championships in Egypt. A marvellous and welldeserved achievement.

The following club awards were made at the Bishops Fencing Championships.

Fencing Certificate: Ori Kushner
Bronze Medals: Felix Bagg, Julian Boeddinghaus (re-award), Brent Cowden, Joshua Diggle, Nikkiran Govender, Tristan Kannemeyer, Joseph Lee, Thomas Schooling,
Silver Medals: Joshua Diggle, Matthew Earle, Alex Horrell, Zavier Petersen, Grant Weich, Edward Wild Gold Medal: Daniel Kushner
Service Tie: Matthew Earle
Full Colours: Joshua Diggle
Interhouse Cup: Founders
Best Swordsman Foil: Joshua Diggle
Best Swordsman Epee: Joshua Diggle
Service Cup: Thomas de Waal

Jacky Withers Teacher-in-charge





#### **First Aid**

2024 was another busy year for the first aiders. We started the year with athletics duties and were grateful that Sports Day did not dish up any serious injuries this year. Boys also attended a weekend course specifically on sports injuries. After much negotiation, a new set of kit was decided on and for the first time, we headed into the winter sports season looking the part. Winter sports duties started well before the end of the first term and continued at a furious pace through to September. We only had one Matric as part of the team this year, but our Grade 10 and 11 boys really stepped up to fill the gaps, in particular Pablo Slaven and Yanga Soyaya, who led the team very ably. My thanks go to them for all the additional hours they put in, as well as to all the other first aiders who kept things ticking over despite their own sporting commitments.

#### Anne Stevens Teacher-in-charge

#### Golf

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Bishops Golf went through a season of rebuilding this year after the loss of a large group of Matric golfers at the end of 2023. However, with more than 30 boys actively participating in our golf programme and three teams entered in the WP league, golf at Bishops remains in a healthy place. The 2nd and 3rd teams were competitive within their respective leagues throughout the season. The 2nd team had a strong start, with several wins in Term 2, but struggled with consistency in the third term. They managed to end their season in the middle of the log of the South B league. The 3rd team had a wonderful season, finishing second on the log of the South C division and gualifying for the WP League Finals where they beat Melkbosstrand High School to claim the bronze medal. The A league was very competitive, and the 1st team had some close matches, returning stats of: Played 7; won 3; drew 2; lost 2. The team ended the season in third place on the log, narrowly missing out on the League Finals of the South A league. One of the highlights of the season was beating Milnerton High School at Milnerton Golf Club for the first time in several years.

The Bishops Interhouse Golf Competition and Individual Championships were played on Sunday 20 October on a very windy afternoon at Royal Cape Golf Club. Kidd finished in first place and claimed the trophy by a narrow three-stroke margin. Mallett and Birt finished in a tie for second place.

The Individual competition was won by Jack Buckham (M) with Arman Patel (B) claiming second place.

#### Pagliari Plate for the Individual Champion:

Jack Buckham Interhouse Trophy: Kidd House Rookie of the Year: James Arkcoll **Full Colours:** Jack Buckham (captain) Half Colours: Nicholas Axten, William Bassett, Matthew Gurr, Jake Oelz

Julian Vincent Teacher-in-charge

#### Hockey

The 2024 Bishops Hockey season was one for the books, marked by resilience, exceptional play, and an inspiring sense of unity across all levels. From preseason festivals to derbies to Interhouse competitions, our boys have

shown a commitment to the game that reflects their development on and off the field.

#### Preseason festivals

The season kicked off with five teams attending various preseason festivals in the March holidays, preparing physically and strategically for the season ahead.

Our U14A and U16A sides went to compete in their respective Independent Schools Hockey Festivals in Bloemfontein over the holidays.

The U14As had a very successful tour. They were undefeated, winning six out of six with an impressive 23-goal difference. It was a great team effort by all in the side and a great show of Bishops hockey. Special mention goes to James Arkcoll for being named Midfielder of the Festival.

The U16A side had a slightly tougher festival, losing a couple of players to illness and injury and ending the tour with only one player on the bench. Despite this, they performed admirably, winning three, drawing one and losing two. As with the U14s. Bishops claimed the Midfielder of the Festival - well done to Litha Mbiko on winning this award. Well done to the team for a special effort on the field and for the way they conducted themselves off the field.

The U16B side competed locally in the Bosch Festival. convincing win against St Benedict's (4-0). Over the course of five games, they experienced a range of outcomes, demonstrating their strengths as well as The 175 Festival saw 10 hockey sides playing competitive areas for growth. The majority of matches were tight matches in preparation for the season ahead. It was a games, resulting in a couple of draws and some very big celebration of sport as hockey and rugby joined close losses. Throughout the event, the team exhibited together to commemorate Bishops's impressive 175 strong teamwork and perseverance, even in the face of years of existence. The campus was filled with teams, challenging opponents.

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- The second side travelled to KZN to take part in the Michaelhouse 2nd Team Hockey Festival. The team managed to keep a clean sheet for their first two games and only conceded in the third game due to the goalkeeper sustaining an injury. Of the five games played, they drew two and lost the remaining three. It was another competitive and challenging festival and the Bishops 2nds played their hearts out, improving significantly as a team over the four days of hockey.
- Bishops's 1st Hockey team played in two preseason festivals at the end of the first term. Under the leadership of Robbie Veldtman (captain), James Grieve (vicecaptain) and Andrew Raubenheimer (vice-captain), the first team enjoyed success at the festivals. At the Parel Vallei Festival they played three matches: against Somerset College, winning 2-0; Outeniqua, winning 5-0; and Paarl Boys, winning 7-0.

At the Independent Schools Hockey Festival, hosted by Bishops as part of the 175 Celebrations, the 1st team played six matches. The first was against one of our traditional festival rivals, Michaelhouse, winning a tough game 3-1. This was followed by victories over St Charles (4-0), St David's (2-0) and St Andrews (8-0). With two games left, the team had to rally together after an unexpected setback in the form of an injured player mid-game. They showed their resilience by not only beating St Andrews College 2-1, but also came back the next day to finish the festival on a high with a tough, but local and countrywide, all showcasing their talent. It was a festival for the history books and a wonderful way to start the hockey season.

#### League performance

With preseason behind us. Bishops hockey entered the regular season well prepared. For the 2024 season we fielded 13 teams, totalling approximately 180 players, who played 200 matches and scored a notable 441 goals.

The 1st team continued to play with tenacity, enjoying victories under the guidance of coaches Ryan Julius and Cassa. They took this spirit with them when they went to participate in the Hibbert Shield in Gaeberha. Despite an unfortunate loss, they finished fifth overall, returning with renewed determination to remain unbeaten for the remainder of the season, a goal that was coming to fruition in the first half of the season. The second half of the season saw some tough opposition at derby fixtures and with the unfortunate loss of coaches to the Olympics, the team had to learn resilience and perseverance and overcoming unexpected losses. However, within the league the 1st team succeeded in their goal of remaining undefeated, placing second in the league.

This successful season was not limited to the 1st team this year. The top performing team accolade for the 2024 season goes to the U14A side, who had an undefeated season, winning all their games except one, which was a draw to Paul Roos. Due to this stellar performance, it is unsurprising that the U14A came first in their league.

Our U16A team also did well in the league, securing fourth place. Another U16 team to take note of was the B side, who had an impressive 70% win ratio. Our most improved team of the year was the U19 4th team.

These achievements reflect not only the skill but also the growth in strategic play and consistency of the Bishops hockey players across all levels.

#### **Provincial and national recognition**

This season Bishops hockey boasts an impressive 15 boys selected to represent Western Province in U14, U16, and U18 age groups. Not only did they represent WP, but we also had many boys in leadership positions in these teams.

WP U18A: James Grieve (VC), Josh Mettler, Robbie Veldtman WP U18B: Andrew Raubenheimer (C) WP U16A: Callum Anderson, Luc Dicey, Litha Mbiko, Harry Morgan WP U16B: Matthew Edwards (C), Callum Jones WP U14A: James Arckoll, Cuan Cadiz WP U14B: James Cowen, Waseem Dalwai, Ethan Totaram-Jacobs

Subsequent to the national tournaments, there were four players selected to South African teams.

SA U18A: James Grieve, Josh Mettler, Robbie Veldtman SA U17A: Callum Anderson

This is a tremendous accomplishment, especially for Callum as a Grade 9 student, and speaks volumes about the calibre of players emerging from Bishops.

#### Interhouse competition

The 2024 season concluded with a spirited Interhouse hockey competition, where both Junior and Senior teams competed in a 7-a-side format. Both Senior and Junior competitions were filled with some great hockey, tightly contested matches and lots of fun. Every team gave it their all and the final standings in the junior competition were: Kidd fourth, Ogilvie third, Founders second and Grav first. Senior Interhouse: White fourth. Ogilvie third, Gray second and Mallett first. This friendly yet fiercely competitive event was a fitting close to a dynamic season, celebrating teamwork, skill and school spirit.

#### Awards and recognition

We congratulate the following Bishops hockey players on achieving the following awards for the season:

Full Colours: Mu'aath Ganief, Christopher Gray, James Grieve (re-award), Thomas Ludlam, Thomas Malan, Joshua Mettler (re-award), Andrew Raubenheimer, Albert Steyn, Carl van Wyngaarden, Robert Veldtman (re-award)

Half Colours: Andrew Betty, Adam Diggle, David Handley, Bryn Parry

Service Ties for hockey umpiring: Jo Lappin, Albert Steyn, Michael Kotze

Distinction Ties for U18 SA Selection: James Grieve. Bishops hockey aims to see every boy who plays ending Josh Mettler, Robbie Veldtman the season a better player than when they began. With the introduction of new coaches and development We concluded our season with the annual Hockey opportunities, this appears to be true for most of the dinner where we celebrate the season and wish our players this year. Not only that, but our hope is that all Matric players farewell. At the dinner, the following boys boys who play hockey learn that there is more to the received awards: sport than just winning and losing - it teaches us life lessons. Most notably teamwork.

#### U14A Plaver of the Year: Cuan Cadiz U16A Player's Player (voted by their teammates):

This award was between three individuals, Ryan Whiffler, Callum Anderson and Matt Edwards, but the winner of the award this year was Callum Anderson.

**2nd team Player's Player:** As with U16, it was narrowed down to three players. Michael Kotze, Ethan January and James Robb-Quinlan, with James Robb-Quinlan chosen as the winner.

1st team - there are three awards for our first team:

**Plaver of the Year:** James Grieve Player's Player: Robbie Veldtman Sportsmanship Award: Carl van Wyngaarden

#### **Development and growth**

## This year, The Boys in Blue academy was introduced to target the development of players in all teams. An initiative led by SA Olympian Ryan Julius with the support of Cassa and 1st team players saw members of all teams getting a chance to train together weekly under the guidance of the aforementioned team. It allowed players the opportunity to grow and learn new skills, improve on their current skills and to develop the Bishops hockey community and create unity across age aroups.

Looking ahead. Bishops Hockey will continue to nurture and develop each player, focusing not only on winning but on the life skills learnt through the sport. As we close this season, we thank the coaches and staff for their unwavering commitment and support of players and the Bishops hockey community in general. Well done to all the boys for their dedication, hard work, and perseverance throughout the season.

Roseanne Withev Teacher-in-charge

















#### **Mountain Biking**

The success and growth of the club this year has been driven by students and parents. Captain of cycling Joe Manicom has done an excellent job managing the cycling sessions. The school has also benefited from professional coaching through a company called BreakAway, with Tom Rood being the coach allocated to Bishops. Thanks to Freddy Pfaff, Robbie Vincent, John Dingley, Nic McLagan and Matthew Radcliffe, a new cycling top was designed. The school also helped pay for the repair of the cycling trailer. The goals of the club are simple: to grow the sport and garner interest from the Bishops community, with the aim of competing against other schools in the Western Cape. Mountain biking, which is seen as a minor sport, runs throughout the year.

We participated in various events during the latter part of this year, namely, Contermanskloof Enduro, and the Spice Route and Bloemendal Cross-Country races, as well as the South City League final that was held at Wynberg Boys' High School. Matthew Ratcliffe is a very skilled rider and achieved some excellent times in various races. Joe Manicom is an outstanding captain. I also wish to thank the core of parents who have been extremely helpful and resourceful in the way they've helped manage logistical situations. A special thanks to Mr Ratcliffe for guiding the cycling trailer upgrade process. Mountain biking is a fast-growing sport among schools in South Africa and we are excited that Bishops is able to participate.

Leon Glanvill Teacher-in-charge

#### Rowing

This report will cover two different rowing seasons in the year's calendar. First, the end of the 2023/24 season. January to March and the beginning of the 2024/25 season, August to December.

The Bishops Rowing Club is moving into an era of unprecedented numbers and infrastructure development, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Teacher-in-charge and head coach Brad Smith. Since his arrival in 2017, it has been his goal to steer the club to new heights and respect within the school. Circumstances haven't been easy, given the weight of Covid-19 and unrowable water bodies, but despite this, the club is the strongest its been with the development of the Bishops Rowing Centre. Opened on 12 November, it's the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere. A salute to you, Brad, and special mention to Philip Bromley, Leon Traut, Charmaine Cheminais and the Bishops Rowing Committees from 2018 to 2024, for your continuous and relentless energy in raising funds and driving commitment to the development of the Bishops Rowing Centre.

Brad Smith writes: 'Our goal is to create a club that all young men aspire to join. This season has been extraordinary in this regard, with many notable results. The Bishops Rowing Club experienced its largest turnout in history, with nearly 90 boys joining. The atmosphere has been electric between rowers, coaches and supportive parents, who are crucial to keeping everything running smoothly.

'We are also thrilled to announce the groundbreaking new rowing centre - a project towards which the Bishops rowing community has worked for many years.

'Thanks to generous funding from parents and alumni. and support from the school, we have begun the next vital step in providing a much-needed home for rowing on campus.

'These developments have made this year truly special. While there are still more medals to win and logistical challenges to overcome, the Bishops Rowing Club will proudly be the custodian of Africa's first indoor rowing tanks.

'Thank you to everyone who made this year exceptional. It's never easy, but your support is invaluable. Thank vou.'

#### January to March 2024 (Second half of the 2023/24 season)

The season culminates with a five-day camp in early January. This camp sets the tone, sharpens the stroke and provides miles for the legs. We were privileged to find ourselves in the Langeberg Mountains in Buffeljags - the perfect hideaway to develop and seek speed, a coach and athlete favourite and never a dull sunset! Two national regattas provide the stage for the climax of the season. The Buffalo Regatta, the oldest rowing competition in the southern hemisphere and the RSA Junior Championship, where athletes race to be selected for junior national trials and the senior opens sign off their Bishops rowing careers. Thanks, and respect to these long-standing individuals who persevered in trying circumstances: Sebastian Cheminais (captain), Jack Hartman (vice-captain and boatman) and James Gage (vice-captain and media).

#### Open

With the club growing over the years, the depth of the 1st VIII has also strengthened. While there is still much to achieve, real progress is being made. Although the season officially began toward the end of 2023, our sprint season started in earnest with Rowing Camp, held a week before school commenced. Traditionally hosted at Buffeljags in Swellendam, it's a stunning venue where the entire club can stay. At camp, we laid essential foundations, and the senior rowers began their preparations for the season. From this point on, it was a full sprint for six weeks, at the end of which our Matric members saw the closure of their schoolboy rowing careers.

During those six weeks, our team competed in multiple local regattas, the Buffalo Regatta in East London, and South African Junior Champs, where they narrowly missed a spot in the hotly contested A final. Their most notable achievement was finishing sixth overall in the Junior Men's Coxed Four.

Congratulations to Sebastian Cheminais and Matthew Maurel, who were selected for the Western Cape U19 team that toured for the SA Senior Champs.

1st VIII: Jack Breslin, Sebastian Cheminais, Matthew de Jager, Viggo du Plessis, Seth Garewal, Jack Hartman, Matthew Maurel, Cameron Redfern, John van der Watt

#### Bradlev Smith

#### U16

The U16s had a tough but memorable season. The maturity to seek quiet and rest during the season was the thorn in the side. The number of sessions missed meant that the required momentum to be highly competitive was always lost. The attitude to keep pushing, though, was highly commendable. This attitude characterises this tightknit age group, who found a

fantastic balance between hard work and never taking themselves too seriously - attributes which I find are rare in the youth and which will guide them.

The results from the Buffalo Regatta and RSA Champs place the gents in the mid-field - fifth and sixth places in the 8+ respectively. The real victory was in increasing and holding the numbers within the age group and building a love for the sport. This can be seen in the continuity of this age group into junior open, with every individual continuing rowing for the 2024/25 season.

A special mention to Stuart Hudson and Kai Bacher for their selection to the Western Cape U16 Squad. They proudly represented Bishops under the Western Cape banner at Senior RSA Champs.

#### Chris Hale

#### U15

The end of the 2023/24 season saw some tough racing from the U15s. This period is the climax of the season. with the primary focus being SA Champs to finish off an incredible season of rowing.

As we have come to expect from this group of talented rowers, the results reflected the immense effort and dedication from the boys during training. Coaches are always happy to see the bigger boats achieving medals, especially at tough competitions like SA Champs, as they indicate the abilities of the entire age group. We were thus delighted to see the boys hang onto their silver medal in the Octuple, while also closing the gap on St Benedict's significantly compared with the same race last year.

This impressive result is just one of many from the latter half of an already successful season. Every rower in the age group set themselves up well for their transition into U16, where the level of competition will only increase. The coaches look forward to yet another uptick in ability and professionalism from this group, as this will enable them to stay focused on their two-year goal of surpassing their rivals and earning the elusive SA Champs gold.

#### Paige Crooks

#### U14

The U14s had an outstanding season, showing tremendous resilience and skill. A strong start by securing first-ever wins in the Octuple and Quad at their opening regatta set the tone for the rest of the year. Determined to keep their winning streak alive, the boys continued to push themselves, achieving a clean sweep in their final regatta before SA Champs. A standout moment was the B Oct taking second place over Rondebosch Boys, an impressive accomplishment for the age group.

Eleven boys were selected to compete at SA Champs, where they arrived ready to take on the Johannesburg schools. The Double made it to the A finals in the U15 and U14 divisions, with Dominic Planting securing a spot in the U14 Sculls A-Final. The highlight of the regatta was the Octuple, where the boys fought hard to claim the title of the second fastest U14 boys in the country. They capped off the event with a third-place finish in the Quad, wrapping up a fantastic season.

Georgia Watson

#### August to December 2024 (First half of the 2024/25 Season)

Bi-annually Bishops Rowing tours to Boston. This is the highlight and one of the bucket-list rowing experiences. The winter training stands our seniors in great stead for the upcoming season and provides an opportunity to explore the rowing world and possible tertiary educational prospects! This side of the season is a month's worth of regattas, namely the Cape Peninsula Champs, the Misverstand Regatta and, of course, Boatrace on the mighty Kowie River. Our boatrace crew is currently starting their training, and we wish the best of luck to the following: Yazeed Lalken (cox), Jack Breslin (stroke), Cameron Redfern (7), Ben Redfern (6), Matthew Maurel (5), Calum Darnell (4), Edward Potgieter (3), John van der Watt (2), Seth Garewal (bow). Spares – Roman Watman and Adam Carter.

#### Christopher Hale





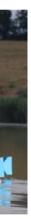




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#### Rugby

Bishops rugby in 2024 ushered in a new TIC and saw the active implementation of the Rugby Curriculum, started in 2023. The results on the field of play were a far cry from what we have become accustomed to, but the efforts from all involved and the belief in 'Rebuilding the Blues' with a sustainable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will ensure that Bishops rugby stays relevant and competitive, were positive. My gratitude is extended to all who played a role in plotting our future. We have made strides on many fronts this year. We hosted a highly successful 175 Rugby Festival, with more than 20 top schools participating, and thousands of spectators attending the four-day tournament, which delivered a feast of rugby. It was so successful that a follow-up tournament has been mooted.

Our short-term and long-term plans are in full swing and a sustainable 'This is Bishops Rugby' with the MOU adopted to take our rugby to the next level is being planned. The Bishops Rugby Supporters Club (BRSC) has seen greater numbers and ended the year having achieved all the goals set out at the beginning of the season. The Rugby Committee and the highperformance managers have had a huge impact in setting our rugby on the correct path, which will ensure that our school, so richly entrenched in the game, claims back our rightful spot, especially among our Southern Suburbs neighbours.

We are proud of the efforts of our coaches, managers and boys, who ended the season on a positive note, showing immense improvement, compared to the start of the year. This momentum will be taken into 2025. with our preseason programme in full swing in all age groups. We look forward to Bishops rugby in 2025, and the prospect of a bumper season.

#### 1st XV

Our 1st XV made a promising start to the season with two good wins in the Wynberg Festival against Windhoek High School and St Charles College. The 175 Rugby Festival was next on the list and although we





lost to Michaelhouse, the boys bounced back and beat win that should have been by more. Another standout our traditional rivals. St Andrew's, in an exciting, topsymatch was our game vs Paul Roos away - losing by 6 turvy encounter. Our next engagement was at the points with an excellent comeback in the second half KES Festival, where we lost both matches. We entered reminiscent of our Paarl Boys game. What became the toughest schoolboy rugby league in the world crucial was how squad players came off the bench to and played second fiddle in most fixtures, except for impact games and get us over the line. Our final Bosch a fantastic gritty win against SACS on a wet, muddy game was exceptional and very much our most perfect Saturday afternoon. Irrespective of the results in the WP performance of the season in a 35-17 drubbing on the league, the efforts of the boys, coaches and staff are Tinkie Heyns, with excellent performances from almost highly commended, week after week. Our gratitude goes every player, but one player who had an exceptional to the medical team, the physiotherapy team and to the performance was Oscar Todd, who scored a hat-trick. parents who encouraged their boys to give of their best throughout the season. We salute the BLUES of 2024! 4th XV (Wild Boys)

#### **3rd XV (Stripes)**

The Stripes had another successful season. This is customary for a team that has a strong identity and culture which is built on brotherhood, and on the playing philosophy of 'Out work, out think, out skill'. It's difficult to create synergy at times, with lots of movement of players up and down, but we had continuity with the 4ths and players who came up in and out of the team, but many were part of the preseason squad – especially some talented Grade 11 players. Overall, we played 13 games, won eight and lost five. Most importantly, we won five out of six matches vs our Southern Suburbs rivals (mandatory triple crown) and narrowly missed out on a Grand Slam due to a last-minute penalty kick for Wynberg in the second game. Standout matches were our demolition of Wynberg (49-24) on the Piley, playing an exceptional width game with attack continuity skills on full display - the players could see the benefits of the skill-based games we played and the game driver strategies. However, we were a little porous on defence at times in the second term. This was rectified wholeheartedly vs Bosch in the first game, with some courageous defence early on which set the tone for a

This season was a tough one for the Wild Boys, but it came with some memorable highlights. We managed to pull off some great wins along the way, which really showed the team's hard work and grit. We had our sights set on the triple crown, and we came close, only missing out in the second half of the season by the narrowest of margins to SACS. Despite the ups and downs, the boys put their hearts into every game, and there's a strong foundation to build on for next year.

#### 5th XV

The team had a tough year results-wise. The season was a successful one and the boys enjoyed themselves, and did play some good rugby throughout the course of the year. The issue that plagued us was an inability to finish strong, and we had several games where we started well, and were still in the game, but somehow, we took our collective foot off the pedal, and let teams dominate, and so games that may have been won, were lost.

#### 6th XV

The 6th XV had a good season. They were a strong side, and had the ability to score tries from anywhere on the field and could, at times, dazzle! A triple crown in the

second term was just reward for this ability. The team could not quite sustain these levels in the third term, but still played pleasing rugby, where backs and forwards handled the ball with skill and speed. The team practised enthusiastically, and did not shy away from contact. The result was a team that fronted up physically and played their brand of rugby.

#### Under-16A

U16 is always a difficult age group in the league in which we play: other schools have recruited, boys have matured, and the levels of professionalism are evident even though it is still age-group school rugby. The step up from a physicality point of view from U15 is also significant and this year was not without a series of injuries to a number of players - at one stage as many as 16 boys were out between the A and B teams. Despite these challenges, the 2024 season was a memorable and enjoyable one, primarily due to the commitment, and positivity of all involved, players and coaches. The highlights will undoubtably be the draw to Boland, the first win against St Andrew's and the victory in the penultimate match against SACS, while the second half against a very strong Paul Roos team on their main field was a fantastic display of brave, skilful rugby.

#### Under-16B

The team beat Rondebosch three times in the season! No other Bishops team can claim that achievement, as the U16Bs played our fierce rivals as a shortened warm-up fixture in the 175 Festival. Tongue-in-cheek comments aside, there were other highlights of what was actually an incredibly gruelling season. Beating SACS in the return fixture, after losing to them earlier in the term, was certainly something else to be proud of. The boys were well served by being part of a larger squad together with the A side.

#### Under-16C and Under-16D

An eagerly anticipated 2024 rugby season began at the end of Term 1, with the boys participating in the Bishops 175 Rugby Festival hosted at Bishops. With the blood. sweat and tears of preseason behind them, it was time for the boys to showcase their skills. In a great first-time display the boys managed to win 2 out of 3, narrowly going down to Wynberg. Nonetheless, the festival had achieved its goals of getting the boys fired up and hungry for the official start of league fixtures at the start of Term 2. With a tricky start to the season against Boland Landbou, where all teams found it difficult to get going, the U16Cs pulled off a mesmerizing 44-7 over our Boland compatriots. This proved to be the only winning result by Bishops on a day dominated by Boland Landbou wins. Following a tremendous start against Landbou, the U16Cs endured some tough fixtures, losing narrowly to a Collegians Rugby Club U16A outfit, coming up short against SACS in a wet and muddy affair decided by a last-minute try by SACS at the death, and getting beaten convincingly by a strong Wynberg team. With some pressure on numbers in the U16 age group, the U16D managed to get their first outing on the pitch vs Wynberg U16D in a game of two halves, where the U16D boys went down a couple of tries in the first half but displayed tremendous fight and courage in the second half to go down 12-33. Although this was a tough three-game spell, what stood out to me was the continuous improvement in the execution of the basics as well as the passion and hunger to play for each other and Bishops rugby.

Term 2 came to a good conclusion, amidst a slight injury crisis in the U16A and B teams, resulting in the C and D teams being affected with boys being moved up. Despite this, the U16Cs managed to get a well-foughtout 12-12 draw in the first leg of the coveted Bish-Bosch



Derby, bringing Term 2 to a close. Term 3 was meant to unfamiliar territory, getting the chance to play back-tofeed off the hunger, passion and energy we finished off back weekends. Unfortunately, SACS U16Ds proved to with at the end of Term 2. Instead, we saw our first game be the superior team on the day, winning 0-31. The close against Paarl Gimnasium cancelled due to torrential rain of 2024 was upon us and it was to be concluded with and storms over the first weekend back. To add further the second leg of the Bish-Bosch Derby. Unfortunately, complications, there was a major unavailability crisis we had to abandon the U16C fixture against Rondebosch due to injury, illness and boys being away, but this was due to a major injury incurred because of a waterlogged slightly alleviated by three exchange students coming to pitch, and Rondebosch did not have a D team. the rescue. Despite these setbacks, the U16Cs managed to pull off another result of the day by going down Under-15A and Under-15B at the death 15-18 to a Paul Roos penalty. Despite the While the overall results of the season may not reflect tough start to Term 3, they had a great display against our aspirations, it is essential to highlight the significant Collegians U16A in the return fixture, where they were growth and development experienced by this squad able to turn things around with a 17-12 victory. Term 3 of players. One cannot fault the dedication these came to close with the second leg of the annual triple players showed every week, consistently putting in the crown games. The U16D boys were once again able to effort during practices and matches. There has been get a run out on the park against their familiar rivals, a noticeable improvement in both skills and game Wynberg, Wynberg proved to be a tougher affair than awareness, which is a testament to their hard work. the first showing, claiming 0-24 over the U16C and The tough training sessions have undoubtedly built U16D teams. SACS was to follow and there was some significant resilience within this group. Players have unfished business... After losing narrowly 24-26 in Term embraced numerous learning opportunities, focusing on 2. the U16Cs made amends and thumped SACS 45-12 in refining their techniques and strategies during practice. a convincing return leg win at home. The U16Ds were in This commitment has fostered a culture of continuous

improvement, where each player is encouraged to push their limits. Additionally, the camaraderie developed among teammates has been a crucial aspect of this season. The bonds formed off the field have translated into better communication and teamwork during matches, enhancing overall performance.

#### Under-15C and Under-15D

It goes without saying that the U15C team (Super Cs) was the most successful outfit this season, recording memorable wins. They were competitive and well marshalled by the coaching staff and managers. The U15D team also claimed outstanding victories, although the number of matches was curtailed due to injuries.

#### Under-14A and Under-14B

The boys who donned the white jersey of the U14A and U14B teams gave of their best throughout the season. Although the wins were few and far between, the talent in this team was evident from the start. We had a few close encounters, which could have easily turned into 'Ws' for the teams. This crop of boys has a bright future ahead and with the proper mentoring and coaching, will represent the 1st XV down the line!

#### Under-14C and Under-14D

Preseason rugby training has now extended right down to the U14C and D team level. The boys were out and about in the first term, doing skills sessions and gym work - they even played in a festival hosted by Bishops. It was a tough season for the boys as injuries, concussions and sickness always depleted our numbers and the D team all but fell away. The boys enjoyed their rugby despite being on the losing side in most matches, and each person developed as a player.

Ronald Jacobs Teacher-in-charge



#### Sailing

Michael Lawson (commodore) led the group of sailors this year after last year's Matric leadership team of Ross Collins and Richard Mason handed over the ceremonial Diocesan College Yacht Club (DCYC) burgee. Hearty congratulations to Lukas Drimie who is our new commodore - and, in the years of my running sailing since 2004, our first who is a boarder!

In our 2023 report, we mentioned Theo Scheder-Bieschin's participation in some sailing of the 29er overseas. Congratulations to him for earning his Distinction Tie and for winning the smaller sports trophy at the Matric Prize-Giving!

Our group this year is small but hugely enthusiastic and it is a delight to have the 'new blood' in the form of Grade 8s Max Harvey, Charles de Villiers and Benjamin Klerck. I was delighted that Benjamin and Charles participated in a club regatta in Term 1. The general enthusiasm of the whole group resulted in us having an earlier start to our fourthterm sailing by getting in three weeks at the end of Term 3 – a huge bonus, particularly as this term was quite short.

In the Interhouse Sailing, Founders is to be congratulated on their win. Another 'first' since the 2010 inauguration of the Michael Ovenstone Trophy for Interhouse Sailing, was that a boarding House had its name engraved on the plaque!

Congratulations are due to Michael Lawson and Theo Scheder-Bieschin for being awarded Full Colours for sailing, and Lukas Drimie for being awarded Half Colours.

Graham Robertson Teacher-in-charge

#### SPORT - SAILING









#### Shooting

The boys really enjoyed their shooting this year. They have learnt much about the technique required for shooting accurately and consistently, and many of the boys made wonderful progress in this regard. There seems to be an increased interest in this sport, which is very encouraging. Fedde van den Bosch gave us some valuable input into 'thinking the shot into the bull', and he also helped us to maintain and upgrade our equipment. The boys enjoyed the introduction of shooting slings, and they will be introduced to new shooting positions in the near future. The boys and ODs enjoyed the competition on Founders Day, but the ODs proved to be too strong for our young men at this stage. Nonetheless, much fun was had. We are hoping to build on this past season and are hoping to get the boys competition ready for the future.

Jean Nolte Teacher-in-charge



#### Soccer

The 2024 season was a resounding success, marking a significant step forward for the sport at the college. The teams displayed exceptional determination and passion, emerging as true ambassadors of Bishops on and off the field. The growth of soccer at the school was evident, with five teams competing this year: U19A, U19B, U17, U15A and U15B. This increase in the number of teams is clear evidence of the sport's growing popularity.

The 1st team was ably led by captain Calum Daniels, with vice-captain Nic Deckenbrock at his side. Both young men demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment. A special mention must be made of Nic Deckenbrock's selection to represent Namibia's U20 National team.

Our teams participated in several local tournaments, including the Wynberg Soccer Tournament and the Rondebosch U17 Youth Cup. They performed admirably in these events, showcasing their talent, sportsmanship, and a strong adherence to the ethos of the college. The standout performance of the season came from the U15A team, which won the Wynberg Tournament without suffering a single defeat. This exceptional side also had an outstanding league run, losing only one match - a commendable achievement for such a young team. Of course, these successes wouldn't have been possible without the support and dedication of the coaches and team managers. Their hard work behind the scenes was crucial in ensuring the teams were well prepared and motivated throughout the season.

Alungile Williams Teacher-in-charge

#### SPORT - SHOOTING AND SOCCER





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## **Sports Performance and Wellness** Programme

Bishops developed a comprehensive Sports Performance and Wellness (SPW) Programme in 2020. The programme aims to achieve the holistic development of the boys by addressing their conditioning, performance, wellness and injury management. The programme spans all three campuses, tailoring its approach to each developmental stage: Pre-Prep, Prep and College.

Commencing at Pre-Prep, the programme focuses on developing general gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination. This solid foundation evolves through to the Prep and then at the College, where specialised conditioning programmes for the various years and sports are applied.

At the College specifically, the SPW team is involved in various areas of the school day. These are:

- Sports performance and wellness testing with Grades 8, 9 and 10 twice a year
- Sports Science Life Orientation theory and practical classes
- Dual athlete monitoring and management
- Wellness monitoring and management
- On-field and in-gym conditioning for individuals and teams
- Sports-specific testing and data analyses
- Injury management planning

The SPW Programme demonstrates continuous growth, relentlessly seeking avenues to positively impact Bishops students' physical and performance wellbeing, and ensuring a seamless progression from Pre-Prep to the pinnacle of their academic and athletic journey at College.

Christopher Ekron Teacher-in-charge







#### Surfing

The 2024 Interhouse Surfing Competition was held on Friday, 30 August, at Blouberg Beach in three-to-fourfoot cross-shore conditions that proved to be quite challenging. After the initial round of heats, the two finals were held.

The junior final was contested by Nick Mclagan (Founders) and John Dingley (Ogilvie), with Nick winning by a narrow margin.

The senior final developed into a tight battle between Birt House, represented by Anthony Lampe and William Prestage, and Kidd House represented by Josh van Wyk. Josh, however, emerged as the overall winner with the highest points score not only in the final, but also over the whole event.

The Interhouse Surfing Trophy was awarded to Josh van Wvk and Kidd House.

#### Keith Warne Teacher-in-charge

#### Swimming

Swimming at Bishops continues to flourish, showing steady growth and remarkable achievements. Our standout swimmers - Christo le Roux, Luc Bestel, and Rhys Haupt - represented Bishops with excellence and determination in the A-League galas, competing fiercely against top-tier schools such as Rondebosch and Reddam Durbanville. Although our smaller team size places us in the C League, we anticipate a challenging and rewarding season ahead.

Bevond the school pool. Luc Bestel has been making waves on national and international stages. At the South African Junior Nationals in March, he claimed first place in the 200m backstroke, 100m medley relay, and the 50m freestyle relay. The success continued in April at the SA Schools Swimming Championship, where he secured first place in both the 100m backstroke and the 200m individual medley. Luc was also the youngest finalist at the South African Open National Short Course Championship, a testament to his dedication and talent. Currently, Luc is ranked first in South Africa for the 200m backstroke, second in 100m backstroke and 200m individual medley, fourth in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke, seventh in the 100m butterfly, and 10th in the 100m freestyle - a truly impressive line-up of achievements.

We are incredibly proud of Luc and his accomplishments, but we also celebrate the commitment of every swimmer on our team. Their dedication and hard work are the driving forces behind the growth of Bishops swimming, and we eagerly anticipate more great performances in the future.

#### Nadia Snyman Teacher-in-charge

#### Water Polo

The 2024 Water Polo season was marked by significant growth, in results and in developing the culture and skill base within our programme. We played 194 matches over all the age groups and only lost 87. Our primary goal was to advance our coaching standards, foster a positive water polo culture and equip our boys with the skills, conditioning and tactical awareness necessary to succeed and enjoy the game at every level.

Since we rely on external coaches rather than teacher coaches, it's been invaluable to have Lwazi Madi, our Director of Coaching and current South African captain. on the pool deck daily, supporting and guiding the coaching staff across all age groups. This ensured that age-appropriate skills, techniques and strategies are taught consistently across our teams. To further enhance coaching expertise, our coaches attended a workshop run by Lwazi, Jabulani Sibiya (1st team coach) and guest speaker Duncan Woods of Elevate Water Polo. Duncan's focus on communication, etiquette and team culture was inspiring and instructive. Our coaching staff are also completing the Elevate online coaching course, ensuring they stay aligned with the latest techniques and best practices. Additionally, a refereeing workshop led by FINA referee Dion Willis was held for our A squads. interested players and coaches to clarify the new rules and interpretations.

This year, we also established the Bishops Water Polo Supporters Club and we thank them for providing a high-quality video camera that has already been put to good use in match analysis and training.

#### Team performance highlights

This season, we fielded 14 teams across the U14, U15 and U19 age groups, with standout performances from several teams deserving special mention:

**U14 Division:** The U14s showed the most significant improvement across our programme. All teams displayed Vincent and his squad. remarkable growth in technique and resilience. The U14A team competed in four major tournaments - Reddam, 1st team achievements Jeppe, Rondebosch and Hilton - achieving victories The 1st team was named the Western Province Team against teams like Kearsney, Michaelhouse, Hilton and St of the Year at the recent Western Province Schools Stithians. Despite a narrow loss to Rondebosch in their Capping Ceremony - an honour last achieved by Bishops final match, the team demonstrated substantial progress in 2011. The team lost only five matches in a tough

which promises a strong future. A big thank you goes to Jake Stewart, OD, for his excellent work with this side.

**U15 Division:** The U15 teams had an exceptionally successful season. The U15C team secured wins over Paul Roos and Rondebosch, and while fewer schools could field a D team, our U15Ds managed memorable victories against Wynberg, SACS and Rondebosch. The U15Bs remained unbeaten, a remarkable achievement. with coach Liam Tonetti creating a supportive team culture. The U15A team enjoyed a strong season with initial wins over Paul Roos and SACS. At the Parktown Tournament, they advanced to the guarterfinals, where they were narrowly defeated by Kearsney. Their best result was third place at the Wynberg Tournament and they ended the season on a high with victories over Rondebosch, Reddam and Paul Roos. Coaches Sam Hanssen and Tom Liefeldt, both ODs, deserve recognition for preparing the team to step confidently into the senior division.

Open Division: We fielded six sides in the Open Division, showcasing our depth in water polo. The 3rd team enjoyed the unique opportunity of attending the Pearson High School 2nd Team Tournament, which they approached with wonderful team spirit. The 2nd team excelled with a record of 14 wins, 1 draw and only 2 losses, securing a silver medal at the Pearson Tournament and later clinching victory over Rondebosch in the 2nd Team League Final. Well done to coach Julian

season of 48 games; twice to Rondebosch (played eight times in total), twice to SACS (played eight times in total) and once to Kearsney. At the end of the season, Bishops ranked number one in the country.

Their first major tournament was at St Andrew's College where they enjoyed a standout performance against Rondebosch in the guarterfinals. They progressed to the finals, narrowly losing to SACS in a thrilling game.

Back home, the team claimed a 14-10 victory over SACS in the SACS Night League Final, sending our supporters into the pool in celebration!

At the prestigious King Edward VII School Tournament, the team performed admirably, but narrowly lost to Rondebosch in the semifinals. They went on to beat SACS, securing the bronze medal. Additionally, Tom Truter was honoured as the Attacker of the KES Tournament, while Jordan De Sousa and Tim Young (Grade 10) made the tournament team. The team also took huge pride in being awarded the Fairplay Trophy at KES for exemplary conduct in and out of the pool, marking the second time Bishops has claimed this trophy in the last two years, reflecting the culture the side has worked so hard to cultivate.

In the Mazinter Cup final, the premier interschools local event, after beating Rondebosch in the semifinals Bishops triumphed over Paul Roos, winning in front of a packed crowd and ending the first half of the season on a massive high.

For the Matrics, the season concluded with the SACS Tournament at the end of the third term, when Bishops claimed their first-ever gold in the tournament, defeating St John's 5-3 in the final. Jordan De Sousa

(Best Goalkeeper). Tom Truter (Best Attacker). Timothy Young, Ross Stewart and Michael Voogt all made the tournament team.

In October, the team attended the St Stithians Invitational Stavers' Tournament with a fresh squad led by our 2025 captain and vice-captain, Heath Blackwell and Milo Letschert. They displayed incredible promise by making it to the final unbeaten, before an unexpected last-minute setback led to a Kearsney win and a proud silver medal. Individually, three players made the tournament team: Matt Fenn (also awarded Attacker of the Tournament). Owen Cross and Timothy Young.

Individually, there were numerous accolades, with four members of the team reaching their 100-game milestone: Jordan De Sousa (goalie), Cameron Moon, Ross Stewart (captain) and Michael Voogt. And for Tom Truter a massive 150.

This year's successes are a testament to the team's hard work, commitment and talent. Having two players. Jordan De Sousa and Thomas Truter, selected for the South African U19 team, as well as four U16 players, bolstered the programme's growth. Our 1st team coach, Jabulani Sibiya, has been exceptional, tactically and in fostering a strong team culture. Along with Lwazi Madi, our Director of Coaching, his contributions have been instrumental in the success of Bishops' water polo, and we look forward to their continued leadership.

Special thanks to our coaching and management teams for their dedication and to the boys who assisted with officiating, scoring and refereeing. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sean Abrahams for his work in maintaining our pool facilities.

#### Awards

Full Colours (re-awards): Jordan De Sousa, Ross Stewart Tom Truter

Full Colours: Cameron Moon, Brvn Parry, Michael Voogt Half Colours: Heath Blackwell, Owen Cross, Noah Edmunds, Matt Fenn, Milo Letschert, Michael Mafunda, James Malan, Ross Walker, Tim Young Service Tie: Nic Hatty, for services to water polo as Leader of the Table Crew WP U18 Currie Cup team (March):

Jordan De Sousa, Ross Stewart, Tom Truter 1st Team Coach: Jabulani Sibiya WP U16 Currie Cup team (March): Matt Fenn, James Malan, Tim Young

#### Western Province selections

U14B: Cuan Cadiz, Robert Kirsten, Adam Tanfield, Jamie Thomason U14A: Troy Webb **U15B:** Dominic Zulch **U15A:** Oliver Badenhorst, Harry Ford U16B: Noah Coleman, Anthony Lampe, Christopher McLagan, Noah Viuff **U16A:** Matthew Fenn, Michael Mafunda, James Malan, Timothy Young **U19B:** Luke Cartwright, Milo Letschert **U19A:** Ross Stewart, Thomas Truter South African representation: SA U18: Jordan De Sousa (Distinction Tie), Thomas Truter (Distinction Tie) SA U16: Matthew Fenn, Michael Mafunda, James Malan, Timothy Young

Angus Firth Teacher-in-charge











#### Sri Lanka

Bishops 1st Cricket team, consisting of 15 players captained by Michael Kotze and under the management of Visser Gildenhuvs and Lutho Pohlongo. eagerly embarked on a 12-day tour of Sri Lanka, via airport stops in Dubai and the Maldives, during the mid-year school holidays. The occasion marked Bishops' first international cricket tour since venturing to India in 2016 (thanks, in no small part, to Covid-19 scuppering plans to tour England in 2020), and afforded players the unique opportunity of travelling to an exotic and faraway land, as well as gain invaluable experience in playing the game under vastly different conditions to those in Cape Town. The sultry heat, humidity, monsoonlike rain (which accounted for the first two scheduled games of the tour) and spin-friendly decks will live long in the memory of every player. Bishops ultimately won six out of seven matches - an impressive achievement, highlighting the team's talent, resolve and ability to adapt quickly to foreign conditions.

The first fixture of the tour, on 27 June, was against Royal College. Bishops didn't get off to a good start, couldn't recover, and lost the game. This fixture marked Bishops' only loss during the tour.

The second and third fixtures, on 28 June, were two T2Os against the Anuradhapura U21 District team.

The Bishops players familiarised themselves with the conditions and comfortably won both matches.

The fourth fixture, on 29 June, was against the Best Way Cricket Academy, After Best Way posted a challenging total of 268. Bishops chased it down with 7 balls to spare, winning by 2 wickets.

In the fifth fixture on 1 July, Bishops faced Mahinda College from Galle. The opposition batted first, scoring 166 for 9. Due to some rain delays, the game was shortened to 44 overs. Bishops chased the target successfully, scoring 168 in the 31st over, winning by 5 wickets.

The sixth fixture, on 2 July, was a match against the Foundation of Goodness. They scored 134 in their 20 overs. Bishops chased down the score by the 17th over, winning by 5 wickets.

The seventh and last game, on 3 July, was against Royal College from Colombo, one of the top cricket schools in the country. They were dismissed for 138 and Bishops chased their total down comfortably, to win by 8 wickets.

#### Stand-out performances:

• Adnaan Lagadien: 101 off 75 balls v Best Way Cricket Academy; 79\* v Royal College.

- commendable, and will undoubtedly contribute to their • Pevton Leigh: an overall haul of 20 wickets in 7 growth, holistically and as cricketers, in the seasons games. ahead. • Waco Bassick: 4 wickets against Best Wav Cricket
- Academy; 52 off 40 deliveries against Anuradhapura.
- It would be remiss of me not to place on record a • Calum Daniels: 52\* off 32 deliveries against the specific vote of thanks to the following people - among Foundation of Goodness. • Thaafier Japtha: 56 against Mahinda College. many groups and organisations - for making this most fantastic of tours a reality: • Alex Vintcent: a match-winning knock of 43\* off 25
- deliveries against Best Way Cricket Academy.

The tour was a wholly memorable and thoroughly enriching experience for all involved. Among the highlights were visits to ancient Sri Lankan cities like Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Colombo. We drank in everything, from the majestic structures and temples (including the iconic fort in the coastal city of Galle and the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy) and museums and attractions (like the acclaimed Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage in Rambukkana) to the pristine Sri Lankan countryside and the jungle-like surrounds of the famed Foundation of Goodness in Hikkaduwa, among others, Travelling to match-day venues in the east, north and south of the island afforded the tour party a genuine perspective of Sri Lanka's beauty and fascinating culture and history. The members of the group who were 'chased' by two aggressive (and very large) cobras on their way to dinner at the hotel in Anuradhapura will attest to the country's varied wildlife! The players' perseverance and determination throughout were

- The parents of the players of the tour squad who worked tirelessly to raise the funds required to make the tour affordable for all members of the group. These efforts culminated in a hugely successful guiz evening and auction - held in the Mallett Centre - on the evening of Saturday, 8 June.
- The 'Bundu Bashers', specifically Craig Goodenough and Vivien Spencer-Meadows, for coordinating - so very well - all tour-specific arrangements.
- The team's local guide, Ruchira Godamunne of tour operator Tripavi, for hosting the tour party so graciously and wonderfully, from start to finish, during our stay in Sri Lanka.

Visser Gildenhuys





















## A disCERNing adventure: A tour worth its weight in scientific gold

The 2024 Across the Alps Science Tour to Italy. Switzerland and France was a whirlwind of adventure! Three countries, 31 adventurous boys, one brave girl, three passionate science teachers, one gigantic particle collider, one breath-taking snow-capped mountain, one tall French iron lady, one famous ancient Roman road, one quaint Italian wine farm, and numerous flashy Ferraris and McLarens made for an unforgettable European summer filled with an exciting amount of science and adventure.

Our journey spanned 13 to 24 June, focusing on cuttingedge science at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, CERN should not be confused with the Swiss town Lucerne. CERN is an acronym which stands for The European Organisation for Nuclear Research, in French, It was founded after the Second World War under the auspices of UNESCO, by 12 founding member states. CERN's goal has always been science for peace, meaning its technology and knowledge is not for military use. All its research is open to the public and access is free. CERN is the world's largest particle physics laboratory and houses the most powerful particle collider ever built. It is the birthplace of the World Wide Web, the invention grounds of GPS navigation, touchscreen technology,

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PET scan imaging, hadron cancer therapy, and the home of many physics Nobel laureates. It is truly an inspiring place from a scientific perspective!

On our tour we had the privilege to spend a full day at CERN, delving into particle physics. We visited two facilities: the CERN Control Centre (resembling a NASA rocket launch control room) and the SM18 super magnet facility where they build and test superconducting magnets to steer the proton particle beams around the Large Hadron Collider. We also did a hands-on experiment, building our own particle detectors in CERN's Science Gateway!

While in Geneva, we also explored the world-renowned Red Cross Museum, received a guided tour of the Patek Philippe Museum - the pinnacle of watchmaking luxury - and participated in hands-on science activities at the Science History Museum along Lake Geneva. One evening we were treated to traditional Swiss cuisine at restaurant Auberge de Savièse, indulging in Swiss meats, Swiss Gruyère cheese fondue and delicious dessert!

We crossed into Switzerland via Chamonix, where we summited the breathtaking Mont Blanc mountain in the French Alps, sledding down its snow-capped slopes and hiking to the Blue Lake. So much fun!

In France, we summited the Eiffel Tower, explored Parisian landmarks like the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame, and immersed ourselves in military history at the Musée de l'Armée, where we also visited the tomb of Napoleon.

Italy dazzled us with the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum's ancient glory, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, and an exhilarating e-bike ride along the historic Appian Way in Rome. We got a lesson in winemaking and had a beautiful lunch and wine tasting at Santa Benedetta wine farm in the Frascati region outside Rome - many a sommelier's dream. In Florence. we marvelled at Michelangelo's David and traced Galileo's footsteps at the Galileo Museum. We took an exciting train trip to the Tower of Pisa and did workshops at the Ferrari Museum's Red Campus in Maranello - a highlight for the boys! From there we continued to the fashion capital of Milan for some super-stylish shopping in the Duomo di Milano area.

Our journey seamlessly combined science, culture and adventure, the crucial ingredients that make for an unforgettable tour. The teachers did a fantastic job of keeping everyone together, and taking care of 31 boys overseas. A special thank you goes to Lizelle Swanepoel - an ambassador for CERN in education - for expertly designing and leading this adventurous one-of-a-

kind tour, and to Anne Stevens (Head of Science) and Bulelani Sidawu (Lab Tech and Science teacher) for their dedicated support and enthusiasm throughout the tour. As several parents have expressed, the value of this tour - filled with learning, exploration and camaraderie - rivals that of a formal high school education, as the tour boys not only deepened their understanding of cutting-edge physics and research, but also grew in independence and confidence as they navigated foreign cultures. Here's to many more science tours to come!

#### Lizelle Swanepoel

















#### INTERNATIONAL TOURS - SCIENCE





### Boston and the Head of the Charles Regatta

Our Boston adventure began with an exhausting 18-hour journey, in stark contrast to our usual two-hour flights to Gautena. This lengthy trip tested everyone's resolve - some of us struggled to sleep - to make the most of our experience upon arrival. Once we touched down. it quickly became clear we were strangers in a country where systems and structures operate seamlessly.

An hour after reaching the hostel, our home for the next 10 days, we ventured out for an American experience: attending an NBA game. Thrilled but struggling with jet lag, we grabbed slices of pizza (one slice as large as an entire pizza back home), and fought to stay awake and appreciate the excitement of the game, fast learning about the strong entertainment culture in America.

The next day marked a highlight of our rowing careers: rowing from the prestigious Harvard boathouse. Rowing out of this iconic shed, known for its top-notch facilities and Olympic-level boats. left us speechless. We paused in our tracks as we watched Harvard's heavyweight rowers march out, proudly carrying their boats, chanting and slapping the boats to boost morale. Browsing the boathouse, we spotted numerous craft boasting Olympic and World Rowing stickers, a testament to Harvard's history and excellence.

Between training sessions, we took time to explore the city. Under the condition that we stayed in groups of at least three, we scouted stores for unique items and deals not available back home in South Africa. These ventures added a laver of excitement. Boston felt unfamiliar, vet welcoming, and during our exploration we made sure to leave our mark and a good impression of our South African culture.

In the days leading up to the regatta, the city began to swell with rowers and their families, further fuelling our anticipation. As the race day neared, we felt the pressure, a real mixture of excitement and tension. Then, finally, race day arrived, the day which we'd been preparing for for months and, for some, years. Each crew took to the course, representing not only their country, families and schools, but also the core spirit of their rowing club. Surrounded by more than 12 000 athletes and a crowd of 300 000 spectators, the atmosphere was electric.

This experience in Boston and at the Head of the Charles Regatta has left us with unforgettable memories and immense gratitude. Racing alongside worldclass athletes, exploring a new city, and experiencing the richness of a different culture made this trip an extraordinary milestone in our rowing journey and school careers. We are greatly thankful to Mr Smith, Mr Hale and all the coaches whose help made this possible.

Cameron Redfern Captain of Rowing





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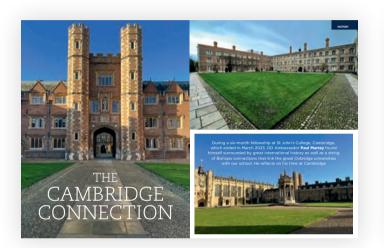
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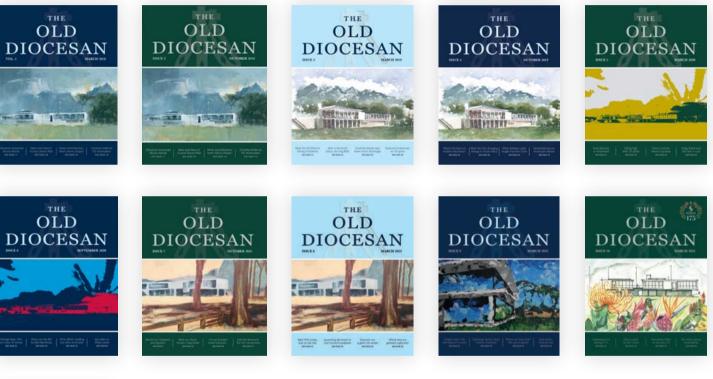




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