

# BISHOPS

## Academic Offering

### Grade 11 2025



*Bishops inspires individuals*

## Our **Academic Vision** is as follows:

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

# SA CURRICULUM REGULATED BY THE DBE

U M A L U S I

**UNIVERSITIES**

# WHY DID WE DECIDE TO START AN ALTERNATE STREAM TO NSC?

- Extension for our top pupils.

# WHY OFFER A LEVELS?

- In depth studies, while not restricting career choice
- Deep subject knowledge, greater conceptual understanding, exercising higher order thinking.
- Remain competitive.
- Entrance and funding into overseas universities.

# AIMS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CURRICULUM

- Confident in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
- Responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others

# AIMS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CURRICULUM

- Reflective as learners, developing their ability to learn
- Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges
- Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference

# WHAT WE HAVE NOTICED IN OUR BOYS

- ✓ The assessment style is very different
- ✓ The study periods help them to develop responsibility for self-guided learning.



# ACCESS TO SA UNIVERSITIES

SA Universities view:

- AS Levels = Matric
- A Levels = Between Matric and 1<sup>st</sup> year university

SA Universities require:

- NSC pupils to get a Bachelors Pass
- Cambridge pupils to get a Matric exemption

# ACCESS TO SA UNIVERSITIES

CAN QUALIFY WITH:

- **4 AS Levels plus 1 IGCSE** OR
- 5 AS Levels OR
- 2 A Levels plus 3 AS Levels OR
- 3 A Levels plus 2 AS Levels

# ACCESS TO SA UNIVERSITIES

## Compulsory:

- English Language and Literature AS
- Mathematics As Levels
- Afrikaans IGCSE

**Other:** Most SA Universities require 5 subjects ie two more  
**EXCEPT:** UCT Commerce and Medicine require 6  
subjects

CHECK YOUR UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS!

# HOW?

Grade 10 continue as usual.

Grade 11 choose NSC or Cambridge stream

# WHO?

- 75% overall average excluding LO.
- 80% minimum in Mathematics.
- 80% in the electives they wish to take.
- We will use June Exams results to make initial selections

# SUBJECT DETAILS

- Must offer course which provides SA exemption.
- Six subjects needed (5 AS Levels and 1 IGCSE)
  - ✓ IGCSE Afrikaans/ Or any SA language but NO IsiXhosa
  - ✓ AS English Language & Literature combined course
  - ✓ AS Mathematics
  - ✓ 3 Elective subject at AS Level

# AFRIKAANS IGCSE

## EXAMS:

1 OCTOBER 2024

15 OCTOBER 2024

# A LEVELS IN GRADE 12

- Need any 3 A levels, which have been covered at AS level.
- Can do 4



# 2024 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

## Elective choice:

Option 1: Chemistry/Economics AS Levels

Option 2: Physics AS Levels

Option 3: History/ Biology AS Levels

Option 4: Computer Science AS Levels (which will run after school on one day a week)

# HOW HAVE OUR BOYS FARED: 2023

AS CHEMISTRY: 77%

AS COMPUTER SCIENCE: 66%

AS ECONOMICS: 85%

AS HISTORY : 81%

AS ENG LANG AND LIT: 67%

AS MATHS: 81%

AS PHYSICS 83%

AFRIKAANS IGCSE: 69%

*Bishops inspires individuals*

# CAUTIONS AND LESSONS LEARNT

1. Look closely at reasons for pupils choosing Cambridge stream.

## BAD REASONS:

- To follow a teacher
- The idea that they don't need to do Afrikaans.
- Fewer subjects looks like less work.
- Idea of just focusing on their interests.
- Want to study overseas.

2. Points to emphasize:

- Cannot go back to NSC once Cambridge chosen (end of Term 1 Grade 11 cutoff)
- It is pitched much higher than NSC and has high demands.

# FAQ

1. Is the Cambridge Curriculum better than NSC through the DBE?
  - *Both NSC and Cambridge are highly regarded locally and overseas for university acceptance. Student dependent on which is better. Cambridge requires independent study.*
2. Can boys in Cambridge Stream still participate in extra mural programme?
  - *We would expect them to and they are able to.*
3. How do you allocate academic awards?
  - *Each stream has its own awards*
4. How does Cambridge Stream fit into timetable?
  - *At the same time as other subjects*
  - *Independent study in free lessons*
- 4.

# FAQ

- Do teachers have to have a certain qualification to teach Cambridge stream/ have completed compulsory training?

*Many of our teachers have extensive Cambridge teaching experience. In addition, training training is available and excellent.*

Do you have a special venue for the pupils doing the Cambridge stream to sit and do independent study?

*Not necessary with our school having work rooms in each house*

# FAQ

6. How do you/parents manage the NSC results dropping because top pupils in A Levels?
  - *A levels come out before NSC so they market the two together*
  
7. Do pupils still do LO?
  - *No.*
  
8. Do pupils still get a Bachelor's Pass?
  - *It is not called a Bachelor's Pass, but SA Exemption. It is equivalent.*

# FAQ

## 9. When do they write examinations?

- *There are examinations in June and October. We would participate in October sessions. Pupils could improve their Grade 11 AS results in June of Grade 12. We would run internal prelims to provide examination rehearsal.*

10. Cost : one – off R25000 over and above Bishops fees, excluding textbooks

# WHAT NEXT?

1. Survey the interest by the end of this term.
2. Final decision to be made at the end of Term 2.
3. Boys can consult boys/staff on the programme.