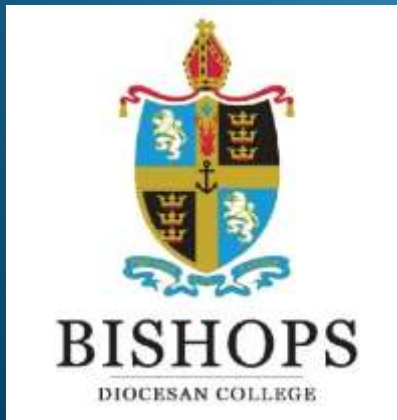


# *Bishops Academics*

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2018



# Academics at Bishops

- *Inspiring individuals*
- Being involved in life
- We have to prepare scholars for jobs that don't exist yet to answer questions that haven't been asked yet.
- Being **educated** not certificated.

# Overview

- Introduction: Dr Sproule
- Mathematics: Mrs Campbell
- The BSU: Mr Farlam
- Personal Planning: Mr Noel
- Laptops: Dr Sproule



# Bishops academic vision

Our aim is to empower our pupils to take their place in the global world they go into, and be positive participants in the shaping of that world.

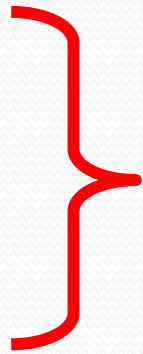
They will be self-motivated individuals who pursue excellence and engage with people and communities in a sophisticated way, and who approach situations knowledgeably, imaginatively and sensitively.

# High school habits

- Organisational skills are critical in high school
- Self-discipline and self-advocacy
- Motivation and perseverance
- Good sleep: The cell phone doesn't go to the bedroom.

# Critical competencies

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Grit
- Character



**21<sup>st</sup> Century  
skills**

# Educational bands

- Grades 7–9: (GET) General Education & Training
  - Grade 8 is not the end of primary school it's the start of the journey to matric.
  - Increased and new reasoning demands require greater intellectual commitment from your son.
- Grades 10–12: (FET) Further Education & Training
- Tertiary: Higher Education and Training

# Academic year planner

## 2018 Grade 8

week

### Term 1

1	15-Jan	
2	22-Jan	
3	29-Jan	
4	05-Feb	
5	12-Feb	
6	19-Feb	
7	26-Feb	
8	05-Mar	
9	12-Mar	<b>Industry Report</b>
10	19-Mar	
11	26-Mar	

(week commencing)

### Term 2

16-Apr	
23-Apr	
30-Apr	<b>Parents Evening</b>
07-May	
14-May	
21-May	<b>laptop orders</b>
28-May	<b>Exams</b>
04-Jun	<b>Exams</b>
11-Jun	
18-Jun	<b>Eisteddfod</b>

**full reports**

### Term 3

16-Jul	
23-Jul	<b>laptops arrive</b>
30-Jul	
06-Aug	
13-Aug	
20-Aug	
27-Aug	
03-Sep	<b>Industry Report</b>
10-Sep	
17-Sep	
24-Sep	

### Term 4

08-Oct	<b>Prizegiving</b>
15-Oct	
22-Oct	
29-Oct	<b>Industry Report</b>
05-Nov	
12-Nov	
19-Nov	<b>Exams</b>
26-Nov	<b>Exams</b>
03-Dec	

**full reports**



# Grades 8 & 9 subjects

- English
- Afrikaans (or French)
- Mathematics
- Life Orientation
- Divinity (not examinable)
- Economic & Management Sciences (EMS)
- Technology
- Natural Sciences – Biology
- Natural Sciences – Science
- Social Sciences – History
- Social Sciences – Geography
- Arts & Culture
  - Art
  - Drama
  - Music
  - French
  - Xhosa

# Rolling Averages

	date	raw score	out of	1 means Absent	score%	weight
task 1	Jan	12	20		60	20
task2	Jan	40	40		100	40
task3	Feb	22	30		73	30
task 4	Mar	23	40		58	40
exam	Mar	124	200		62	100
task 6	May	10	20		50	20
task 7	May	0	20	1	0	20
task 8	Jun	0	30	1	0	30
task 9	Jun	0	100	1	0	100
task 10	Jun	81	90		90	90
Average %					70.9	
Rolling Average					73.5	

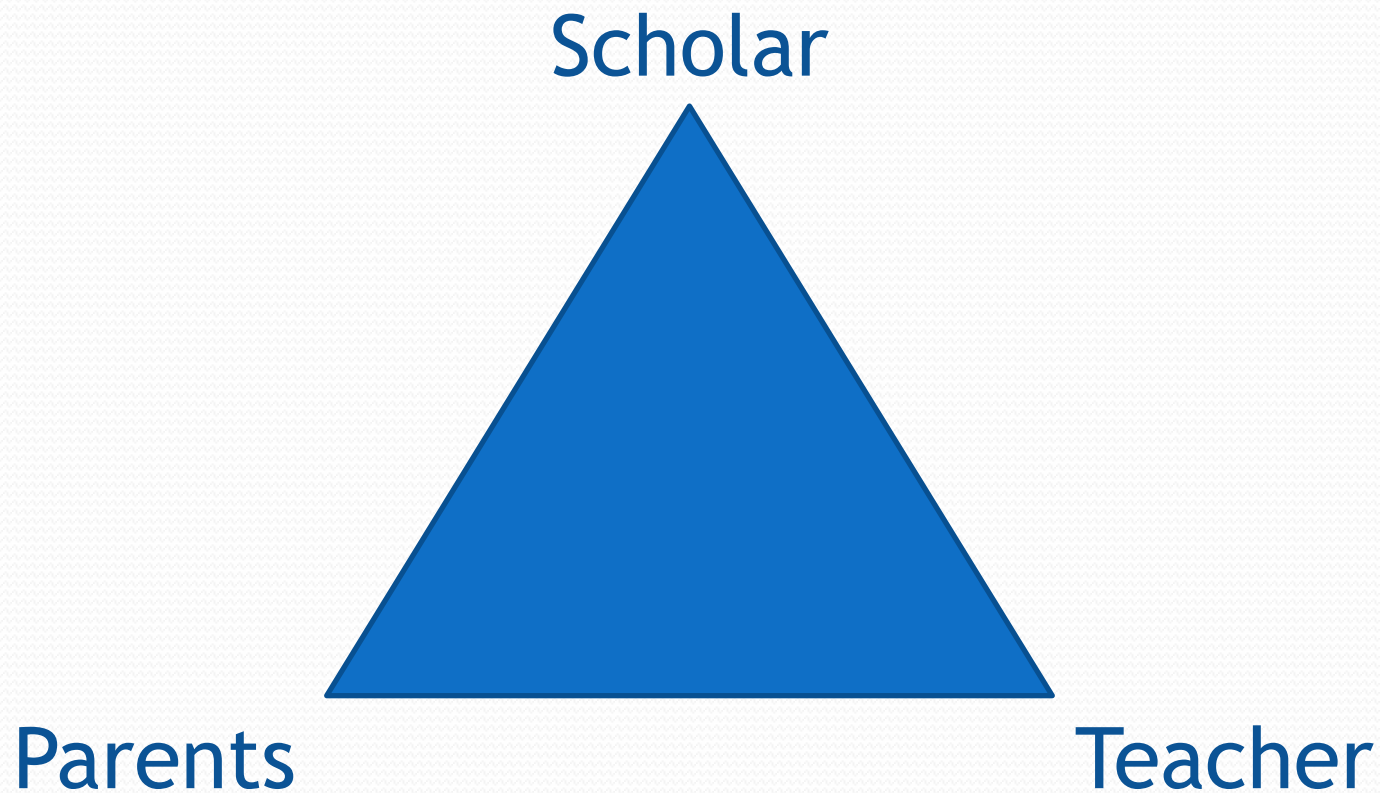
N.B.

- Always visible
- All year
- Industry reports
- Responds slowly to unusual marks
- Weightings change through the year

# Grading

%	Code	Descriptor
90-100	7	Outstanding
80-89		
70-79	6	Meritorious
60-69	5	Substantial
50-59	4	Adequate
40-49	3	Moderate
30-39	2	Elementary
0-29	1	Not Achieved

# The partnership



# Supporting the process

- If a boy is struggling with a subject, or with a teacher, or in a class:
  - the first port of call is the **individual teacher**
  - if that is inappropriate or doesn't yield results, speak to the **tutor**
- If a boy is struggling generally approach his **tutor** or **House Director**
- If a boy seems to have a personality clash with a teacher it is best to approach that teacher first; otherwise ask the **tutor** for advice
- Encourage boys to self-advocate
  - boys and teachers are all people: sometimes disagreements occur
  - don't let boys fight fire with fire
  - be sure the boy is doing his part properly before reacting

# Parents support for learning

- Please don't tell your son the worst of your school endeavours, tell them of your achievements and expect it from them.
- **Grit, curiosity and character** - 3 things you can give your children that will change their lives.
- BE INVOLVED, but how?
  - You are increasingly their role model
  - **Listen** more
  - Help reduce frustration and encourage perseverance
  - Saturday night family games requiring a little strategy (Remember games go well with pizza.)

# “Extra lessons”

- Please make sure you have seen the Advice on Extra Lessons given on the web-site.
- Many subjects offer regular Support Sessions that a boy may attend, free of charge.
- Remember, teachers will try to make time with an individual boy to work through a difficulty.
- Boys need to grapple with ideas and concepts for them to take intellectual ownership of the idea.



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Thank you