

ASSEMBLY, Friday 17 August 2018

Introduction

The Bishops Brass Band is 31 members strong this year. It is made up of boys from Grade 8 to Matric.

They are going to play a suite of three pieces from the Renaissance period, which means that the music you will hear today was composed five hundred years ago. The first and last movements were composed by Tylman Susato who was Dutch and lived from 1510 to 1570. The middle movement 'The Earl of Salisbury Pavane' was composed by the English composer William Byrd who lived from 1541 to 1623. This music would have originally been written for recorders, serpents, cornetto and the beginnings of our modern day stringed instruments. The music however arranges beautifully for brass.

Academics

National Science Olympiad

Several Bishops boys have again performed exceptionally well in this year's National Science Olympiad. The competition includes around 40 000 students from across the nine provinces in South Africa as well as the SADC countries Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe as well as some schools in Australia.

Bishops had three boys scoring in the top 100 across the SADC countries:

Rayhaan Omar G12
Karl Stapelberg G12
Christopher Kotze G12

Nivaar Rajoo was placed in the top 10 of the competition coming 8th overall. This is a significant achievement for which he was invited to the National Youth Science Week in Johannesburg but unfortunately was unable to attend.

In light of these performances, all these boys, as well as Callum Fraser were invited to sit the National Physics Olympiad exam earlier this week which is further recognition of their achievements.

These are all very impressive results and we congratulate all these boys on their outstanding achievements. Well done!