

ASSEMBLY, Friday 17 January 2020

Introduction

We welcome the following Exchange Students:

Ruben Dunnewolt (Rijnlands Lyceium, the Netherlands)
Manuel Irungaray (St Georges College, Argentina)
Camil Cabal Lloreda (Collegio Anglo, Colombia)
Nathan Mandigo (Ridley College, Canada)
Jose Perez Barros (Orchard College, Argentina)
Luca Renes (Rijnlands Lyceium, the Netherlands)
Fadri Taufenecker (Schweizer Alpine Mittelschule, Switzerland)

Academic

Academic House Awards for 2019

Most improved Grade in November 2019 Examinations: **Founders Grade 10**
Best Grade in November 2019 Examinations: **Gray Grade 11**
Interhouse Academic Trophy for 2019: **Gray House**

Academic Ties and Jerseys November 2019

Congratulations to the following boys who are awarded Academic ties for Term 4 2019:

Grade 11: Jean-Luc Fourie, Harry Gilson, Sam Hardie

Grade 10: Jermaine Lwande, Max Rebe, Christopher Macdonald

Grade 9: Jonathan Couves, Ben Mitchell, Zami Moyo, Daniel Neuhoff, Liam Petersen

Congratulations to the following boys who will receive Academic jerseys for Term 4 2019:

Grade 11: Tristan Barow

Grade 10: Torben Bergh, John Smith

Sport

Cricket

During the recent holidays the 1st, 2nds, U15A and U14A teams had several matches with plenty of success:

1st XI played seven matches in all - beating Charterhouse and Harrow from the UK very convincingly before Xmas and then, in the Peninsula Festival here in Cape Town last week, they beat St Davids, Waterkloof and Pretoria Boys High School but lost to Jeppe and then to Waterkloof in a T20 match. Overall: played 7, won 5 and lost 2.

The 2nd XI played in the Table Mountain Festival hosted by Bellville HS and played five T20s – winning 4 and losing in the semi-final. They also played two 50 over matches beating Curro School and then losing to a strong Grey College team. Overall: played 7, won 5 and lost 2.

The Under 15As had an excellent early season success over WBHS, also defeated Waterkloof and then the Hampshire Colts XI in a T20 match. Overall: played 4, won 3 and lost 1.

Water Polo

Bishops had 26 water polo players from the College representing various WP teams at the SA Schools IPT held in Johannesburg from 7-11 December.

Ryan Caffery and Ben Hatty won a silver medal playing for the u14A team.

Adam de Waal, Louie Hart, Jaytee Abrahams, Dean Sneddon, Nick Steinhagen won gold medals playing for the u15A team.

Jonathan Roche, Max Cary, Matt Lowe won gold medals playing for the u16A team.

Ryan Sneddon and Kieraan Meyer (matric 2019) won gold medals playing for the u19A team. Both were selected for the South African Schools u19 team.

Boat Race 2019

On Friday 6 December 2019 the first 8 and spare, departed for the Boat Race in Port Alfred in the Eastern Cape. This race is held on the Kowie River and consists of multiple bends throughout its length of 5,3km. The race itself is a take on the Oxford Cambridge Boat Race with a twist. The South African version involves around 18 schools in total and as such there is a time trial followed by finals the following day. The trial, or heats, requires every boat to race down the course in 30 second intervals. The order is based on the previous year's results. Each boat then achieves a "heats time", this is then used to separate the crews into various finals the following day. So, the fastest two times make the A final, 3rd and 4th fastest times into the B final, and so on.

Due to the river consisting of various bends, tidal flow, wind as well as saltwater it requires plenty of adaption for both athletes and the Coxswain (driver). As such we decided to acclimatize by arriving a week prior to the heats, a decision that benefited the 8 immensely.

The heats took place on Friday. Bishops had a decent race but were unfortunately not fast enough and were placed into the E final against Rondebosch. An idea of the competition can be illustrated by the fact that our 10th spot finish in the heats was 26 seconds off 2nd spot position, 2 seconds off the placing above and 14 seconds off the placing above that. This all being over 5km.

The finals, which are held the following day, are far more tactical due to the nature of the course and its bends. Bishops had a great start, however Rondebosch, with the help of some current, were able to nudge ahead for the corner and thus nullify the possible advantage of the Bishops' bank. From here the Bishops crew did well to fight the entire course but unfortunately the damage had been done and Rondebosch went on to win the E final.

Congratulations to the crew. Although it was far from the result that was hoped for or expected they managed to keep their heads up and represent Bishops in an excellent fashion.

The first 8 consisted of the following:

Cox: Declan Watling
8: Mitchell Fussell
7: Oliver Kane-Smith
6: Stefan Breytenbach
5: Oliver Werner
4: Noah Du Randt
3: Lukas Barnard
2: Andrew Geerds
1: Nicky Sieff

Reserve: Thomas Maurel

Fencing

At the start of the December holidays, three fencers entered the KZN open. Daniel Richards won bronze in U17 epee. Ethan Ellis and Aidan Richards also fenced in the competition.

Sports Leadership

We congratulate Ethan Ellis for his outstanding leadership and sporting achievement - Captain of three sports in his matric year, namely, Fencing, Rock Climbing and Shooting.

Congratulations to Sam Warren who has been appointed the Cycling Captain for 2020.

Swimming

The Western Province swimming championships took place in Stellenbosch in the first week of December. Jonty Couves participated in the under 16 age group. He narrowly missed a gold medal by a split second in his favoured stroke breaststroke and also did very well in freestyle and butterfly. He ended the swimming championships with 3 silver and 2 bronze medals. Well done Jonty!

General

All Rounders Ties

Suhayl Khaltey and Adam Suliaman are to be congratulated on being awarded an All Rounders tie.