

Assembly 17 June 2016

Academic

Maths

Mintek Minquiz 2016

On Thursday 19th May three matrics represented the College at the Annual Minquiz which is a science and maths related quiz held under the auspices of Mintek - the Council for Minerals and Technology in South Africa. It was hosted by Stellenbosch University this year and we sent Ahmed Dhansay, Nicholas Janisch and Nabeel Goolam-Mohamed. They were entered in the Platinum section of the competition which is the top tier of a two tier structured competition and they did extremely well coming second overall in the final oral quiz. Nicholas Janisch was awarded a certificate of distinction for achieving between 70% and 79% in the written section while Ahmed Dhansay was awarded one of only 3 certificates of Excellence for achieving over 80% in the written section. Bishops was also awarded a cash prize for the second place achievement of these young men.

UCT Mathematics Competition 2016

The 2016 UCT Maths Competition had over 7000 entries from 150 schools. A maximum of 75 students from one school may enter the competition. The overall result for each school is based on the scores of the top 30 students.

In the 35 years that the competition has been held at UCT, Bishops, Rondebosch Boys' High and Westerford have occupied the top 3 positions. This year Rondebosch Boys' High won the competition with Bishops coming 2nd and Westerford 3rd.

The Prize Giving for Gold Award winners – top ten individuals and top 3 pairs was held on 19th May.

Bishops had 2 pairs and 4 individuals receive Gold Awards.

- In Grade 8: William Vine-Morris came 4th.
- In Grade 9: Thomas Warner came 4th and Liam Foxcroft came 10th.
Andrew Williams and Kenau Vith came 1st as a pair.
- In Grade 10: Tristan Smith and Mark Bergh came 2nd as a pair.
- In Grade 11: Nicholas Featherstone came 4th.

Round 2 of the UCT Mathematics Competition, called the UCT Mathematics Challenge, is an invite to the top 30 individuals and top 10 pairs in each grade. The following boys were invited to participate.

- Grade 8:** Jonathan Bateman, Steven Du, Robert Dugmore and William Vine-Morris.
- Grade 9:** Jack Beare, Francois Breytenbach, Liam Foxcroft, Hamish McKenzie, Tomas Slaven, David Straughan, Kenau Vith, Thomas Warner and Andrew Williams.
- Grade 10:** Mark Bergh, Thomas Janisch, Chris Kotze, Alaric McGregor, Okuhle Minyi, Nivar Rajoo and Tristan Smith.
- Grade 11:** Christopher Aubin and Nicholas Featherstone.
- Grade 12:** Nicholas Janisch, Robert Lancefield, Alexander Peile and Francois Stassen.

A total of 189 (87 Juniors and 102 Seniors) students accepted the invitation to write the 2016 UCT Mathematics Challenge. Of these the following boys qualified to write Round 3, the UCT Mathematics Olympiad. Their rankings after Round 3 is as follows:

Name	Grade	Ranking
Steven Du	8	Participation 22nd
Robert Dugmore	8	Participation 15th
William Vine-Morris	8	Participation 20th
Liam Foxcroft	9	Bronze Award 11th
Thomas Warner	9	Participation 16th
Okuhle Minyi	10	Participation 20th
Alexander Peile	12	Participation 23rd

Congratulations to every single boy that participated and formed part of the team which ensured our success. It is every individual contribution that has enabled us to perform well every year.

Science

2016 National Science Olympiad

The following boys have been invited to the 52nd Youth Science Focus Week which takes place from the 26 June to the 1st of July in Pretoria: Ahmed Dhansay, Nicholas Janisch, Andrew Mc Adam and Angus Thring.

This event hosts the awards ceremony for the National Science Olympiad and an invitation to the event indicates that the candidate has performed significantly well in the Olympiad. (Bishops has had the top performer in this competition for the last two years; J Wilkinson 2015 & T Orton 2014.)

Andrew and Nicholas are unfortunately unable to attend the event due to other commitments

but Ahmed and Angus will be going up and we again look forward to some fantastic results when the awards are made this year.

Congratulations to all four boys on securing an invite to this prestigious event.

Sport

Fencing

The FWP ranking 3 competition was held on the 11-12th June. Mark Bergh won bronze in U20 epee. Alaric McGregor won gold in cadet foil and Mark Bergh won silver in the same event. Garry Christian won silver in minims epee and Matthew Bradley won bronze in the same event.

The Fencing squad will be on tour in the holidays to take part in an intensive two week training programme at the Olympic training centre in Germany. We wish everyone safe travels.

Hockey

Congratulations to the following hockey players who have been selected to represent WP at inter provincial and regional tournaments these holidays:

WP U18A: Malachy Barbour, Dayaan Cassiem, Wesley Gardener and Christian Rohrer.

WP U18B: Simon Kilpin and Tyla Scarles

U18 Disas: Bulelani Ngqukuvana Disas

WP U16A: Idrees Abdulla and Daniel Nelson

WP U16B: James Price

U16 Disas: Joshua Elliott, Murray Gordon and Okuhle Minyi

U14: Ben Cheminais, Conor Dempers, Matthew Guy, Liam Hoffman and Conor White

We wish them well at the various tournaments across the country.

Rugby

Congratulations to the following boys on their selection for Western province rugby:

Lubello Scott: WP Craven Week A team.

Seb Prentice: WP Academy team.

William Rose and Justin Muller: WP U16 team.

Sailing

At the assembly before the exams began it was announced that Boyd Kane has been awarded full colours for sailing. As he was preparing for a music exam, he was not in assembly, so Boyd, please come up and receive our congratulations.

Squash

The first half of the squash season ended with the derby matches against RBHS. The 1st V had a fantastic 3-2 win on Thursday evening, with the Yates brothers and Calvin-Ziegler Smith winning their matches. This overturned the loss to Rondebosch earlier in the term. At every other level Bishops were dominant and in fact of the 37 matches played over the RBHS derby weekend Bishops won 30 and lost only 7. Not surprisingly after the dominant term they have had, the U15 A & B teams are first and second respectively in the WP U15A league at this stage and all the other teams are well placed ready for the second half of the season. In the recent WP Closed tournament. Glenn Yates won the Under 19 event and Greg Medcalf won the Under 14 tournament.

Western Province

Congratulations too to all those squash players selected for the WP teams to go to IPT in the holidays: U14: Greg Medcalf, Adam Morkel, Luke Shuttleworth, U16: Jono Greyling, Charlie Yates, Nick Gleeson U19: Glenn Yates, Ibrahim Kerbelker, Calven Wilson

Colours:

Congratulations to the following on being awarded their colours for squash:

Half Colours - Jonathan Greyling, Charlie Yates, Ibrahim Kerbelker.

Full Colours - Glenn Yates

Swimming

Michael Houlie (Grade 10 in Birt House) has been selected to join the South African Olympic Swimming Team on their Italian Training Camp and will participate in the Treviso Competition in Italy from 27 June to 11 July. Congratulations and good luck, Michael!

Rugby Festival

The Independent Schools Rugby Festival takes place at Bishops this year with matches on the 2nd, 4th and 6th of July. 17 U18 teams from top independent schools in South Africa, two from Eton College in England and one sponsored local development team, Excelsior, will play in what has become a unique festival of rugby. Spectators can also look forward to all sorts of delicious delights at the food court and other entertainment areas on our secure and family friendly Bishops Campus.