

ASSEMBLY, 19th MAY 2017

Introduction

This morning Jack Belcher will be playing a flute piece called Fantasie by the French composer, Gabriel Faure. A Fantasie is a piece that a composer would write freely, using imagination, as opposed to a very structured piece of music.

This piece has two sections - a slow, lyrical section and a fast, virtuosic, busy second section.

The piece is normally played with orchestra accompaniment, but Ms Rutter will play what is called a reduction of the orchestral accompaniment on the piano.

Sport

Rowing

SA Senior Championships

The weekend of 30 April saw a number of our boys racing at South African Senior Rowing Championships at the Buffalo River in East London. Although conditions were messy, a number of our U16 athletes came out tops in their various races.

The results are as follows:

Mens B Double:

1st Place - Nick McAdam; 5th place - Shaun O'Brien and Rhys Williams

Mens B Pair:

1st place - Francois Breytenbach and Shaun O'Brien

Mens B Scull:

2nd place - Nick McAdam

Mens B coxless four of which we rowed as a coxed boat:

2nd place – Nick McAdam, Shaun O'Brien, Francois Breytenbach, Rhys Williams and Dominic Beaumont

Mens B coxed four:

3rd place - Nick McAdam, Shaun O'Brien, Francois Breytenbach, Rhys Williams and Dominic Beaumont. This race was tough in that they raced an u19 coxed boat who just recently qualified for Junior South Africa.

SA Trials 2017

On Saturday 13th May, 3 Bishops and one SACS boy made the trip to Gauteng where they competed in the national selection Regatta held at Roodeplaat Dam in the Junior Mens U19 Coxless Four category. These trials require that the crew not only had to win their race against other coxless fours, but also ensure that they were within a given margin of the National Senior boats, some of whom competed at the Rio Olympics. Although our boys were within the qualification margin, an outstanding result in its own right, they were unfortunately not the fastest coxless four of the day and as such missed out on qualifying and representing South Africa. However their achievement and hard work can surely be recognised and commended. Well done to Stephane Pienaar; Stuart Boynton and Oliver Innes.

Soccer

Congratulations to Bathi Mbityi who has been elected as the U19 soccer captain for 2017. Well done to Sanele Mayosi and Jean-Andre Stroud who are his vice-captains.

Squash

In the recent WP Open Squash, Bishops was once again very well represented. In the under 19 division Glenn Yates had an outstanding event winning the title in convincing style. He was then invited to the National Training Academy in Pretoria where he will have improved his national ranking even more. Others who fared well in this age group were Jonathan Greyling, Ibrahim Kerbelker and Brandon Snider. In the under 16 event Charlie Yates was placed 5th with Tim Wright, Nick Gleeson and Kenau Vith also doing well. In the under 14 event Matthew Reid was the top placed WP player with Aidan Burns close behind. The 1st V squash team played in the semi-final of the WP schools knock-out and progressed to the final by beating SACS 5-0.

In the final last week they were very unlucky to lose to arch rivals RBHS due to a last minute withdrawal - through illness- from the captain and No.1 player, Glen Yates.

This week, the SA African under 19 team to play in the world championships and tour New Zealand in July was announced and Glenn Yates is to be congratulated on his selection. This is an outstanding achievement.

We wish all our top squash players good luck in the WP Closed tournament happening here at Bishops and at WPCC this weekend.

General

All Rounder's Tie

Nicholas Peile is to be congratulated on being awarded an All Rounder's tie.

Interact Tie

I have pleasure in announcing the award of an Interact tie to Ryan Acton for his valuable contribution to community service through the Bishops Interact Club. Ryan will continue to be involved in a range of Interact projects during the course of 2017.