

BISHOPS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR GRADE 8 2026

We have pleasure in confirming your son's participation in our Entrance Examination.

DATE OF EXAMINATION: Wednesday 5th February 2025

EXAMINATION VENUE: Bishops Prep School

TIME: 07:30 – 12:30 (during school hours)

SUBJECTS: ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS

Offers of places at the College will be posted in late April, based on the results of the Entrance Examination and a school's record of the boy's involvement in the academic, sporting, leadership and cultural fields.

As you could imagine, this is a complicated process. We make a first selection, notify parents and invite them to accept the place. It occasionally happens that some parents choose not to accept. These refusals allow us to make a second round of offers. All of this happens against a background that we only have a finite number of places to offer, and once we have filled that number, we can give places only if someone else withdraws.

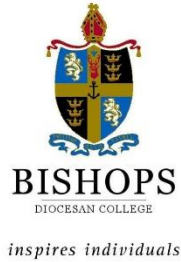
Boys will be allocated to houses in September, boarding or day, according to previous connections and in such a way as to spread talents of all kinds as evenly as possible across the houses. We set out deliberately to ensure that boys from our major feeder schools are not grouped in any particular house(s). We cannot entertain requests, therefore, for alteration of houses once allocations have been made. We actually want friends to be in different houses: this ensures the making of new friends as well as healthy links across our house barriers.

Yours sincerely

Tony Reeler
Principal

January 2025

Attachment: Exam timetable



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T I M E T A B L E

Wednesday 5th February 2025

08h45 – 10h15

MATHEMATICS

(90 mins)

The Mathematics exam is aimed at evaluating a candidate's knowledge of concepts that have been covered in Grade 6. We are also interested in assessing the academic potential of each candidate..

Please note calculators may not be used.

10h30 – 12h00

ENGLISH

(90 mins)

Section 1: Language & comprehension
Section 2: English essay

Bishops Concessions for Grade 8 Entrance Exam

The exam allows for extra time to be built into the time allocation assigned to the writing of the paper. This will assist all the boys especially those who have an extra time concession as an accommodation.

Should your boy have an accommodation documented by an educational psychologist please advise the Bishops Support Unit at bsu@bishops.org.za so this can be taken into consideration when your application and entrance exam is being discussed.

Should your child have a medical condition that prevents him from writing, please let us know by emailing and we will be in contact with you to discuss the way forward.