



INVEST *in our* FUTURE FOUNDATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **CITADEL**

Invest in our future. It's yours.

Diocesan College (Bishops) is an independent boys' school in Rondebosch, Cape Town, South Africa, made up of the Pre-preparatory school, the Preparatory school and the College.

Established in 1849, there are currently 110 academic staff and 1 350 pupils from Grade N (4 years) to Grade 12 (18 years).

At the heart of what Bishops offers is a commitment to a values-driven education that prepares the boys for life beyond school, and inspires them to realise their dreams.

The school has a long tradition of striving for excellence in all areas. Academic, sporting, pastoral, cultural and spiritual activities contribute to the richness and diversity of life at all three schools.

While the school values its independence, it recognises that it has an important role to play in South Africa.

The Old Diocesans Union - Bishops is for life

When boys leave Bishops they become Old Diocesans (ODs) and join a vibrant alumni association, which has been connecting ODs across the globe for the last 125 years.

The Old Diocesans Union (ODU) has 29 active branches both in South Africa and overseas. Today, more than 40% of ODs live outside South Africa. The OD network enables ODs to keep in touch and connect with each other around mentorship, guidance and support wherever they may be.





Learner support

The Bishops Trust was established in 1981, and has as its ethos a mission for shaping leaders for a transforming society.

A Bishops education is life-changing and the Trust aims to offer a Bishops education, mentorship and support to an additional 50 boys from disadvantaged backgrounds through its bursary and scholarship initiatives.

The Trust also provides funds to maintain and expand current school facilities to ensure that Bishops remains a place of learning, cultural and sporting excellence. The Trust helps boys while they are at school.

While the ODU has a symbiotic relationship with the Bishops Trust, our challenge is to support boys when they have left school.

Leaving the protective environment of the school campus and going out into the world is a daunting prospect for any young man, but more so if you do not have the necessary financial and emotional support.

The Old Diocesan Invest in our Future Foundation (IIOFF) has been established in partnership with specialist wealth management company, Citadel, and with the support of the broader Bishops community will provide financial and mentorship support to school leavers. It is positioned as an extension of the school's existing mentorship programme, which supports numerous boys throughout their high school careers. The current vibrant OD mentorship programme dovetails with the objectives of the IIOFF.

Our partner

Citadel was founded in 1993, with a commitment to personal and professional investment advice. They continue that same commitment today, understanding that no two investment journeys are the same.

Offering their clients integrated wealth management services that range from financial advice, asset management and risk cover to fiduciary services and philanthropy, Citadel has a client retention rate of more than 98%. This reflects their emphasis on building authentic relationships for the long-term.

Their partnership with the OD Union in establishing the Invest in our Future Foundation embodies one such relationship and is rooted in a synergy of values and culture. Citadel are also proud to be the seed funders of the Foundation.

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How will the Foundation operate?

The Foundation has been established as a trust with a minimum of six Trustees. The Trustees have been identified based on their commitment and affinity to Bishops and involvement with other educational institutions and have agreed to take up their role for an initial three-year period.

To read more about the Trustees, visit our website, odunion.com and click on the IIOFF page.

The Trustees' primary function will be to oversee the Trust's investments to provide tertiary education bursaries to school leavers and offer financial support to OD start-ups.

How can I get involved?

We are looking for companies and individuals to assist us as follows:

Bursary – sponsor a student for a particular tertiary education course.

Bursary plus internship – sponsor a student's tertiary education and give them the opportunity to work at your company for a period of time, including vacation work.

Internship – offer internship positions, commensurate with the student's abilities and interests.

Mentorship – part of the process which we believe will ensure its success is the mentorship of young ODs during the initial years of both tertiary education and early work careers. Mentorship by older ODs is vital to ensure both the success of the OD Union and of the school itself. The current OD mentorship programme works with boys from Grade 10. With the establishment of the Invest in our Future Foundation, this will now be extended to tertiary education and hopefully continue throughout an OD's life, forming part of the culture and service to others, which underpins the OD value system.





Donate to the Foundation – make a once-off,
monthly or annual contribution.

If you'd like to get involved or require more information:

Visit our website, odunion.com and click on the IIOFF page.
Or send us an email at odu@bishops.org.za.

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