



Bishop Stopford School

NEWSLETTER



1965 – 2025: A Diamond Year!

#BestOfBishop

As we start 2025, we begin a momentous year.

Sixty years ago, students carried desks and chairs from the Horsemarket along the Headlands to where we are located today. Then in September 1965, the first Year 7 intake came to our School.

What's changed?

- Many more buildings
- New technology
- Increased numbers
- A huge range of facilities

What's stayed the same?

- Our ethos as a Church of England school
- Our focus on excellence
- Our commitment to each student entrusted to our care

In our 60th year, there is much to give thanks for – and much to look forward to. We are planning a number of events which we will let you know about later in the year, and we look forward to expanding our Alumni network in this special anniversary year too.

Please do join via the QR code if you were a former student –and do pass the details on to others you may know who would like to stay in touch.

Miss Silverthorne



Monday 13 January
Year 11 Assembly
Praying Parents 2-3pm

Tuesday 14 January
Year 10 Assembly
Year 11 into 12 Open Day 13:30pm

Wednesday 15 January
Year 8&9 Assembly
Year 11 into 12 Open Day 13:30pm
Year 9 Immunisations – Main Hall

Thursday 16 January
Year 7 Assembly
Year 11 into 12 Open Day 13:30pm
Year 9 Drama Trip, Royal & Derngate

Friday 17 January
Year 12&13 Assembly

Next week:
Week B

Assembly Theme:
Setting the Scene



We are a Church of England School



Praying Parents

Join us on
January 13th
2-3pm
The Chapel

We'd love to see you

"Such a unique and blessed situation to pray with other parents at secondary school. Over the last 6 years, I've found this to be such a comfort and blessing"
(Christine, Praying parent)

"Join us in praying God's blessing on your children, their friends, their teachers and their world, and bringing our hopes and fears to Him"
(Kay, Praying Parent)

Over the Christmas break, I read through Colossians. The following verse keeps playing on my mind in most convicting and intriguing ways:

'He is always wrestling in prayer for you.'

This is right at the end of Paul's letter to the Colossian church. He is speaking of Epaphras - a man about whom we know so little. He is, we are told, a servant of Christ Jesus - and *wrestling in prayer* for a multitude of people he doesn't know.

Prayer is our weapon in times of battle; a place of blessing and assurance, something we can all do. But it can be so hard on our own. So do consider becoming a Praying Parent with us.

Mrs Hutchinson

Praying Parents Dates for your Diary

January 13 th	Daytime 2-3pm
February 3 rd	Evening 7-8pm
March 3 rd	Daytime 2-3pm
May 12 th	Daytime 2-3pm
June 9 th	Evening 7-8pm
July 7 th	Daytime 2-3pm

The Chapel Events

Every Friday in The Chapel
Bring your lunch!
All year groups welcome

**This term
Christian Union presents**

The whole story of the Bible
Genesis to Revelation
PROMISES KEPT

Mrs Hutchinson

ARE THERE ANY CHRISTIAN JOBS?

GUEST SPEAKER: HAYDON
SPENCELY
DIRECTOR OF VOCATION &
FORMATION
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE

Monday January 13th



Bring your lunch and your questions about
YOUR FUTURE from a Faith perspective



Safe Space

It can be tempting at the start of a new year to be drawn to posts which shout, 'New Year, New You!' Resolutions, opportunities to begin anew and goal setting can be hugely valuable. For many people, they enable change and growth and set the direction for the year ahead. However, they can also bring additional pressure and, if not met, can erode self esteem.

In assemblies led by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), students have been encouraged to see their emotional health like a roller coaster. In life, there are highs and lows: experiencing a wide range of moods and emotions is normal. We will feel excited and happy, but also have times where we experience worry, anger or disappointment.

The MHS Team shared some ideas about how to manage our emotional health and make choices to support our own wellbeing:

- 1) Identify things that make us feel good and that we enjoy and make time for these activities. Even 10 minutes a day of something we enjoy can have a significantly positive impact.
- 2) Prioritise sleep. After a holiday period, it can be difficult to resume normal patterns of sleep, but ensuring we have enough sleep at the right times is essential for regulating our emotions.
- 3) Healthy choices. Balance is key: whether that's what we're doing, watching or eating, having a healthy balance has a positive impact on our wellbeing.

We're looking forward to our continued work with the Mental Health Support Team and will be sharing more of our collaborative work in future Safe Space articles.

Mrs Smith

Core Values in Action

Our Core Values in Action awards recognise students for embodying our values in their local communities. We always love to celebrate their contributions which represent our school so well. The following students receive CViA awards this week:

William Underwood (9P) read at the Kettering Town Carol Service, representing the scouts. William showed great confidence in his public reading: very well done.

Miya Philip (8W), Maryelizabeth Bam (10C), Sam McNab (12W) and Erin Mizon (13S) took part in all five celebration assemblies at the end of term, demonstrating faith and courage in their faith by reading a dramatised scripture reading for all year groups.

Joshua (12Y) and Benjamin Fernando (7W) both volunteered to play carols at a local care home over the Christmas holidays. The joy on the residents' faces as they joined in with singing and dancing together was really moving.



Mrs Peach

Year 9 Progress Review and Options Evening

This month is a particularly important one for Year 9 students. Their first report of the academic year will be issued today. This will give families a clear indication of current academic progress, based on the KS3 assessment model, with levels of BUILDING, MEETING, SUSTAINING and EXCELLING.

The report will inform discussions which take place at the Progress Review and Options Evening, scheduled for Thursday 23rd January.

This is a face-to-face event, with appointments in the Main Hall and Sixth Form Centre with teachers of core subjects. Core subject appointments will be concluded after five minutes. It is vital that we adhere to this time frame to ensure that the evening does not overrun. If you have any matters which you have been unable to raise within the allotted time-frame, then you can always email the member of staff to follow up.

The second element of the evening is an Options Fair in the Gym. All Options subjects will have stalls, and these will be staffed by subject teachers and Year 10 students who are currently studying their subjects.

We know that parents will want to fully support their children through the Options Process. A crucial way of doing this is to visit the Options page of our website to be fully *au fait* with how the process operates. This can be accessed via [Bishop Stopford School - Year 9 Options](#)

The second way is to attend the Options Fair on the evening and raise any queries with subject teachers, Mrs Castle (Careers Lead) or myself.

This will ensure that well-informed and well-considered choices can be made about Key Stage 4 and that the online Options form is completed by **Friday 31st January 2025**.

Mr Kirke

Curriculum Booklets

In our recent Parent Survey, over 90% of parents responded in the affirmative to the statement *"The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year"*.

This was really pleasing to see. Given it is the start of a new term, however, we thought it would still be useful to signpost the following:

Yearly Plans

Each academic year, we produce Curriculum Booklets for Years 7-11. These outline what the year will look like across individual subjects and other lessons. These can be found in the Curriculum section of our website: [Bishop Stopford School - Curriculum Booklets](#)

We do not currently provide a booklet for Years 12 and 13, but detailed information on individual subject content is provided in the Sixth Form section of our website: [Bishop Stopford School – Curriculum](#)

Termly Plans

Heads of Faculty and Departments have constructed overviews of topics students will be studying each term. There are versions for each year group and they are updated for the start of each new term.

The Spring 2025 plan for Year 7 is included in this Newsletter and we will include the Spring plans for other year groups in future newsletters.

All the plans for this term, however, can be found at [Bishop Stopford School - Curriculum Booklets](#)

Mr Kirke

Year 7 Curriculum

Subject	Spring Term 1		Spring Term 2	
Art	Compositional Designs – Based on the work of William Morris and Mathematical Islamic patterns		Colour Project	
Computer Science	Small BASIC		Small BASIC Using Media	
DT	<u>Food (Unit 1)</u> Food Hygiene Using small kitchen equipment	<u>Food (Unit 2)</u> Designing food products for others Food Packaging	<u>Textiles</u> Sewing machine basics Hand Embroidery	<u>Product Design</u> Marking out materials Shaping wood C.A.D basics
Drama	Rotation Project 1 (Traditional Stories)		Rotation Project 2 (Greek Theatre)	
English	Everyone a Writer – Caricatures and Viewpoint writing		Orwell’s <i>Animal Farm</i>	
Foundation Learning	Applying, across the subjects studied in school, what we know about our learning habits			
French	Free time and Leisure		School	
Geography	Why are Rivers important? (Focus on Floods in UK and Bangladesh)		Settlements (Focus on Kettering)	
GRIT	Core Values Matter How the school’s core values influence our lives and relationships every day			
History	Medieval Religion – Why was the Church so important in people’s lives?		The Crusades – what were the consequences of the first Crusade?	
Maths	Factors, Multiples and Primes Angle Facts Order of Operations Powers and Roots Fractions, Decimals and Percentages		Angle Rules Averages Division	
Music	Minor Moods – D Minor Composition		Minor Moods – D Minor Composition	
PE	Boys – Hockey and Badminton Girls – Health Related Fitness and Dance		Boys – Handball and Health Related Fitness Girls – Badminton and Cricket	
PSHE	Puberty and Relationships			
RE	Judaism – A promise keeper		Islam – Did not begot or be begotten.	
Science	Atoms and Elements (Chemistry) Muscles and Bones (Biology) Forces (Physics)		Acids and Alkalis (Chemistry) Current Electricity (Physics)	
Spanish			School	
Tutorial	Democracy in the UK - Elections and Political Parties			

Wider-Curricular	Year 7 Communion (10.01.25)	Year 7 Author Visit (25.02.25) Spring House Games (18.03.25) Year 7 Communion (28.03.25) Celebration Assembly (04.04.25)
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Mr Kirke



Humanities of the Term

Historian of the Term

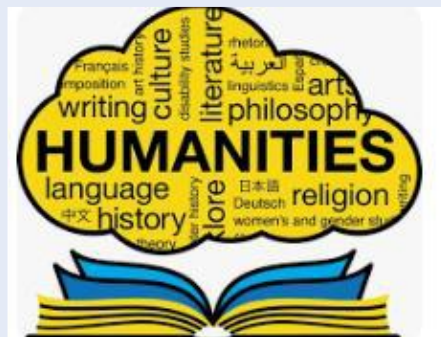
7C Alaric Willis
 7D Evalyn Hogg
 7E Kirsty Macpherson
 7G Riya Bharth
 7P Polly Guyett
 7S Callum Johnson
 7W Kareem Helal
 7Y Anna Barnes-Clay
 8C Gosia Lagoda
 8D Barty Gardner
 8E Jovan Basra
 8G Keanu Klonica-Wood
 8P Sienna Sedani
 8S Milo Adam
 8W Ankita Kanoor
 8Y Dale Fijo
 9C Darius Ionel
 9D Vaika Nair
 9E Akbar Nishtar
 9G Beatrix Warren
 9P Jessica Bruce
 9S Ethan Wiles
 9W Alice Ugorna
 9Y Rayna Shergill
 10.1A Pavan Taggar
 10.1B Matthew Kemp
 10.2A Ophelia Perslow-Sefiani
 10.2B Vanshi Patel
 10.3A Chloe Wellings
 10.3B Abdan Abid Naseem
 12A Annabel Johnson
 12X Riya Mathew
 13X Jacob Hicks
 13Z Maryam Ahmadu

Geographer of the Term

7C Ava Thorp
 7D Hannah Romy
 7E Isaac Fordham
 7G Miles De Barros
 7P Rose Davies
 7S Louis Anderson
 7W Kareem Helal
 7Y Lillie Skipper
 8D Max Joseph
 8E Jovan Basra
 8G Sophie Brotherton
 8S Ekam Kaur
 8Y Will Millam
 9D Adeila Caesar
 9E Jai Singh
 9P Fabian Squires
 9W Evie Sim-Jones
 10.1A Zak Jones
 10.2A Finn Bannard-Howes
 10.3B Navami Sreekumar
 11.2A Jessie Newton
 11.2B Niall Saving
 11.3A Olivia Sweeney
 12Z Chloe Pow
 13X Evan Young

Philosopher of the Term

7C Aroush Tahir
 7D Evalyn Hogg
 7E Annabelle Mitchell
 7G Oscar Byatt
 7P Lilibeth Hunt
 7S Aaron Thomas
 7W Lattah Patel
 7Y Isatherese Prince
 8C Charlotte Barrow
 8D Aiden Shabaya
 8G Liya Sujith
 8P Sean Prendergast
 8S Matthew Olupitan
 8W Ward Abu-Ali
 8Y Michael Ambrose
 9C Ahbayjit Singh
 9D Conor Smith
 9E Alana Hollwey
 9G Beatrix Warren
 9P Bobby Campbell
 9S Isla Gray
 9W Alfie Westley
 9Y Charlotte Coe
 10.1 Conor Darby
 10.2J Finn Bannard-Howes
 10.2K Neha Mathew
 10.2L Selina Marium Jose
 10.2M Jessica Grigg
 10.2N Athishan Sivarupan
 10.3Y Tyrell Mkwanzani
 11.1 Eilish Martin
 11.2 Ahmed Ulhaq Ehsan
 11.2J Finn Currie
 11.2K Amiee Brown
 11.2L Sophia Colabuono
 11.2M Charlie Layer
 11.3X Hector Goatley
 12Z Bea Dent



Mr Jennings

Sporting Success



Imogen Dodds (10Y) has just competed at the Swim England Winter Championships in Sheffield. The competition is the highest level for short course swimming nationally. In the multi-class events, Imogen swam pbs in the three heats. As a result, she made the finals in all three and then went on to complete them with more pbs. Imogen swam against several Paralympic Medal winners, finishing 8th in 50m freestyle, 7th in 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly.

In the butterfly final, Imogen swam against triple Paralympic Champion from Paris 2024, Poppy Maskil, who set a new European record in this final race. The event proved to be a great opportunity and experience for Imogen.

Mr Neeson



Winter House Games Results



HOUSE WINTER GAMES RESULTS DECEMBER 2024 YEAR 7



HOUSE/ SPORT	Football	Netball	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Cross-Fit Challenge	Boys Dodgeball	Girls Dodgeball	TOTAL
NORTHS	1	2	1	6	4	1	2	22
SOUTHS	6	6	2	2	1	2	1	19
EASTS	4	1	6	4	2	6	4	23
WESTS	2	4	4	1	6	4	6	27

YEAR 8

HOUSE/ SPORT	Football	Netball	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Cross-Fit Challenge	Boys Dodgeball	Girls Dodgeball	TOTAL
NORTHS	6	6	6	4	6	6	1	35
SOUTHS	2	2	1	1	4	2	6	18
EASTS	1	1	2	6	1	1	2	14
WESTS	4	4	4	2	2	4	4	24

POINTS: 1st: 6, 2nd: 4, 3rd: 2, 4th: 1



HOUSE WINTER GAMES RESULTS DECEMBER 2024 YEAR 9



HOUSE/ SPORT	Football	Netball	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Cross-Fit Challenge	Boys Dodgeball	Girls Dodgeball	TOTAL
NORTHS	6	6	4	4	4	2	4	30
SOUTHS	4	4	6	1	6	4	6	31
EASTS	2	1	1	2	1	6	4	17
WESTS	1	2	2	6	2	1	4	18

YEAR 10

HOUSE/ SPORT	Football	Netball	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Cross-Fit Challenge	Boys Dodgeball	Girls Dodgeball	TOTAL
NORTHS	4	6	2	6	4	4	6	32
SOUTHS	6	1	1	4	1	6	4	23
EASTS	2	2	6	1	2	6	6	29
WESTS	1	4	4	2	6	6	4	25

POINTS: 1st: 6, 2nd: 4, 3rd: 2, 4th: 1



Recruitment

We currently have the following exciting opportunity for an outstanding and ambitious individual:

Teacher of Science

Successful candidates will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will play an integral part within the school.

Please visit our website vacancy page, where you will be able to view additional information regarding the role.

We hope you are excited by the opportunity to work with us. We look forward to hearing from you.



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WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING

09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024 11/11/2024 02/12/2024 23/12/2024 13/01/2025 03/02/2025 24/02/2025 17/03/2025

V – Vegetarian

VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Traditional Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese, Selection of Toppings, House Salad & Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY

Hand Carved Roast Turkey, Roasties, Seasonal Veg & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Baked Beef Enchilada with Mexican Rice & Salsa

FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Fryday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Vegan Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy (VE)

TUESDAY

Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese, Selection of Toppings, House Salad & Garlic Bread (V)

WEDNESDAY

Mature Cheddar, Broccoli & Leek Quiche with Seasonal Veg or Garden Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Mixed Bean Enchilada with Mexican Rice & Salsa (V)

FRIDAY

Sweetcorn, Chilli & Coriander Fritters with Sriracha Dressing, Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Apple Pie & Custard

TUESDAY

Peach & Pineapple Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Sticky Coconut & Jam Pudding

THURSDAY

Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

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MONDAY

Caramelised Onion & Mozzarella Poutine (V)

TUESDAY

Gochujang Chicken and Sesame Rice Pot

WEDNESDAY

Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles

THURSDAY

Korean Fried Crispy Chicken

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

NATURally

MONDAY

Reggae Reggae Jackfruit Curry (VE)

TUESDAY

Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)

WEDNESDAY

Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

FRIDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or BBQ Chicken Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.

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