



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

NEWSLETTER



## Events all week

Year 10 English and MFL  
Speaking Assessments

### Monday

Year 12 Geography Field Trip (to Weds)

### Tuesday

Year 10 Collective Worship  
Year 10 GCSE PE Rock Climbing  
Year 9 Multi-Agency Day  
Friends and Family Drama Showcase

### Wednesday

Year 10 Enterprise Day  
Year 10: *Macbeth* at Toilethorpe

### Thursday

Year 10 Enterprise Day  
DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition (to Sun)  
Year 10: *Macbeth* at Toilethorpe

### Friday 4

Year 10 Holocaust Awareness Morning  
Alumni 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

## The Superstars of a Super Week

#BestOfBishop

Well, what a week! After months of planning, organising, scheduling, and re-organising, last week saw the third Bishop Super Curricular Week. And what a week it was. Being part of the 'Bishop' community, you'll know that we seek to '*unlock the unique potential*' of every student. For some this unique potential can be realised through our taught curriculum – the lessons week in week out. For others, fixtures, clubs or societies provide enrichment needed to help realise their potential. A week of '*beyond the classroom*' learning provided opportunities to experience something new, work with different people, listen to other voices, and see alternative perspectives helping students' journey to '*realise unique potential*.'

If I were to write about all of the amazing events and activities from last week, the newsletter would run to 30 pages or more!

However, some highlights of the week:

- The students in Year 8 who baked cakes and delivered them to a local care home, spending time talking with and to residents, building and fostering a sense of community and compassion.
- The alumni visitors who led Q&A sessions with students in Year 10 to share their experiences and provide motivation and encouragement that making dreams become a reality is possible.
- The STEM activity day for students in Year 7 – working in small groups to complete a number of STEM challenges to develop critical thinking, collaboration, teamwork and decision making.
- The CSI Day with Year 9 students- using a range of scientific analysis techniques, from finger printing to DNA analysis to solve a 'crime.'
- The visits – Woburn Safari Park, University of Birmingham, Derbyshire Dales, Normandy, Alton Towers
- The School Walk – the sense of both community and achievement felt by 900 walkers!

Mr Keane

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:

Community Relationships



## Super Curricular Week Cont'd

Providing these activities is a real team effort and we are fortunate to have a team of dedicated and hard-working staff who are ambitious for our students and are willing to go 'above and beyond' to provide such enriching opportunities. As this week is about community, I wanted to share with you comments from those involved (see below).

*"Just wanted to say what delightful students you have and how enjoyable yesterday afternoon was. I loved it all. The school was looking wonderful too, so well cared for, the students were all so engaged with the various activities and looked to be having a great time."*

A former member of staff who attended an 'Afternoon Tea' event at school

*"Dear Teachers,*

*I am writing to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible Culture Day you organized for us. On behalf of the entire school, and especially Year 8, we want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication in making the day such a memorable and enriching experience..."*

Extract from a letter written by a student in Year 8 following the Culture Day

*"Thank you for inviting me back to work with your Year 10 students – they were really excellent, they engaged well and asked lots of really good questions. They were a credit to the school"*

Extract from an employer who visited the school to work with students

**Mr Keane**

## Core Values in Action

Our Core Values in Action awards recognise students for embodying our school's values in their local communities. We always love to celebrate their contributions which represent our school so well.

The following students in Year 8 receive CViA awards this week:

Reuben Chapman, Harry Fox, Grace Metutu, Amish Singoida, Ava Balding, Anopaishe Nhariswa & Lucy Remmington for helping out at the St Peter & St Paul Food Kitchen all day. Your hard work was invaluable!

**Mrs Peach**



Well done to Alicia Mendez and Olivia May for helping at Abington Church Fete on 5<sup>th</sup> July, raising money for their Church!

Beatrice Cooper (8E) and her younger sister volunteered with the Youth Church team in the tea tent run by the Uplands Churches at the Hollowell Steam Rally last weekend. They put in over 9 hours of time both on the till and in clearing and wiping tables over the busy two day event, contributing to a fantastic total of over £6,000 raised for local good causes.

If you know of any student who you think is eligible for a Core Values in Action award, please email

[newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com)



**Mrs Peach**



## We are a Church of England School

Please enjoy reading the comments below from a variety of voices to get a real sense of the *>Something More?* from Year 8s taking part in our Faith in Action initiative in Super Curricular Week. Over two days we had 21 projects in the community!

"After we'd finished our concert, watching the students circulate and connect with the residents was just beautiful. The whole experience was moving and humbling and a genuine privilege."

"They worked hard all day - making 100 cheese sandwiches; cutting and bagging cakes; making up the 100 packed lunch bags; setting out tables; preparing fruit salad and filling the little takeaway pots (approx 120 !); chopping vegetables and helping to assemble the trays of mixed vegetables with cheese topping for the hot meals. Please would you pass on our thanks to the 8 students who helped at Food Kitchen this Thursday. They are a credit to you and the school."

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you to the staff and children that attended our home today. Our residents had smiles from ear to ear."

"Just wanted to say what delightful students you have and how enjoyable yesterday afternoon was. I loved it all. The school was looking wonderful too, so well cared for, the students were all so engaged with the various activities and looked to be having a great time."

"I thought it was good for the students to experience a different side to charity work, not just the working with people but the unseen stuff of making and preparing resources, all getting stuck in, the students did really well with it."

"It was a nice relaxed day, the place (Souster Youth) is fantastic, think the students were impressed with what they did there, they learned a bit about the history of the charity and what they do."

"It was lovely to welcome the students today - they did a fantastic job. I hope they enjoyed being there as much as we enjoyed them being there!"

## Safe Space

Globally, statistics show that girls' attendance varies significantly during their menstrual cycle. It can be challenging to manage this in school but there is support here for them. Students are taught about puberty through science and PSHE lessons. Period products are available in toilets across the school and students can also collect them from the medical room. These are free and available to anyone who needs them.

If students have a concern about their period and would like to speak to someone about it, our School Nurse visits every fortnight and the Heads of Year can book an appointment for them.

**Mrs Smith**

## School Walk

Our amazing School Walk took place last Friday, on a beautiful day. Students and staff walked to Isham Cricket Club where they had lunch before returning to school. It is an incredible event, with all of us walking together. We were so proud of our students' behaviour throughout– and also for the money they have raised. There is still time to give – [JustGiving](#)– and to bring sponsorship money in to school: please remind your child to do that if they have not yet done so. So far we have raised an amazing £2,704.20!

### Miss Silverthorne



## Sports News

### Year 7 County Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following students who represented North Northants at the U13 County Schools Athletics Championships:

#### Boys

Callum Johnson 1500m 7th  
Gabriel Leatherland 70m Hurdles 3rd  
Teddy Webber 70m Hurdles 5th  
Jayden Amponsah-Dadzi Discus 1st

#### Girls

Robyn Willis 70m Hurdles 3rd  
May Thebe Shot 4th  
Alexandra Howes Javelin 10<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Alexandra Howes (7P). Alexandra has been offered a place with Loughborough Lightning's U14 Athlete Development programme for 2025/26!

Congratulations to Eva Winson who was awarded "Players' Player 2024-25" for Corby Netball Club U16s. Eva received fantastic feedback from her coach regarding team playing, commitment, skills and adaptability.

And a reminder that our Sports Day will take place on the last Tuesday of term (22 July) for all students in Years 7-10. We look forward to some good natured, but no doubt fiercely competitive inter-House competition!

### Mr Young





## >Something More?

Congratulations to each student who entered the recent >Something More? competition. This is our way of exploring spirituality – something we are asked to do as a Church of England school. It has been a wonderful opportunity to consider our place in the universe and to explore the big questions – to which faith provides some answers.

The competition entries were incredibly creative and varied, which gave the judges a really hard time to award prizes. We will use all entries in our displays in school.

And the winners are...

### Mixed Media:

1st – Aditi Kanoor and Ankita Kanoor for their short film animation

2nd – Tom Sweeney for his PowerPoint on the >Something More? of football

### Written:

1st – Phoebe Mockford (her entry is below)

2nd – Katie Hailes

“Is there something more?” One of the greatest philosophical questions of all time. Is there something beyond our knowledge? Or something only a godlike being could achieve?

As humans evolved, we’ve searched high and low, nowhere and everywhere.

From Plato’s *Feet* to Dawkin’s *Selfish Gene*, even the greatest philosophers couldn’t answer the big question; “Is there something more?”

Or even the most intelligent mathematicians couldn’t explain what the maximum was.

Because in reality, no one could, and no one ever will fully understand.

Because, as humanity, we will never come to realise our limits.

### Mrs Hutchinson



## Intermediate Biology Olympiad Challenge

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 Biologists for successfully completing the Intermediate Biology Olympiad challenge.

Well done to those students who achieved Bronze awards: Aniya Sidhu, William Johnson, Atharva Kulkarni, Seth Fox, Udelle Hopson, Raheem Syed, Shekiana Amoateng and Shakya Mallikage.

And well done, too, to those who achieved a Silver award: Kaunain Kleyn, Maya Adamska, Rose Clark and Sarah Harris.

### Mrs Redding

## Music Success

Congratulations to:

Taemin Lee in Y12 for passing Grade 8 with Merit in both violin and piano.

Benjamin Hodges who recently passed his Grade 6 Cello with Merit.

Miles de Barros (7G) passed with Merit for his ABRSM Grade 4 Double Bass exam.



### Mrs Armstrong

## Nines in Normandy

Last week, a group of enthusiastic Year 9 students went to Caen in France. We participated in a number of exciting activities. We travelled by coach and ferry and had the delight of seeing dolphins.

On day one, we explored the inside of a cheese factory, including tasting! The local delicacy was 'Camembert de Normandie'. Later that day, we visited the Caen Peace Museum. This was an eye-opening experience, where we learnt about the history of events such as the Holocaust and World War 2.

The following day, we visited the Movie 360 at Arromanches, where we watched a short film about the D-Day landings in Normandy and visited the war graves. This gave a true reflection of the number of lives lost in the war, something you can't imagine in the classroom. There was also time to explore the town and experience French culture. That afternoon, we went to the Bayeux Tapestry, reviewing the story of the events that took place at the Battle of Hastings.

On our final day, we went to a Calvados distillery and were able to taste the apple juice produced in France.

Everyone enjoyed this. In the afternoon, we travelled on 'le petit train' to explore the medieval village of Honfleur. The trip was a great opportunity to try French cuisine, practise French speaking and to have a hotel experience without parents!

This was the best residential experience I have had during my time at Bishop Stopford School, and I want to say a special thanks to all the staff who took us.

Au revoir

**Isla Gray 9S**

We would like to thank all the staff who gave up a week of their time to take the Year 9 trip to France: without their commitment, this trip would not be possible. After a difficult and long journey there, the week settled into a great one. And staff on the trip would like to commend the students for their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour on the trip. A great time was had by all.

**Miss Silverthorne**





## Careers – Super Curricular Week

### Year 8 Take A Child To Work Day



### Year 12 Work Experience

Last week, our Year 12 students embarked on exciting work experience placements across a variety of sectors, including finance, education, agriculture, architecture, medicine, dentistry, and even with the National Trust. These placements provided a unique opportunity to gain hands-on insight into possible careers.

From the fast-paced world of finance, where students enhanced their analytical and problem-solving skills, to education placements which developed communication skills, each sector offered distinct learning experiences. Those in agriculture gained practical knowledge about farming, whilst students in architecture embarked on real life projects set by local firms.

In healthcare, placements in medicine and dentistry allowed students to observe patient care first hand, whilst developing critical skills such as empathy, and teamwork. Meanwhile, working with the National Trust gave students a chance to engage with heritage conservation, developing project management and public engagement skills.

Any student not on a specific work experience placement supported super-curricular week in school. Here, students played an invaluable role in a variety of activities such as Faith in Action, Culture Day and the Tyre Challenge! Many also supported the school walk, boosting the morale of younger students!

These diverse placements have not only enhanced the students' understanding of their future career paths, but also equipped them with vital transferable skills — from critical thinking and adaptability to effective communication and professionalism. These will serve them well in whatever they choose to pursue once they leave us in Year 13, whether to a school leaver programme, apprenticeship, or university.

Feedback from employers was very positive and we are proud of all our Year 12s for embracing this opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for the next stage of their journeys.

**Miss Whitehead**

Important Dates

22 JULY

Sports Day

24 JULY

Yr 12 Reports issued

25 JULY

School closes at 12:30pm for the summer break

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WEEK 1

Week Commencing: 31/03/25, 21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 23/06/25, 14/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<b>MONDAY</b> Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice	<b>MONDAY</b> Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)
<b>TUESDAY</b> Chicken Chow Mein	<b>TUESDAY</b> Hoisin Tofu Chow Mein (VE)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Veg(V)
<b>THURSDAY</b> Mexican Style Beef & Tortilla Lasagne	<b>THURSDAY</b> Smokey Plant Based Chili, Served with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V)
<b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	<b>FRIDAY</b> BBQ Bean Burger with Chunky Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spiced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla Sauce	Apple Strudel & Custard	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Cookie Dough Fruit Crumble	Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly 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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STREET VIBES

MADE YOUR WAY!

CHOOSE IT! ADD IT! TOP IT!

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available Tuesday to Thursday. With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURALLY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Margherita Pizza

