



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 12 September 2025

NEWSLETTER



Monday 15 September

Year 11 Collective Worship
Praying Parents 2pm

Tuesday 16 September

Year 10 Collective Worship
Govilon Parents' Information
Evening 6pm

Wednesday 17 September

Year 12 Collective Worship
School Photographs
Year 13 Personal Statement
Sessions

Thursday 18 September

Year 7 Collective Worship

Friday 19 September

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship
Year 11 Eucharist
Year 12 Introduction to
Higher Education Session

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
Who are we? We are
here for you!

All that Bishop Stopford School means to us.

#BestOfBishop

As Head Students, we are incredibly proud to welcome both new and returning students to what will be another exciting year at Bishop Stopford School! Whether students are stepping through these doors for the very first time or returning for their final year, they are part of a community which celebrates creativity, diversity and will encourage them to explore new things. There is a plethora of activities to be a part of at Bishop, such as chapel, concerts, sports events, math challenges, and trips of every kind..

Bishop to us is more than just a school; it is a welcoming community where we are valued and encouraged to be the best version of ourselves. Through our time here, we have grown not only academically but also as individuals, guided by our five core values: faith, justice, responsibility, truth and compassion. These values have helped us build meaningful relationships and to support one another. It's a great honour to extend that same sense of belonging to all year groups.

As part of the Student Leadership Team, we're proud to work together to help shape the student experience by listening to ideas, sharing voices and supporting school initiatives, we remain committed to making a meaningful difference and introducing opportunities that bring our school community closer together. We can't wait to get started and to create memories that everyone can be part of. One notable event was last year's Culture Day, brilliantly organised by Mrs Smith. It was an incredible celebration, and we cannot wait for everyone to experience this year's event.

Ollie & Udelle



We are a Church of England School

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances'

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 The Bible

Dear Lord,

We thank you Lord for our planet and homes,

We are grateful for our family and health,

We are thankful for the chance to enjoy education to learn and grow,

We are appreciative of our school community,

Thank you for the opportunity to make friends and build relationships,

Thank you for the teachers who help us to learn,

Thank you for bringing us together on a new day and giving us joy.

We also pray for those who may not enjoy all these things.

We hope you can bring them comfort.

Amen



Bishop Stopford School
With a passion for excellence in every discipline

Let us pray.....

7W form prayer

#bestofbishop

As we start our academic year, we have encouraged students to write a collaborative form prayer. These prayers will be used within their own classes but also shared across school. It is wonderful to pray together with one voice and to share some prayers with you today.

Let us pray with 8E

We come to you with open hearts, humbled by Your presence and grateful for the blessings You've poured into our lives.

Thank you for the food that nourishes us, the guidance You offer when we feel down, and the love and kindness that surround us each day - especially within our education.

Even when the path ahead feels unclear, help us to trust You. Remind us that Your plans are good, and Your timing is perfect.

We acknowledge Your power and Your love, and we rest in the comfort of knowing You walk beside us.

Please encourage us in all our opportunities.

Give us the courage to try our best, to grow through the challenges, and to shine with the gifts You've placed within us. AMEN

Mrs Hutchinson

60th Anniversary Church Service: Friday 26 September 2025

We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting a number of prestigious events celebrating our 60 year anniversary. Our final formal event is a church service later this month which will be attended either in person or virtually by the whole school. We think it is entirely fitting for our youngest and oldest students to represent us in person. Therefore, all Year 7 and Year 13 students will attend the service in person at our Parish Church, Ss Peter and Paul's. We are delighted that our service will be led by the Bishop of Peterborough as well as students and staff.

Mrs Wood

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 receive CViA awards this week:

Max Joseph (9D) and Amish Singodia (9D) found a mobile phone in Barton Seagrave and used their initiative to reunite this with its owner. We received a lovely commendation letter from the gentleman who said, "As I am in my nineties, the phone is vital to me. I am very grateful and the boys were polite and certainly represented Christian values on this occasion and acted accordingly."

If you know of a student who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, email newsletter@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Peach



Safe Space

Pastoral support underpins all aspects of school life. In our community, this means students being greeted at the gates and as they arrive on buses, daily form tutor interactions, duty staff in high vis jackets so that they're visible and accessible at key times, and full-time Heads of Year.

We're very proud of our students whose behaviour and attitudes every day enable the community to thrive. They uphold our core values and so we see strong and positive relationships fostered across the community.

When challenges or concerns arise, students can let us know in a way that feels most comfortable to them. They can:

- Speak to their form tutor or Head of Year;
- Speak to another trusted adult – a different member of staff who they know and have a relationship with;
- Complete a 'blue form' in the pastoral office;
- Speak to a Student Ambassador;
- Email us on itsnotok@bishopstopford.com.

If parents have concerns, they should raise this with the form tutor or Head of Year in the first instance. For safeguarding matters, though, please email safeguarding@bishopstopford.com. Mr Raghoo has joined us this year as Designated Safeguarding Lead, and he will be working closely with students and families in this new role.



If any member of the community has a concern, we encourage them to raise it immediately so that we can respond and support in the most appropriate way.

Mrs Smith

Parking

Further to my letter sent out this week, can I reinforce our reasonable requests to mitigate further complaints from residents about irresponsible parking and driving?

- Always consider the impact of your driving and parking on our neighbours;
- We have reduced congestion by locating school buses at Highfield Road. This is a good drop-off/pick-up point supervised by staff. (8 minute walk);
- If you must come on to Headlands, be aware of your speed and the number of pedestrians. Drop off no further than Glebe Avenue. (5 minute walk);
- If you drop passengers off on Kettering Leisure Village, do so by the conference centre (12 minute walk).

We are in active discussions with Kettering Council with regard to potential solutions to these issues. In the meantime, please be considerate in your driving: I am sure none of us would be happy if these issues occurred on our doorsteps.

Miss Silverthorne

Year 8 Curriculum – Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2	
Art	<u>Still Life – An Introduction</u>		<u>Response to Still Life – A Ceramic Project</u>	
Computer Science	<u>Computer Systems</u> Programs and the operating system, to the physical components that store and execute these programs, to the fundamental binary building blocks that these components consist of.		<u>App Development</u> This unit aims to take the learners from designer to project manager to developer <u>in order to</u> create their own mobile app.	
DT	<u>Food (Unit 1)</u> Staple Foods Environmental Issues	<u>Food (Unit 2)</u> Healthy Eating Modifying Recipes	<u>Textiles</u> Developing sewing machine skills Constructing a pattern	<u>Product Design</u> Shaping metals Heating forming plastics. Target markets
Drama	<u>Rotation Project 1: Blood Brothers</u>			
English	Viewpoint Writing – Don't get me started! Literary Heritage – Sherriff's <i>Journey's End</i> and the poetry of the First World War			
Foundation Learning	How the brain works, the different types of memory and how learning happens		Effective study habits and how to get the most out of school.	
French (Core)	<u>La Nourriture</u>		Mes vacances	
Geography	<u>Frozen Continent: Antarctica</u> Students will consider every aspect of Antarctica, ranging from the climate, who owns it, animals that live and hazards faced.		<u>What is Development?</u> Focus on development using the case studies of Ghana and the UK	
History	<u>The Tudors – Introduction and the Catholic Church</u> Enquiry – How far did the Reformation change England?		<u>Problems faced by Elizabeth I</u> Enquiry – How did Elizabeth I overcome the problems which she faced?	
Maths	Fractions Solving Linear Equations Simplifying and sharing in a Ratio		Percentages of amounts Substitution into expressions and <i>formulae</i> Compound Measures	
Music	<u>Performance Study and Context</u> Dvorak 'Largo' and the Romantic period		<u>Ensemble Arrangement and Performance</u> The Blues	
PE	Rugby and Basketball (Boys) Netball and Hockey (Girls)		Hockey and Acro (Boys) Health Related Fitness and Basketball (Girls)	



Year 8 Curriculum – Autumn Term 2025 Contd...

PSHE	<u>Law and Order</u> British Values / What is the Law? / The role of the Police	<u>Law and Order</u> The Criminal Justice System / Reform v Punishment Debate
RE	<u>Christianity – Are humans incapable of being good?</u>	<u>Christianity – Can we be saved?</u>
Science	Topic 1: Earth and Space (Physics) Topic 2: Combustion (Chemistry) Topic 3: Plants and reproduction (Biology)	Topic 4: Light (Physics) Topic 5: Food and Nutrition (Biology)
Spanish (Dual Linguists)	Introductory Language	Mi Familia
Wider-Curricular	Culture Day (24.10.25)	Year 8 Communion (14.11.25) Year 8 Winter House Games Christmas Concert
Other	School opens for Year 8 students (04.09.25) School Photographs (17.09.25) 60 th Anniversary Celebration Service (26.09.25)	Year 8 Progress Review (03.12.25)

A Smart Start

We're really pleased to see students looking smart at the start of the school year, with excellent uniform and equipment so thank you to all parents for your support with this. Can I make one plea though? We have noticed that some students don't have a whiteboard and pen set - we introduced these as part of our equipment expectations at the end of the summer term. To help with this:

- The link [here](#) shows the kind of thing we require
- Students can buy whiteboards and pens at a great value price in the School Library: Whiteboards = 50 pence and Pens = 50 pence.

Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Mr Keane

Sports Congratulations

Congratulations to Tabitha Fray (13) who has been awarded Kingsthorpe Bowls Club Indoor Novice Champion and represented Northamptonshire in the National U18 national indoor finals.

Mrs McNab





Important Dates

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16 SEPT
Govilon Information Evening for Y7 Parents

17 SEPT
Photographs

2 OCT
Y7 Meet the Tutors Evening

6, 7 & 8 OCT
Y6 into 7 Open Mornings

9 OCT
Y6 into 7 Open Evening

9 OCT
Y11 Reports issued

10 OCT
Teacher CPD Day

14 OCT
Flu Vaccinations Y7 - 11

24 OCT
Y 13 Reports issued

Half Term: Mon 27 October - Friday 7 November

Music Extra-Curricular Timetable

	8:30	12:15-12.45	3:30-4.30
MON		<u>Set works help week B</u> <u>Mu2</u> Mrs Wilson	
TUE	<u>Senior choir Mu1</u> Mr A taylor Y9-13	<u>Ukulele Magic Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong All welcome. <u>String Orchestra week A</u> <u>Mu2</u> Mrs Wilson All string players Grade 3+	
WED	<u>Junior choir Mu1</u> Mr A taylor Y7-9 <u>Exam performance prep</u> Mr J Taylor PR		
THU	<u>Coursework help Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong Music GCSE/A level students	<u>Concert band Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong Wind, brass & percussion players players Grade 3+	<u>Brass Band Mu1</u> Mr Turnbull All brass players
FRI	<u>Worship group week A Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong Singers, guitarists, pianists <u>Guitar Group Mu3</u> Mr Smith All guitar players welcome	<u>Bishop rocks Mu3</u> Mr Smith Anyone interested in singing or playing pop/rock music	

Mrs Armstrong



