



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 13th June 2025

NEWSLETTER



Events All Week

GCSE Examination Period
A Level Examination Period

Isle of Scillies Camp 3 Depart (Sunday)

Monday 16 June

Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 12 UCAS Exhibition - Bedford University

Tuesday 17 June

Year 10 Collective Worship
Isle of Scillies Camp 2 Return

Wednesday 18 June

Year 9 Collective Worship

Thursday 19 June

Year 8 Collective Worship
Year 12 Collective Worship
Year 10 Progress Review

Friday 20 June

Year 12 Bishop Lecture
Isle of Scillies Camp 4 Depart

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:

Super Curricular Week

Celebrating 15 years of STEM

#BestOfBishop

This year marks a double celebration for Bishop Stopford School - not only are we commemorating our 60th anniversary, but we're also proud to celebrate 15 years of inspiring young minds through our dedicated STEM Days.

Since their inception, STEM Days have provided students with hands-on opportunities to explore the exciting worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Through creative problem-solving and collaborative structure-building challenges, students gain a deeper understanding of STEM concepts in a fun and engaging environment.

Our goal is simple: to ignite curiosity and foster a lasting passion for STEM. By giving students the chance to explore real-world applications of these subjects, we aim to equip them with the skills they need to thrive in an increasingly complex and high-tech world.

In today's society, success is no longer just about what you know - it's about how you apply that knowledge. STEM education helps students develop critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and evidence-based decision-making skills. These are essential not only for STEM careers but for life in general.

Whether or not students pursue STEM professionally, the skills they gain - such as innovative thinking, logical analysis, and problem-solving - are invaluable. They empower students to approach challenges from fresh perspectives and craft creative solutions.

And the results speak for themselves: a higher-than-average number of our students go on to study STEM subjects at A-level and university. Many of our alumni have gone on to enjoy successful and rewarding careers in STEM fields.

The final STEM Days of this academic year will take place during Super Curricular Week in early July - a fitting finale to another year of discovery and innovation.

Pictured above: former students enjoying their STEM Days - many of whom are now thriving in STEM careers.

Mr Harwood



We are a Church of England School

Beatrice Cooper in Year 7 was confirmed by Bishop John on Sunday 8th at St Michael's Church, Creton - although Bea is from St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe.

We are delighted to celebrate this and to share this with the School community!



FUNDRAISER! For: St. Peter and St. Paul's Food Kitchen

2nd-HAND BOOK SALE

NAME THE TEDDY

BRING YOUR £1s & 50ps

COUNT THE SWEETS

BAKE SALE

MAIN HALL @ 12:30 20th June

We are delighted our Sixth Form Leadership Team and our Student Chaplaincy Team (and Christian Union) are putting on a joint School Fundraiser next Friday 20th June at lunchtime.

We will be raising money for Ss Peter & Paul Food Kitchen in Kettering Town Centre, our Parish Church.

On offer: cakes, second hand books, mini competitions including a 'name the teddy'. If you could offer cakes or books, we would be thrilled! And students with 50ps would be fantastic! Please bring any donations on 20th June to either the Chapel in the morning or to the Main Hall at the start of lunchtime.

We value your time and support and most importantly, your prayers. Thank you.

'Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand'

1Chronicles 29:14 The Bible

Mrs Hutchinson

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.

If you know of anyone worthy for a Core Values in Action award, please email newsletter@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Peach

Safe Space

Last week marked Men's Mental Health Week, an important opportunity to bring attention to the disparity in reporting of mental health concerns between men and women. Popular comedian Romesh Ranganathan recently spoke out about his own mental health struggles, saying that 'recognising it is half the battle' ([Romesh Ranganathan opens up about mental health struggle on Desert Island Discs - BBC News](#)).

Men's Mental Health Week has been celebrated in communities, workplaces and universities up and down the country and different groups are sharing advice, friendship and space to talk. Though they contain material that some may find triggering, these resources from the charity 'Mates in Mind' seek to break the silence and stigma that can surround mental ill-health:

[Men's Health Week 9-15 June 2025 resources](#) | [Mates in Mind](#)

The NHS has also set up a Men's Health Hub with information and guidance to support men with their health and wellbeing:

[Men's Health Hub](#) | [NHS Professionals](#)

Earlier this year, we were delighted to support three of our Year 11 students, Will, Jared and Eshaan, as they completed a 200km run for Mental Health UK, a national charity that seeks to provide people to 'with the tools they need to live their best possible life at home, school and work'. We're incredibly proud of them and the openness they model in talking about mental health.



In school, we provide a range of support for students, from 1:1 mentoring to counselling with YouthWorks or the Mental Health Support Team. If you are worried about your child, or another student in school, please don't hesitate to contact their Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Important Information

Over the last few months, there have been some violent incidents that have been reported in the Kettering area. In response to this, the local housing officers are working with the local police to engage with the community and offer their support.

On Wednesday 18th June, there will be a Police Beat bus near Highfield Road during the afternoon. Trained professionals will be available to offer mental health and substance misuse support and police will listen to resident concerns or reports about what is happening in the area. There will also be an amnesty bin for weapons nearby. These have proved hugely successful in other areas across Northamptonshire at reducing the number of weapons – especially bladed items – on the streets.

School staff will supervise the school buses as normal and parents and students are welcome to visit the Police Beat bus if they would like to.

Mrs Smith

Sponsored School Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Friday 4th July for students in Years 7 - 10. This was reinstated last year, after a five-year break due to the pandemic, and was a huge success!

Our Walk is a unique tradition which began over 40 years ago and it encapsulates our values and ethos, with all staff and students participating in a highly enjoyable community event.

In previous years, we have raised money for a minibus and a canopy for outdoor eating. Both have been very much appreciated. This year, students have told us that they would like more lockers and so we will be raising money for this very good cause.

Just a reminder to complete permission information for your child/ren if you have not already done so.



Student Sponsorship forms were sent to parents via Edulink. Paper copies are available at Reception. Families can also donate via [JustGiving](#).

Miss Silverthorne

Bishop Stopford Students Go the Extra Mile Through Volunteering

At Bishop Stopford School, giving back to the community isn't just encouraged - it's celebrated. This year, our students have gone above and beyond, logging an impressive 1,274 hours of volunteering for their DofE awards. Their dedication is a powerful reflection of our core values: compassion, responsibility, and service.

From lending a hand in local charity shops to supporting community events across Kettering, our students have embraced every opportunity to make a meaningful difference. A standout example is their work in Kettering's charity shops, where they've taken on tasks such as sorting donations, assisting customers, and helping create warm, welcoming spaces for all.

Mrs. B Smith, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator at Bishop Stopford School, shared her pride in the students' efforts: "This is an amazing achievement for our pupils who have dedicated their time to volunteering to help others. These are just the hours logged on the system, so the real total is likely even higher - a true testament to their generosity and commitment."

Beyond the immediate impact on the community, these experiences have helped students develop essential life skills, including teamwork, communication, and time management. Volunteering has also deepened their understanding of social responsibility and the power of kindness in action.

We are incredibly proud of every student who contributed to this outstanding achievement. Their efforts embody the spirit of Bishop Stopford School - integrity, service, and a strong sense of community.

Here's to continuing this tradition of giving and making a difference—one hour at a time.



Thank you

To
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Bishop Stopford School

who spent

1274 Hours

volunteering between
1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement
of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is:

£8153



Mrs. B. Smith, DofE Coordinator

June 2025



Exciting Musical Opportunity



We have some spaces for **Cello** lessons starting in September with one of our amazing NMPAT teachers. We can offer a free taster session if required, and instruments may be borrowed from NMPAT. If your child is interested, they can talk to their Music teacher or you could email the Head of Music jarmstrong@bishopstopford.com.

To apply immediately, please submit [this](#) form, and let Mrs Watt (kwatt@bishopstopford.com) know you have sent in a late lesson request. We need applications in within the next week. If you require financial help, contact Mrs Watt in confidence.

Click on this link for a chilled performance of Christmas music on the cello: <https://youtu.be/uBQv3tvvZZI> - cooling on a hot day!

Mrs Watt

Supporting Learning At Home

We have worked with Elevate Education for several years. They offer sessions that support students as they progress to A-Level, including time management and how to ace your exams.

Alongside student sessions, Elevate also offers Parent Webinars, which anyone can join. Please see the information on the right which includes a QR code to join any upcoming sessions.

Miss Whitehead

Important Dates

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| 13 JUNE Yr 10 Reports Issued | 19 JUNE Yr 10 Progress Review | 23 - 27 JUNE Yr 12 Mocks |
| 1 JULY Start of Super Curricular Week | 3 JULY Yr 9 Reports issued | 4 JULY School Walk |
| 6 & 7 JULY Y6 into 7 Induction Day | 10 JULY Yr 11 into 12 Induction Day | 10 JULY Celebration of the Arts Evening |

Summer Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60- minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

Scan the QR code to register



In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)
- 6th May @6:00pm (BST)
2. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory
- 20th May @6:00pm (BST)
3. How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress
- 17th June @6:00pm (BST)
4. How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated
- 1st July @6:00pm (BST)
5. How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success
- 15th July @6:00pm (BST)





Year 13 Curriculum – Summer Term

| Subject | Summer Term 1 | Summer Term 2 |
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| A-Level Art | External Exam – Planning and Testing | <div>A-LEVEL EXAMS</div> |
| A-Level Biology | <u>Teacher A:</u> Complete M5 C18 Respiration PAG catch up and Practical revision. <u>Teacher B:</u> Complete M6 C24 Populations PAG catch up and Biological Maths revision. | |
| A-Level Business | Paper 3 – Research and Revision | |
| A-Level Chemistry | Practical skills consolidation Revision and examination questions | |
| A-Level Computer Science | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Economics | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level English Language and Literature | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level English Literature | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level French | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Further Maths | <u>Structured Revision</u> Topic reviews based on mock QLA and frequency of topics. Examination paper practice | |
| A-Level Geography | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Geology | Mass extinctions Lagerstätten deposits Evolution and applied palaeontology | |
| A-Level History | Women and Civil Rights (Complete Unit) Preparation for Exams | |



Year 13 Curriculum – Summer Term

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| A-Level Maths | Structured Revision Topic reviews based on mock QLA and frequency of topics. Examination paper practice | <div>A-LEVEL EXAMS</div> |
| A-Level Music | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level PE | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Physics | Practical skills consolidation Revision and examination questions | |
| A-Level Politics | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Product Design | Preparation for Exams | |
| Life and Ethics | The course will have been completed by this stage | |
| A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics) | Religious Practices which shape Religious Identity Challenges from Science and Pluralism Preparation for Exams | |
| Psychology | Approaches Comparison | |
| A-Level Sociology | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Spanish | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Textiles | Preparation for Exams | |
| A-Level Theatre Studies | Preparation for Exams | |
| Wider-Curricular | Year 12 and 13 Communion (25.04.25) A-Level Theatre Studies Practical Exam (07.05.25) A-Level Art Exam (30.04.25 to 02.05.25) A-Level Exam Period starts (12.05.25) | |
| Other | Last Day for Year 13 (09.05.25) | |

Recruitment

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

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Non Teaching

The successful candidate will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will contribute to unlocking students' unique potential.

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



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WEEK 3


Week Commencing: 14/04/25, 05/05/25, 26/05/25, 16/06/25, 07/07/25

| CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY | |
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| CLASSIC MAIN MEALS | VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS |
| MONDAY Creamy Tuscan Chicken with Smoked Paprika Wedges | MONDAY Baked Courgette & Tomato Gratin with Smoked Paprika Wedges (V) |
| TUESDAY Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta & House Salad | TUESDAY Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta and House Salad (V) |
| WEDNESDAY Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy | WEDNESDAY Vegan Sausage Turnover, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy (VE) |
| THURSDAY Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice | THURSDAY Chana Masala Served with Pilau Rice (V) |
| FRIDAY Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce | FRIDAY Vegan Quorn & Ranch Burger Served with Chips & Peas (VE) |

| DESSERTS | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Chocolate & Banana Brownie | Daily Apple Crumble & Custard | Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard | Baked Cheesecake with Chocolate Sauce | 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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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 | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V) | Vegan Singapore Noodles (V) | Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V) | Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE) | Garlic & Chili Noodles (VE) |

TRATTORIA

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

