



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 13 September 2024

NEWSLETTER



Monday 16 September
Year 11 Collective Worship

Tuesday 17 September
Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday 18 September
Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship
School Photographs
Year 13 Personal Statement
Session

Thursday 19 September
Year 7 Collective Worship

Friday 20 September
Year 11 Communion
Year 12 & 13 Collective Worship
Year 12 – Introduction to
Higher Education Talk

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
Safeguarding

Welcome from us

#BestOfBishop

Welcome to the new school year from your Head Students. We are looking forward to getting to know and interact with all our new students in Years 7 and 12.

As Head Students, we lead the Student Leadership Team. This gives us the opportunity to introduce exciting events which will embody the spirit of Bishop Stopford School.

So, what does Bishop Stopford mean to us? Well in short, Bishop Stopford has moulded us into the students we are today and will help us become the people we aspire to be. It's the acts of kindness and community that we see around school that every student aims to embody here and in life. This could be as simple as holding the door open for a teacher, or helping a new student get to their lesson. These are basic examples of what makes Bishop a welcoming environment. As you are aware, we have five core values of Faith, Justice, Responsibility, Truth and Compassion. Being a Bishop Stopford student means these values are part of our everyday life.

As Head Students, our big aim is to create connections between year groups. We want to continue to build an inclusive environment where everyone feels supported and heard. An event we are extremely excited to introduce is Culture Day in October. This event will showcase the spirit of Bishop Stopford and give students the opportunity to learn and appreciate the differences which make our school community so great. We look forward to seeing students in their cultural dress to celebrate the heritages we all have.

Preston & Isla



What's on in the Chapel: come and join in!



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews Chapter 10, verses 24 and 25, The Bible

Weekly Worship Sessions in form time:
In this together

LUNCHTIMES	WEEK A	WEEK B
MONDAY	QUIET CHAPEL <i>Space to breathe. Peaceful music. Come and sit in the stillness for as long as you like</i>	REFUEL <i>Group for Year 12 & Year 13 Bible, Chat, Discuss, Share, <u>Encourage</u>, <u>Together</u></i>
TUESDAY	DISCOVER FAITH <i>All year groups welcome Led by Faye, Youth worker Hope Church Looking at the Bible creatively</i>	DISCOVER FAITH <i>All year groups welcome Led by Faye, Youth worker Hope Church Looking at the Bible creatively</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>Open for All Please come and use the Chapel space and get to know students in other year groups</i>	BOYS – UNITED FOR CHRIST <i>Led by Year 13s and Mr Holvey Talk about school, life and faith over hot chocolate</i>
THURSDAY **	<i>Open for All Please come and use the Chapel space and get to know students in other year groups</i>	<i>Open for All Please come and use the Chapel space and get to know students in other year groups</i>
FRIDAY	CHRISTIAN UNION <i>Open for all year groups and led by 6th formers Games, Fun, Friendship Looking at God's Word together</i>	CHRISTIAN UNION <i>Open for all year groups and led by 6th formers Games, Fun, Looking at God's Word together</i>

** GIRL Group – these pop-up events will run each half term: keep your eyes open for details on the plasma screen

Bring your lunch – you are welcome to eat in the chapel

Core Values

If you know of any student who you think is eligible for a Core Values in Action award, please email Mrs Peach on hpeach@bishopstopford.com



Safe Space

This week, we have seen all seasons in one day! Predictions of a heat wave have, unfortunately, not materialised, and we've seen instead very changeable weather. Our students have, as ever, been fantastic, moving inside when the rain has come and enjoying being outside when it's dry. We have noticed, though, that many students are not prepared for sudden showers or colder snaps. We perhaps remember being teenagers ourselves and ignoring the well-meaning advice of the adults in our lives to take a jacket, 'just in case'! It would be really helpful if you could encourage this, especially over the coming weeks.

If you are starting the year with any concerns about uniform and think you may be eligible for additional financial assistance through the Pupil Premium scheme, please don't hesitate to contact our PP Co-ordinator, Mrs Norwood: pnorwood@bishopstopford.com.

Mrs Smith

RSE, RE & Collective Worship

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) except that which is within the requirements of the National Curriculum. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from Religious Education and Collective Worship.

Please send any request for withdrawal to Mr Kirke on gkirke@bishopstopford.com.

Relationships & Sex Education

RSE is delivered to all year groups within the Christian context of Bishop Stopford School. We consult with parents on our Policy to ensure we build knowledge and establish appropriate attitudes and values surrounding personal relationships, sexual development and behaviour.

RSE consists of three strands:

- the biological aspects of reproduction, taught within Science as part of the National Curriculum.
- social aspects of RSE, which are covered in programmes of Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE), including information about HIV, Aids and other sexually transmitted infections.
- the moral aspects of RSE covered in the RE curriculum, including marriage, contraception, termination and family life.

If you have any queries relating to RSE, or would welcome the opportunity to view materials used in delivering it, please contact Mrs Wilson: pwilson@bishopstopford.com

Mr Smith

Exam Certificates

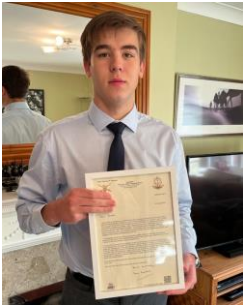
GCSE and A level Certificates for the summer 2024 exam series will be presented to students at our Celebration of Achievement evening in December. Students who are unable to attend this event will be able to collect their certificates from the exams office from mid-November.

Students who have not yet collected their GCSE and A level certificates for exams taken in 2022 and 2023 can do so now. Please contact the Exams Office to make arrangements for collection.

Mrs Thomson

Scholarship Congratulations

Last year, I had the privilege of applying for the Army Officer Scholarship Scheme, a highly competitive application process available for Year 12s studying at a Sixth Form. This application lasted several months and culminated in a three day selection board at the Army Officer Selection Board in Westbury. This assessed my ability to cope under stress, leadership ability and organisational skills.



Due to my performance at the selection board, I was able to meet the standard for an Army Officer and was one of fewer than 100 to receive a scholarship. This means that I will receive financial sponsorship throughout Year 13, and university, and then have the chance to go to Officer Training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

I would like to thank my Head of Year, Mrs Styles, for her support throughout the application process. Her support allowed me to take days out of school for my medical and selection board, and she also wrote a Head of Year report at the start of the application process.

Jacob Hicks 13E

Congratulations also to Will Wears who left us last year and has just taken up a Cricket Scholarship at Oundle School. This is an extremely prestigious scholarship and awarded entirely on merit.

Mr Kirke

Sports News

Athletics

Sammy Lok's athletics journey continued in impressive style this summer. He deserves huge congratulations in being selected for the U20 England Team in the recent Home Nations International at Eton. If this were not enough, Sammy had the honour & privilege of being captain for this competition and England winning overall. Sammy competed in the high jump recording a jump of 1.96. Next week he represents England again in the Czech Republic switching events to long jump. We wish him all the very best!

County Bowls

Tabitha Fray (12W) was in three Northamptonshire County Bowls finals in the holidays: Under 25 Singles, Under 25 Pairs and adult Fours, winning in the Pairs. These qualified her for the Bowls England National Finals over 3 weeks in August. In the Singles, Tabitha made the last 16. That match was played an hour after opening her amazing GCSE exam results so it was an emotionally challenging morning!

Rowing

Former student Harriet Drake-Lee recently won Gold at the World U23 Rowing Championships in Canada! Harriet was one of the Women's 8 crew. What an amazing achievement!!



Mr Young

Maths Help

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Weeks A & B			
Every week!! Lunchtimes 12.45 – 13.10	Key Stage 3 in M7	Key Stage 4 in M7	Key Stage 5 in M7

Mr Gay



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 in order to 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 (Dual Linguists)	Identity and Relationships			
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?	

Year 8 Curriculum – Autumn term 2024

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>	<u>Ensemble Arrangement and Performance</u>
PE	Rugby and Basketball (Boys) Netball / Football / Rugby (Girls)	Football and Sports Acro (Boys) Hockey / Basketball (Girls)
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	Food and Holidays	

Wider-Curricular	Culture Day (18.10.24)	Year 8 Communion (15.11.24) Christmas Concert (28.11.24) Year 8 Winter House Games (03.12.24) Year 8 Rugby Tournament (17.12.24)
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Other	School opens for Year 8 students (05.09.24) School Photographs (18.09.24)	
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Science Book Donations

Please could you donate any GCSE or A-level Science textbooks you no longer require at home? We are always looking for ways to support our students, and additional resources would be gratefully accepted. If they can be handed into the Octagon, I will ensure they reach the Science faculty.

Thank you
Dr McLaren



Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

Year 6 into 7 Open Events



Open Mornings 2024

Monday 7, Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9 October
9:45 – 11:45am



Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to book.

Open Evening 2024

Thursday 10 October

5:30 – 8:30pm

Headteacher's Presentation: 5:45pm, 6:30pm



Bishop Stopford School
Headlands, Kettering,
NN15 6BJ

www.bishopstopford.com

Disabled Parking only on school site.

Open Evening: FREE Park & Ride
Cornmarket Car Park, NN15 7QA

BISHOP STOPFORD WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL 2024/5



[Musical Trailer Link](#)



Solo performers must attend the auditions next week on Tuesday (KS4 & 5) or Wednesday (KS3) until 5pm.

You will be required to prepare a song (of your choice) and a script extract (collect from AC4)

WHAT NOW?

- A letter has been emailed to your parents/carers → complete the **FIREFLY** link.

OR

- Register your interest with a Drama or Music teacher.

Rehearsals will mainly take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The chorus will also rehearse on Friday mornings.

WHEN: FRIDAY 28TH AND SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025

WHERE: THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, KETTERING

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- SOLO PERFORMERS
- CHORUS MEMBERS
- PIT ORCHESTRA (Grade 6+)
- DANCERS
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT
- SET PAINTERS / COSTUME DESIGNERS



For more information please see a Music or Drama teacher.



Mrs Armstrong

Recruitment

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

Afternoon Receptionist
Curriculum Assistant
Exam Invigilator
Cover Manager

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 3

WEEK COMMENCING

26/08/2024

16/09/2024

07/10/2024

28/10/2024

18/11/2024

09/12/2024

30/12/2024

20/01/2025

10/02/2025

03/03/2025

24/03/2025

V – Vegetarian

VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Mozambique Piri Piri Chicken, Fragrant Rice & Crunchy Slaw

TUESDAY

Chicken Makhani Curry with Braised Pilau Rice

WEDNESDAY

Roast Shoulder or Pork, Crackling, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Veg & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Szechuan Beef Noodles with Sesame Stir Fried Greens

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

Harissa Roasted Sweet Potato & Chickpea Tagine (VE)

TUESDAY

Sri Lankan Split Pea & Cauliflower Curry with Pilau Rice (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Sweet Potato & Goats Cheese Tart with Seasonal Veg or House Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean & Noodle Stir Fry (VE)

FRIDAY

Vegan Falafel Kofta with Crunchy Sriracha Slaw, Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

TUESDAY

Warm Blueberry Sponge

WEDNESDAY

Dropped Pancake Bar

THURSDAY

Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla 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

Cucina				
MONDAY Chinese Style Vegan Noodles (VE)	TUESDAY Chipotle Chicken Chimichanga	WEDNESDAY Loaded Mediterranean Street Cart Wedges	THURSDAY Thai Fried Rice	FRIDAY Manager's Special
NATURally				
MONDAY Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V)	TUESDAY Smoked Tofu & Capanata Burger (V)	WEDNESDAY Seeded Vegan Sausage Roll (VE)	THURSDAY Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (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.

