



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 15 November 2024

NEWSLETTER



Monday November

Year 11 Collective Worship

Tuesday November

Year 10 Collective Worship
Yr 11 into 12 Open Evening
Guys and Dolls Rehearsals

Wednesday November

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

Thursday November

Year 7 Collective Worship
A Level Mock Speaking Examinations

Friday November

Year 12 & 13 Collective Worship

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:
Christmas Hamper Launch

Sixth Form Open Evening

#BestOfBishop

It's that time where our Year 11 students are planning their post-16 options. Before half term they attended a post-16 event and heard about our offer and from a representative of Tresham College vocational options elsewhere. They met representatives from Northampton College, Moulton College and Tresham College.

We look forward to seeing students and parents at our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Tuesday 19th November** (5:30-8:00pm). You will find out more about our offer – both subjects and the wider experience. There will be presentations from current students, myself and Miss Silverthorne.

Our Sixth Form in a Nutshell

A Sense of Community

Our students continue the strong relationships they have already fostered but will also be able to build new friendships with those who join us from other schools.

Strong Pastoral Provision

Heads of Year mirror those in Years 7-11, and there's a range of external support to give students the best chances possible.

A Broad and Varied Curriculum

We currently offer 24 A-Levels, alongside a personal development curriculum.

Great Results

80% of students achieve grade A*-B at A Level.

Excellent Progression

Our students learn about a wide range of post 18 options, including university courses, degree apprenticeships and other careers.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open Evening, where you will be able to explore further and find out more about our online application system.

Miss Whitehead, Key Stage 5 Lead

Applications open: Tuesday 19th November.

Applications close: Friday 31st January 2025.



We are a Church of England School



For the first time ever, we held a whole school service of Remembrance - both live-streamed and in-person. What a privilege to share a time of remembering, reflecting and holding silence across our whole school community. We joined together to ask God to saturate our hearts and minds with his peace and to pray with deep longing for peace in our world today.

When I was a child at primary school I learnt a song which said:

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

I loved these words. I think that's because they speak to something innate in all of us: a desire for peace; a belief that our world was created not to be at war and an abhorrence at the concepts of fighting and hatred.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. But, how?

We cannot change the world. But we can be informed and aware. We can reflect and remember. We can pray on behalf of other people and seek to be peacemakers in our lives here at school and at home.

Students participating led with courage and respect: Jacob Hicks, Molly Robson, Elise Hale, Eknoor Nandha, Elijah Borbor, Stan Januik, Hannah, Chloe Partridge, Ophelia Perslow-Sefiani, Ella Clark, Erin Mizon, Olivia Weineck, Amelia Bewley, Emily Hearsun, Miya Philip, Daniel Counsell, Dylan Gardener, Thomas Pickford.

"I just wanted to say thank you for that lovely service. No matter how busy we are I think it's so important to take the time to remember all those lost. The students were fantastic and it was all very moving." (Mrs Terry)

"Thank you for a moving Act of Remembrance and very well done to everyone involved in making it happen."
(Rev'd B Withington, Chair of Governors)

Mrs Hutchinson

Bishop Visit - Year 12 Lecture



We were honoured to have Bishop Debbie speak at our Year 12 lecture, where she delivered an incredibly inspiring and insightful talk about her journey to becoming a bishop and the challenges she faced along the way. Her reflections on vocation and the journey to unlock our full potential particularly resonated with me. She shared powerful insights on finding purpose in both our careers and personal lives, encouraging us to explore our unique gifts and understand how they can contribute meaningfully to the world. Her words served as a powerful reminder that each of us has a calling, and by listening to it, we can shape our futures with intention and passion. Her message was truly inspirational, leaving us motivated to embrace our strengths and pursue our paths with confidence.



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 will receive CViA awards this week:

Louise Wilson (7Y) for writing a prayer for the Diocese Ministers' Conference which has now been used by Growing Faith, 30K Project and other church leaders. To quote Lucy Moore, (Head of the Growing Faith Foundation): "[Louise's prayer] is just brilliant: it's turning into standard liturgy!"

Esme Wilford (7P) organised a family and friends board game night with her brother in aid of a local charity called 'Hope for Families' as part of their Autumn Fundraising campaign. Amelia (9G) and Sebastian Persaud (11C) for organising a school cake sale to raise money also Hope for Families.

Adele Boyall (7S), Kate Ansaloni (8S) and Sebastian Coe (7P) for reading at a service at St Botolph's Church.

Benjamin Fernando (7W) served his community by playing the violin at Sunday Mass at St Edward's Church in the St Edward's Music group as well as in his own family music group. Many of the congregation have commented on how uplifted they are to hear him play.

Jai Singh (9E) recently performed in a recital at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. One of the pieces he chose to play was Bach's *Toccata & Fugue in D Minor* which he had studied in class.

Ruby Arthur (10Y) for volunteering and singing at an organised charity event for the elderly people and also modelling at a Fashion Show to raise funds for St Mary Magdalene Church in Geddington.

Arunali Wanshanatha (10D) represented the Leicester Buddhist Temple Sunday School and participated in the annual Katina Ceremony parade.

Liam Menzies (11G) helped with a project for Remembrance Sunday. He interviewed parishioners who shared memories of WW2 and of their loved ones who served. This was much appreciated by the congregation and the community who took part in Remembrance Sunday and Liam's contribution as a cameraman was much appreciated. [Click here to watch full video.](#)



Arunali Wanshanatha



Jai Singh



Ruby Arthur



Mrs Peach

Cake Sale Proceeds



Louise Willis, founder of Hope for Families with Amelia Persaud year 9 and Sebastian Persaud Year 11

With your help

BAKING AND BUYING

we raised a staggering

£205.63



For Hope for Families!



Thank you to all who contributed

Safe Space – Anti Bullying

This week has been particularly significant as our community celebrates three key events: Remembrance Day, Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need. We are incredibly proud of our students who have demonstrated fantastic, respectful and compassionate engagement with each of these events.



The focus of Anti-Bullying Week has been about giving our young people the opportunity to share their reflections and experiences. One of our governors came in to host a student voice activity where every year group was invited to give feedback about how the school responds to reported concerns.

It's also been a pleasure to host the Mental Health Support Team who have delivered assemblies. Students have been introduced to different members of the Team who have highlighted the importance of taking care of our mental health and shared the work the Team will be doing our school.

We close the week celebrating Children in Need, this year seeking to 'make things lighter' for children in our local area and around the world. The local charities being supported by giving through Children in Need are:

Northamptonshire (Young) Carers
Home-Start (Wellingborough and district)
United African Association
Northampton Town FC Community Trust
Springs Family Centre

All of these charities are instrumental in supporting young people and you can find out more about their projects [There For Children Near You - BBC Children in Need](#)

If you are worried about your child, or another member of the community, please don't hesitate to contact their form tutor or Head of Year, or email safeguarding@bishopstopford.com.

Mrs Smith

Sports Congratulations

Elina Patel (8C) was presented with Tier 3 Youth Batter of the Year 2024 at the Northants Cricket League (NCL) presentation dinner at The County Ground. She received the award from Devon Malcom and Ryan Sidebottom. Both are ex-England cricketers.



Mr Darby



Year 11 Mock Examinations

Year 11 students will be involved in mock examinations later this term.

These will take place from Wednesday 4th December until Friday 13th December and will be sat in exam conditions to replicate what will happen in public exams next year.

Mrs Thomson (Exams Officer) has sent students and parents a copy of individual examination timetables which includes rooming and seat allocations. The students can also see their timetable on Edulink under the "Exams" tab.

To help students and parents prepare for the exams we have created the following resources:

- A document outlining which topics will be examined for each subject and where subject-specific materials can be accessed. This was sent to parents this week.
- Generic resources about how to revise and prepare for the exam period. This can be accessed via [Revision Support — Bishop Stopford School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#)

These should prove extremely useful in the lead-up to the exams.

Mr Kirke

Library News

Year 7 Library lessons - Bookmark Competition

Here are some of this year's Bookmark Competition winners. The entries create a colourful display in the corridor outside the library. They remind us that bookmarks are a wonderful opportunity to show all the things we enjoy as unique individuals, who also share a love of reading!

And for everyone, here are some great reading opportunities: [School Reading List](#)

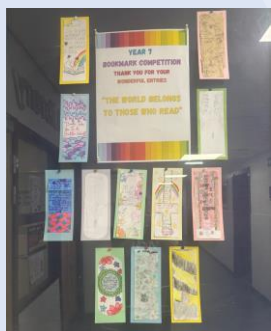
Homework Club and Study Club

We are pleased to continue to offer Homework Club in the library for years 7-9, Monday to Friday and Study Club for years 10 and 11 in C3, Tuesday to Friday. Please book places at these after school provisions via

[Homework and Study Club Bookings](#)

Bookings are open for this term. However, there is no Homework or Study Club on the last day of term, Friday 20th December.

Bookings for term 06/01/25 - 14/02/24 will open and be available to book on Monday 9th December'24.



Miss Wood
Librarian

Health Advice

Click on the link below for an update from UKHSA relating to reducing the spread of winter illness / stomach bugs.
[UKHSA issues health advice following the half-term break - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Oxbridge Application Support Programme

Last week, students who have applied for either Oxford or Cambridge universities took part in the first of three Oxbridge Interview Support sessions.

We have built an enviable and longstanding relationship with Dr Butler - Emeritus Fellow of St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, who facilitates the Oxbridge interview support. Dr Butler recreates a real interview environment, and helps candidates gain confidence in the process of Oxford or Cambridge applications. He conducts practice interviews with students, after which he gives immediate advice and feedback.

The Oxbridge Interview Support programme has grown over the years, and we are proud to host students for other schools in the county which benefit from our provision. This year, students from Northampton School for Girls, Latimer School and Wollaston School joined our students and benefited from the sessions.

Students who aspire to apply for Oxbridge can find information to help them to prepare on Firefly: <https://bishopstopford.fireflycloud.net/sixth-form/considering-oxbridge>

Mr Harwood

Academy Learning Conference

Last week, we hosted a conference run by Thriving Minds Academy Learning for students in Years 8 and 9, as well as students from other local schools.

The aim of the day was to stretch and challenge us beyond topics taught in curriculum. Julie Arliss who led the day, discussed a range of topics, including Genetics, Epigenetics and Transhumanism. We explored morality and ethical considerations and whether science has replaced God. Julie raised the importance of us addressing this for our own future and for generations to come.

We were encouraged to interact and discuss interesting ideas from different perspectives and backgrounds. We shared our thoughts with others, which helped build confidence in communicating publicly and to present opinions in a debate. The day was extremely beneficial, providing a unique learning experience to learn to consider others' ideas.

Fraser Gray (8P)

Guys and Dolls

We are putting on Frank Loesser's upbeat musical 'Guys and Dolls' in February. In the programme, we will be advertising local businesses. Adverts cost £20 and will be A5 in size. We intend to print 500 programmes, so this is an excellent opportunity to promote your business. If you are interested in having an advert in the programme, please contact Mrs Pointer by December 18th: jpointer@bishopstopford.com

Poster Competition - open to all Years 8 and 9 students

We would love students to submit an entry for the poster competition to advertise *Guys and Dolls*. The poster must include an image and the following details about the show:

Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering

Friday 28th Feb and Saturday 1st March 2025 – 7pm

Adults £14

Concessions £10

This can be created digitally or hand-drawn. Please submit paper entries to either Mrs Campbell (Social Sciences office in the Sixth form block) or to Mrs Fraser (English and Drama office), or email digital entries to Mrs Campbell ccampbell@bishopstopford.com

The deadline for submissions is Friday 22nd November 2024.



Film Gala Night Concert.

Some of our A level musicians were treated to a film gala night with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for a celebration of some of the greatest film scores ever written. The evening included music from iconic movie moments, written by legendary composers such as John Williams, John Barry, Hans Zimmer and more.

The programme included music from favourite Hollywood blockbuster soundtracks, including:

Jurassic Park, Schindler's List, Harry Potter, Jaws, Indiana Jones, Star Wars, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial.

It was fabulous to experience this iconic music, delivered by such a renowned orchestra.

Youth in Concert.

Huge congratulations to all students involved in Sunday's Youth in Concert evening at the Derngate Theatre. The standards were outstanding from the county concert band, youth orchestra, big band and brass band. They presented an impressive variety of music to a very professional standard.

It was lovely to see some of our students returning from university to be at this event – testimony to the impact NMPAT has on our young musicians.

Congratulations to our prize winners:

Thomas Pickford: Kettering Centre Award

Benjamin Hodges: Lula Taylor award for Promising Young Strings Player

Charlotte Foster (alumni): Linda Bond Strings Award

Mrs Armstrong



Benjamin Hodges (8S)

RSC PERFORMANCE OF 'OTHELLO'

Members of the English Faculty accompanied our Year 12 and 13 English students to Stratford for a performance of Shakespeare's 'Othello'. It was a fantastic production and our students did us proud. A huge thank you to all staff – particularly to Mrs Pointer who organised the trip. It was a pleasure to be part of the experience despite the very late return to school! **Mrs Lane**

"As Othello is one of the A' level English set texts, we were all looking forward to an evening trip to Stratford upon Avon to watch the play at the theatre. And we were not disappointed!"

This RSC production was filled with powerful performances from beginning to end. And it wasn't just the acting; the play was infused with fantastic choreography and haunting singing, making it a very enjoyable experience.

The actor who played Othello was outstanding and captured the range of emotion needed for the protagonist. He played the role sympathetically and every word was enunciated superbly - albeit with a slightly American accent!

The portrayals of Desdemona and Iago were spot on. Iago was typically slimy and duplicitous: it was a highly effective portrayal of this villain causing much amusement and engagement. The actor playing Desdemona brought sincerity and pathos to the role, particularly in the last few scenes, where the tragic climax was reached. This performance was extremely effective. There were a few of us in need of tissues! Emilia produced a standout performance, especially during the confrontations at the play's climax. Others who played the roles of Bianca, Roderigo, Cassio, Lodovico and Brabantio, served fantastically and utilised their stage time perfectly.

One standout – and unexpected - moment at the end was the rendition of a Latin song, showcasing the wonderful voices of the actors, which cultivated a palpable feeling of sadness. The other aspects of the production that added to the enjoyment of it were the sumptuous costumes – all in a Renaissance style – and the minimalis, light infused set design, which was modern yet seemed to go beautifully with the rest of the production, giving audiences just a hint of the setting of each scene without overshadowing the action.

No one was out of place and fantastic performances, coupled with marvellous choreography, created a memorable atmosphere and a production that we think Shakespeare himself would have been proud of!"

Joe Brading (year 12)

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 19th November

5.30pm – 8.00pm

Presentation: 5.45pm, repeated at 6.30pm

Limited parking available on school site.

Alternative **Free Parking** at Cornmarket Hall
London Road, Kettering, NN15 7QA (10-minute walk)



Loot Boxes

One of the relatively new game developments over the last few years is the introduction of loot boxes in child-targeted gaming. While loot boxes sound like adorable surprise gifts your child might get in-game, they normally cost real money and can be expensive and addictive.

Researchers have found, that because loot boxes offer rewards based on gambling-like odds, children are more susceptible to accidentally learning these negative behaviours. Loot boxes prey on the promise of a rare or powerful in-game asset which can feel exhilarating. However these rare items have little odds and instead of putting of children off it encourages even more insatiable purchases and a danger of developing gambling habits.



How to support your child:

- Via the use of parental controls. On some devices parents can prevent children from playing games with “in game” / “in app purchases”.
- Have a conversation with your child if they wish to buy an item in game. Many items are cosmetic and can cost between £5 - £30 each.
- Check what your child is spending a voucher on. Are they using the voucher to buy a game or simply for a “chance” of getting a rare item?

Written by Jacob P (12W) and Rodney B (12Y)

AUTUMN 2024

TRUTH FROM THE YOUTH

NORTH NORTHANTS
SEND IASS

SEND IASS WANTS YOU!

NORTH NORTHANTS SEND INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE (IASS) IS RECRUITING 11-24 YEAR OLDS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES, TO JOIN OUR YOUNG PERSONS ADVISORY COUNCIL CALLED TRUTH FROM THE YOUTH.

WHO ARE NN SEND IASS?

WE PROVIDE FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, IMPARTIAL ADVICE, GUIDANCE, AND SUPPORT. WE EMPOWER EVERYONE IMPACTED BY SEND TO UNDERSTAND THEIR ENTITLED RIGHTS, FULFIL THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND REACH THEIR POTENTIAL.

WHAT IS TRUTH FROM THE YOUTH?

TRUTH FROM THE YOUTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 11- 24 YEAR OLDS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATED TO SEND. WE INVITE ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS NORTH NORTHANTS.

YOU WILL:

- SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND EXPERTISE
- GIVE FEEDBACK AND ADVICE
- ENGAGE IN FUN SKILLS-BASED ACTIVITIES & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
- MEET & ENGAGE WITH OTHERS

TRUTH FROM THE YOUTH 2024 / 2025

NOVEMBER 2024

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JANUARY 2025

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MARCH 2025

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JULY 2025

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SAVE THE DATES!

SESSIONS: 9:30AM-12:30PM

"I feel valued and my views are listened to and respected"

"I love that we get to share our experiences to improve services for other young people"

"I have gained so much confidence and learn more about what's in North Northants. I feel like I am making a real difference"

"I've used my voice to make a real difference to other young people's lives"

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO. IT THEREFORE MAKES SENSE, THAT YOU ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FEEDBACK AND PROVIDE YOUR OPINIONS ON THE SERVICES IN PLACE TO SUPPORT YOU.

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

- MEET AND WORK WITH NEW PEOPLE
- SHARE YOUR VIEWS AND IDEAS
- GAIN NEW SKILLS AND DEVELOP YOUR CONFIDENCE
- ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION
- A CHANCE TO ENTER OUR GIVEAWAY AT THE END OF EACH MEETING
- HAVE FUN!

GET INVOLVED!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?
INTERESTED IN JOINING TRUTH FROM THE YOUTH? – GREAT!
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SHORT APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED OR VIA THE LINK BELOW.

- GET INVOLVED!

WE WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ASSIST WITH TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND PARKING TO HELP YOU TAKE PART.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

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Christmas Concert 2024

Our Music department warmly invites you to our Christmas Concert on Thursday 28th November 2024 at 7pm in the Main Hall.



Tickets **now on sale** on ParentPay or at the Finance Office.
Adult tickets £5, Concessions (under 18 & over 65) £3.

Carol Service

*December 2nd
6:30pm*

*Please join us
for our special
Christmas Carol
Service*

*At:
St Peter and St Paul's
Church, Kettering*

Mary, did you know?



WEEK 5

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 05/03/2025
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

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.

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