



Bishop Stopford School

NEWSLETTER



Events All Week

Year 12 Mock Exams

Monday 23rd June

Year 9 Collective Worship

Tuesday 24th June

Year 10 Collective Worship

Year 12 Mock Exams

Wednesday 25th June

Year 8 Collective Worship

Thursday 26th June

Year 7 Collective Worship

Staff v Students Debating Competition

Friday 27th June

Camp 4 return from Isle of Scillies

Next week:

Week A

Assembly Theme:

>Something More?

World Music Day

End of an Era

#BestOfBishop

Today sees the final day of the public examination series. This season has lasted a mammoth 27 days, with some students sitting over 35 exams.

In reality, the season started a long time before this, with NEAs, practical endorsements, speaking and other assessments. But of course we know the real stretch has been from Year 7 – and primary education too. These exams are the culmination of an education which began way back in the experience of every student.

The focus and commitment of our (now former) Year 11 and Year 13 students has been excellent. They took all the support teachers gave, revised thoroughly and followed the exams rubric impeccably.

Almost daily, members of our invigilation team commented to me on the superb attitudes shown throughout. There was also an inspection of our processes by the body which governs exams. JCQ deemed our exam practice, management of access arrangements and all associated systems to be exemplary.

So as our A level and GCSE students come to the end of a very long exam period, we are very proud of them. They have acquitted themselves superbly –and finished this phase at Bishop Stopford School absolutely in line with our Core Values.

As they look forward to their proms and a very good summer, we trust that they really can rest and relax well after a very intense time.

Miss Silverthorne





Celebrating Creation

Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord!

Psalm 150 verse 6

Last Friday, Year 7 assembled for collective worship, and what a joyful experience it was! Each form had worked on their responses to various Bible passages linked to Creation in Genesis, Psalm 139 and Psalm 8, as well as considering how the New Testament explores how humans become 'new creations' in Christ.

The responses were in turn joyful, fun, moving and entertaining, with references to science, a number of faiths and students sharing the meanings of their names as part of their unique identity. Students read and acted with confidence. We enjoyed original art work and there was even a rap!

The level of thought and care which had gone into each form's presentation was amazing, and the teachers were so impressed with the professional PowerPoints created!

This truly was 'collective worship' at its very best! Huge congratulations to all Year 7 students and their form tutors.

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.

James Phann receives a CViA award this week.

James participated in a Community Litter Pick and spent two hours picking up rubbish in his local neighbourhood. This is such a helpful thing to do, and our assembly speaker last week gave this as an example of great stewardship of the creation. Well done James!

This also links with our wonderful Year 7 Collective Worship celebrated above.

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

Mrs Peach



Sponsored School Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Friday 4th July for Years 7-10. We anticipate that every student will take part: permissions are required to this end. If you haven't already done so, please complete the [Permission Form](#) by **Friday 27 June**. If a student has a legitimate reason not to take part, please contact their Head of Year.

Students have told us they would like more lockers, and so we will be raising money for these. Sponsorship Forms have been sent to parents via Edulink, paper copies are available and families can also donate via [Just Giving](#).

Preparation is key! Please ensure students have the following:

- **Appropriate footwear.** We recommend walking shoes, walking boots or secure trainers. Students will not be able to walk in sandals, flip flops or sliders and canvas pumps should be avoided.
- **Water and snacks.** Students should ensure they have plenty of water, as well as snacks and a packed lunch. There will be an opportunity to fill bottles at the lunch break.
- **Sun protection.** If it's overcast, the temperature can be deceptive. Students should use sun lotion and have a hat.
- **Socks!** Being healthy and active, the distance of the walk doesn't faze our students, but sometimes they don't consider the impact on their feet. Ensure your child is wearing walking or sports socks which tend to be thicker, or wearing two pairs of regular socks. Trainer socks which don't cover the heel should be avoided.
- **Plasters.** There are checkpoints throughout the walk and staff will be available with first aid provision. However, it can be very useful for students to carry a couple of plasters, just in case they feel a blister forming.

Mrs Smith

Safe Space

While most of us are enjoying the good weather right now, it would be remiss of us not to include a 'safe space' on coping in the heat— and supporting others to do so.

You will know we've taken the decision to allow students to wear PE kit at school. Our buildings retain the heat, so we take care to adjust wherever we can to counteract the effects of that.

When students are in PE, in the Isles of Scilly or shortly on the School Walk (see above), we do remind them regularly about sensible precautions to take.

Please do use the tips here to help you at home— and to support elderly relatives or neighbours too.

Mrs Smith



June Food Bank Collection

Ready for Super Curricular week: please bring in a tin or a bag of pasta if you can. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Collection points are in the main school foyer and 6th form foyer.

Thank you.

Mrs Hutchinson

Students WOW at KettFest!

Sat 14th June saw a buzzing Kettering, full of life and music.

The Pit Monkeys wowed from the main stage, with a fabulous 45 minute set, including classics from Chuck Berry, Kasabian and the Arctic Monkeys and their own original songs, 'Vacant Head' and 'Back of the Queue'. These already feel like modern day classics.

It was wonderful to see so many students and parents, past and present, enjoying their performance, along with half of Kettering!

Further down the street was an incredible display of dance, including students again performing to a large crowd.

It was great to see our young people performing at such high levels to huge crowds in our local community.

You can see The Pit Monkeys and many other talented students at our Celebration of the Arts summer concert on Thursday 10th July.

Mrs Armstrong



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. The deadline for lesson requests is Monday 23rd June 2025. 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

Track & Field Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who represented North Northants in the recent Northamptonshire Schools Athletic Championships held in Corby.

U17 Boys

Matthew Kemp: 800m: 7th
Euan Templeman: 100m Hurdles: 3rd
High Jump: 4th

U15 Boys

Sonny Stacey: 80m Hurdles: 1st
Eli Verity: High Jump: 2nd
Mawuli DaCosta: Shot: 2nd

U15 Girls

Evie Sim Jones: Discus: 7th
Lily Lloyd Uzoegbu: 200m 1st
100m 3rd



Year 7 District Championships

Well done to all the students who competed last week at the championships. Overall, the boys finished a close 3rd, and the girls finished 4th.

A particular mention must go to **Jayden Amponsa Dadza** who won both the 200m and the Discus. In winning the discus, Jayden smashed the current District Record with an impressive throw of 24.42m!!

Mr Young

English Scholar Badge Winners for Summer Term 1

Year 7

Alaric Willis
Jacob Dullabh
Ayden Patel
Aaron Thomas
Eva Thompson
Joseph Murrell

Year 8

Michelle Ambrose
Darcey York
Mackenzie Wilson
Eva McAuley
Chloe Mayes

Year 9

Evie Sim-Jones
Abhayjit Singh
Olivia May
Joseph Avery
Eliana Adjete-Sow

Year 10

Esmee Armour
Abhinav Ajith
Alieh Nkwenti
Noah Hartung
Millan Montgomery
Florrie Murphy

Year 11

Ella Farnworth
Katie Pickford
Ava Rimmer
Ademola Damisola

Library News

Students wishing to borrow books to read over the summer break are very welcome do so and should visit the library from Monday 14th July. The library opens at 8:15am until 8:55am, at break and at lunchtime every day.

Returning books

Please check at home for any outstanding library books. All school library books are to be returned to the library by Friday 11th July. Library staff are happy to assist if students would like a reminder about what they have borrowed.

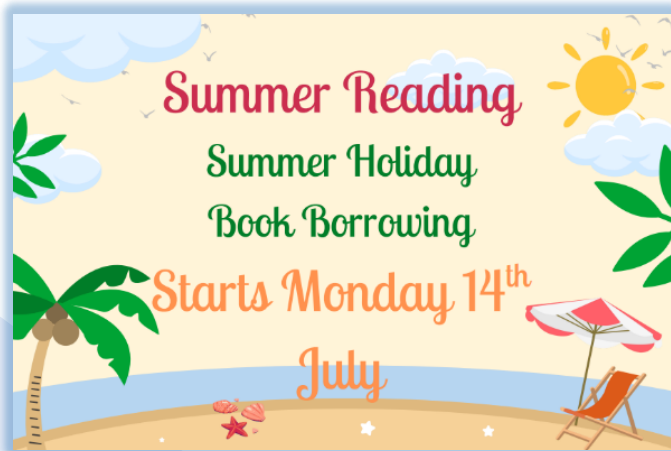
Overdue books

Disappointingly, there are a considerable number of books which are very overdue. Students have had up to 3 reminders sent to their Outlook accounts. These include clear instructions about what to do if a book is lost or damaged. There are no fines. Books can be returned at any time and there is a secure returns box in the Foyer.

Summer Reading Groups

Year 9 and 10 students are invited to sign up for two lunchtime library reading groups this term.

Miss Wood



Important Dates

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

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

Join KRFC today and you'll train with RFU qualified and accredited coaches, who are all DBS checked. Receive club membership for parent/guardian which entitles you to benefits in the club and also around Kettering. Make new lifelong friends and learn new skills.

U13's PLAYERS REQUIRED - CURRENT YEAR 8

GET STARTED BY EMAILING: MINI.JUNIOR@KETTERINGRUGBYCLUB.COM
www.ketteringrugbyclub.com

TRY FOR FREE
Become part of the KRFC family and get three free sessions

Honesty | Integrity | Teamwork | Respect | Engagement | Discipline | Sportsmanship

Eighteen ⁺ 75

Recruitment

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

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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



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

