

Bishop Stopford School Week Ending: 23 May 2025

NEWSLETTER





Events All Week

GCSE Examination Period A Level Examination Period

Monday 2 June

Year 9 Collective Worship

Tuesday 3 June

Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday 4 June

Year 8 Collective Worship Year 10 Art Mock Exam

Thursday 5 June

Year 7 Collective Worship Year 8 Isle of Scillies Depart (Camp 1) Post 18 Options Event 6.00pm

Friday 6 June

Year 12 Collective Worship

Next week: Week B

Assembly Theme: School Diversity Week

Head Students

#BestOfBishop

Hello, my name is Udelle, and I am sincerely appreciative of the opportunity to serve as Head Girl. I find the Head Student role incredibly rewarding, as it involves significant responsibilities and the ability to make a positive difference. Our Student Leadership Team has many exciting events planned, including cultural celebrations, fun sports activities, and charity fundraisers.

And I'm Ollie. I also am incredibly grateful to be a Head Student at Bishop Stopford and to give back particularly to the sixth form, enabling to help maintain high standards at Bishop. We are going to reinvigorate societies for educational, social and personal development. They prove valuable in connecting students through shared interests, as well as developing our academic knowledge.

There are 14 Student Leaders with different roles. We had the pleasure of taking part in an invaluable leadership training session led by Miss Silverthorne and Mrs Smith. We discussed what leadership means as well as agreeing what is essential in a good leader. We took part in team activities, completing challenges set and planning how to integrate Year 12s to guarantee a smooth transition.

We also want to continue fostering connections between the sixth form and younger students. There are already many amazing opportunities, such as students volunteering in lessons and serving as reading partners. One of our fondest memories from Year 7 was having Sixth Form buddies—each form paired with two Sixth Formers who would visit during form time to play games and chat with us. It was the highlight of our week, and we would love to create a similar positive experience for others. Hence, our team will be reintroducing this concept so that both current and incoming Year 7 students can benefit from it.

Udelle and Ollie: Head Students

We wish Year 11 students all the very best with the rest of their GCSE exams as they go on study leave today. Their approach to exams thus far has been impeccable.

We are a Church of England School



Faith in Action Days

Super Curricular Week 1st – 4th July

This JUNE we are collecting in school...



TINNED GOODS (ANY)
Meat, beans, vegetables, soup, tomatoes, rice pudding, custard
DRINKS Tea, Coffee, Squash, long-life milk
DRY PASTA rice, noodles, packet meals
TOILETRIES and baby items
PET FOOD

Food Bank Collection points will be in the Main Foyer and Sixth Form Centre Foyer. Let's live out our responsibility: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.'

And a very BIG thank you to Open Door Church in Kettering for the fabulous cake we were gifted in The Chapel this week. What a treat! We pray that God will bless you and provide all that you need, as you raise money for the work of Open Door in our town centre.





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.

The following students receive CViA awards this week:

Annabelle Mitchell (7E) raised over £70 for the British Heart Foundation by holding a drink and cake stall on her street for walkers. She and her sister Sophie also serenaded them with cello and piano.

Krish Patel (12Y) has used his time to self-teach the electronics and programming required to work on a display for his local cricket club (see page 4)

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



Safe Space - Prevent

Prevent is a national programme to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist causes. It aims to protect communities against radicalising influences by offering interventions to those who are susceptible to radicalisation.

Schools work with their local Prevent Officers to identify individuals whose behaviour or language suggest that they have been exposed to radicalisation. We work closely with families to support with education interventions, enabling the young person to talk through their ideas and beliefs and identify how those may have been shaped through access to extreme ideologies.

During school holidays, young people often spend more time unmonitored online. In our area, one major concern is the 'online threat'. This is for two reasons: firstly, because it gives limitless access. Physical barriers like time, space and age-appropriate relationships are removed, giving extremists more access to impressionable young people. Secondly, it is a space where extreme views are allowed to be shared, including on mainstream social media platforms.

In a multi agency training session we attended earlier this month, Prevent Officers reinforced that open communication at school and home is the biggest safeguard against young people becoming radicalised. Talking to children about what content they are engaging with, who they are speaking to, and how they know which sources of information are trustworthy, is the best way to encourage them to engage critically online.

If you'd like to read more about how to support your child online, or the digital safety curriculum in school, please visit our website for helpful resources: Bishop Stopford School - Online Safety

If you have concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact their form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Congratulations

On Tuesday 20 May, we had the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievement of some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. The students met with Miss Silverthorne, who congratulated them on their success on their astounding number of achievement points this year. The students also enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit (or two!) as we celebrated their upholding core values and for all the hard work and dedication they put into their studies and our wider community. Congratulations to the following:

Sophia Lorentzen, Thomas Pickford, Barty Gardner, Hope Sills, Daniel Counsell, Derek Enebeli, Miya Philip, Louise Wilson, Ayden Patel, Liberty Cobbold, Rose Davies, Jennifer Joy, Albie Dickerson, Rosalie Ciaccio, Joshua Laskey, Lilly Fletton, Alexa Brett, Leah Dabo, Maria Papatanasiu, Helena Lister, Isla McAuliffe, Alaric Willis, Keanu Klonica-Wood, Ankita Kanoor, Ashaani Kamal, Matilda Icke, Eleanor Powell, Anna Barnes-Clay, Lillie Skipper, Elma Owiredu, Polly Guyett, Zara Duncan, Isatherese Prince, Finn Brown, Katie Hailes, Lilly Mae Mitchell.





Computer Science News

Krish Patel (12Y) has been hard at work creating on a segmented display for his local cricket club. Krish has been using his free time to teach himself the electronics and programming required to complete this project. I am sure you can agree the final design looks incredible.

Krish's parents said, "Most boys would be relaxing after GCSEs, but Krish's dad challenged him to make a scoreboard for Wellingborough Indians Cricket Club. Unfortunately, the club couldn't afford to purchase a readymade board. So Krish began researching and sharing his ideas and than the fun started.

We are very proud of him. Not many boys his age would have the ability to take on a mammoth project. This included rewiring a large section over Easter, as the old lights didn't work. It was blood, sweat and tears - long days and nights. It took over my kitchen, front room and garden! He's kept accounts of the spending and materials to build the board: it's now up and running for this cricket season and it looks amazing. Visitors and players always comment on the board."



Mr Reilly

Sports Review

Cricket

Under 13 Boys

The Under 13 cricket team battled well against a strong Worksop College side in the second round of the national cup. Worksop is nationally renowned for its cricket, with Joe Root being an 'old boy'. A few dropped catches didn't help, but 218 runs was just too big a total to chase. Well done to all involved in a team which has gone further than any other team before!

Meanwhile, back to Joe Root, the team kicked off their Root 66 Competition earlier this week with an opening victory against Latimer School.

Under 13 and Under 15 Girls

A girls' festival was hosted at KTCC. Bishop Stopford entered 3 Under 13 teams and 1 Under 15 team. This was a great development opportunity for all girls involved and gave the less experienced the chance to learn. The girls enjoyed meeting a current Steelbacks Ladies Player.

Rounders

The Under 15s put out 3 teams in the District competition last week, with each team performing strongly against local schools. This looks very promising for the forthcoming District Finals... Bishop 1,2,3 maybe?



Mr Young

VE Day 2025

The 8 May marked 80 years since the end of WW2 in Europe. To commemorate this, the History Department set up a display in the foyer with information about how people in Kettering, Britain and around the world celebrated in 1945. Students completed activities to reflect on the event, designing bunting and medals where they were able to thank those involved for their sacrifices. The Olive Grove was set up as a street party, with bunting and 1940s music, as well as a fantastic traditional menu for students to enjoy. There was a quiz in the Library for students to test their WW2 and VE Day knowledge.

Students enjoyed the day and we were all able to reflect on its significance.

History Department



Europe Day

"A group of us on VE Day took a trip to London to visit the European Parliament Liaison Office in celebration of EUROPE DAY 2025. This was a really exciting opportunity for students with interests in politics and current affairs. We learnt about the importance of maintaining EU-UK relations and the effects of Brexit on these relationships. We also discussed 'democracy' as a concept beyond just voting and scrutinised why people DON'T vote in major elections. We heard from compelling speakers including Asher Jacobsberg (UK Coordinator for European Parliament Ambassador Schools), Marsha de Cordova (MP for Battersea) and Susanne Oberhauser (Head of European Parliament Liaison Office UK) They discussed crucial topics about the work of the EU-UK Parliamentary partnership assembly and what democracy means in practice. Mr Jacobsberg led an exciting group activity, stimulating rewarding political discussions and encouraged us to research a variety of different political topics. (Mine was first female prime ministers.)

We were fortunate enough to be able to speak with Marsha De Cordova. Not only is Marsha a voice for her own constituency, but a powerful representative for historically marginalised groups. She is an embodiment of justice and equality in this space and is an incredible inspiration for many women across the UK. She spoke clearly on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine as well as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, highlighting the devastating impacts on civilians and reinforcing the importance of global cooperation to support these vulnerable groups. She also discussed her passionate role in the European movement UK and a few of us spoke to her personally about her action as shadow secretary of state for women and equality."

All in all, this opportunity was really exciting one and an immensely rewarding one at that. We are grateful to everyone involved in making this possible and we look forward to participating in more events like this one!"

Lola Thompson Juan



Miss Graziano

Music News

Congratulations to Sidar Altunkaynak (10Y) for passing piano Grade 3, and violin Grade 5 both with merit.

Music GCSE Ensemble Night

Congratulations to Year 10 students for their ensemble evening on Tuesday. They had prepared ensembles in preparation for exam recordings in the autumn. We were treated to a wide variety of music, from brass, piano and violin duets, to rock bands. Students performed with peers, friends, family, and teachers to make this a truly collaborative event. We ended with a finale of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep' performed by the whole class.

It was a lovely atmosphere of support and pride and was a great opportunity to share the work with families. It all bodes very well for the Autumn. Well done to everyone involved!



Ukulele Magic!

This group is starting up again after half term, in preparation for the summer concert. **First Rehearsal Friday 20th June**

Students can join on Fridays 12.30-1 in AC1 (and bring a packed lunch or collect chips early!) Everyone welcome.

Mrs Armstrong

Second Hand Uniform

We stock and sell good quality items of second-hand uniform. We are always grateful for any donations and currently would welcome donations of blue sweatshirts in particular.

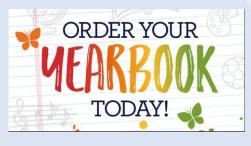
If you have any outgrown or unused items, please drop them off at Reception. All items are checked, washed and resold for £3.00 each with the funds used to benefit all students.

Should you want to place an order please use the order form: Bishop Stopford School - School Uniform

Mrs Kilborn

Yearbook Orders

Don't forget to place your orders by 8 June 2025.



To place an order:

- a) Click on link Fizz Yearbooks & Hoodies Fizz
- b) Enter the School Unique ID which is enclosed in a letter emailed to all Year 11 students and their parents.

Mrs Reading

Year 11 Curriculum – Summer Term

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE Art	External exam – Planning and Testing	
GCSE Computer Science	Revision of Key Areas	
GCSE Drama	Preparation for Exams	
GCSE English	Consolidation and Preparation for all the English GCSE Exams	
GCSE Food	Revision	
GCSE French	GCSE Speaking Exam	
	Preparation for other papers	
GCSE	Pre-release Paper 3 preparation and	
Geography	consolidation	
GCSE Health and Social Care	Revision	GCSE EXAMS
GCSE History	Superpower Relations and the Cold War:	
3.521,	The End of the Cold War – 1970-91	
	Preparation for the Exams	
GCSE Maths	Exam Preparation	
	Lessons per fortnight will consist of:	
	Exam Papers x2	
	Review of identified topics from mock exams	
	and formal assessments x2	
	Timed Questions Problem Solving and/or	
	Functional Maths Focus (3 lessons)	
GCSE Music	Revision	
Core PE	Options (Boys and Girls)	
GCSE PE	Revision (Papers 1 and 2)	
GCSE Product Design	Revision	
PSHE	Revision	
GCSE RE	Revision	
GCSE Science (Triple)	Biology: Module 7 (Ecology) Chemistry: Module 8 (Using our Resources) Physics: Module 7 (Electromagnetism)	CCCE EVANAC
GCSE Science (Trilogy)	Revision	GCSE EXAMS
GCSE	GCSE Speaking Exam	
Spanish	Preparation for other papers	
GCSE Textiles	Revision	

Other	GCSE Speaking Assessments (23.04.25 to 02.05.25)	Year 12 Induction (10.07.25)
	GCSE Art Exam (24.04.25 to 26.04.25)	
	GCSE Exam Period (begins on 08.05.25)	
	Last Day for Year 11 (23.05.25)	

MFL Linguist of the Term

7C Samuel Watts 7D Gully Brown 7E Freya Lawrence 7P Avesha Mahmood **7S Aaron Thomas** 7W Arthur Robson

8Y Helena Lister 8Y Rosa Currie 8Y Kayley Govier **8G Oscar Court** 8W Max McAuley 8W Ffion Spence 8S Emily Steel 8P Charlotte Terry 9C Emma Banham-Hall 9Y Charlie Canfield 9D Olivia Humphrey 9W Libby Dalton-Ruark 9G Joseph Avery 9G Genevieve Long 9P Emmie Mullaney 9W Alex Ierina 9Y Mikolaj Mleczak 9G Manvir Powar 9P Eryn Billingham

10D Abhirup Anoop 10E Noah Gibbard 10C Charlie Norman 10S Anna Jenkinson 10Y Gagandeep Kaur 10W Daniel Rose 10W Eddie Harvey

PSHE Champions of the Term

7C Jeremiah Borbor 7D Andrei Ierina 7E Molly Westley 7G Dhiya Karthik 7S Henry Lukehurst 7W Gracie Young 7Y Derek Enebeli

8C Lacey Bertram 8D Aiden Shabaya 8G Isla Mcauliffe 8P Hannah Payne 8S Frankie Wildman 8Y Aarushan Sivarupan 9C Abhayjit Singh 9D Eknoor Nandha 9E Alvana Boateng 9G Owais Waheed 9P Kaia Dawson 9S Jules Ayimadu 9W Hugo Funy Soares da Gama 9Y Samaa Mansour Ibrahim

10D Abhirup Anoop 10C Toby Langley 10D Lulu Bobo 10Y Jessica Grigg

11D Aswita Premathasan 11Y Harriet Bond 11P Jenitta Jomon

Life and Ethics Champions of the Term

12C Tom Empey 12E Simon Sieunarine

12G William Nunn 12Y Abel Skariah

12Y Atharva Kulkarni

12E Amelia Toseland

12D Evie Till

12E Rebecca Taylor

13D Elise Hale 13P Chiara La Penna 13G Niamh McLaren

13P Thomas Revell 13W Anashe Chimera

PE Stars of the Half Term

7C Ava Thorp 7W Edward Wake 7Y Anna Barnes-Clay

7P Mayibongwe Thebe

7S Obie Bateman 7D Noah Ward

7G Maegan Perera

7G Robyn Willis 7D Ruth Jones

7W Arthur Robson

7E Kishan Paren

7G Krishna Acharya

7S Iris Somerville

7S Ella Bagdonaviciute

7S Adele Boyall

7S Karen Ebiarede

7S Alexandra Howes

7S Sargun Sharma

7Y Louise Wilson

8D Daanveer Basra 8G Oscar Court

8W Miya Philip 8P Mia Phull

8E Sophia Lorentzen

8P Mackenzie Wilson 8D Sofia McDonald

9W Niv Patel

9C Beau Smith

9P Matthias Leatherland

9S Nathan Manoj 9D Tia Crichton

9G Precious Abiona

9C Arne Martin

9E Noah King 9C Rebecca Bubeer

9D Vaika Nair 9D Jessica Bruce

9E Alvana Boateng

9C Arabelle Lloyd Warner 9W Alicia Menzies

9E Nina Francis

10E Austin Dale

10P Charlotte Payne 10G Jude Drury

10C Thomas Wears

10C Laurence Harvey 10P Alexander Powell

10S Isobel Radcliffe 10W Ryan Chimeri

10D Sophie Howard

10G Bella Saving 10Y Tabitha Ariss

10P Abdan Abid Naseem

10C Emily Barritt

10E Maisie Gordge

10E Esmae Armour 10G Alicia Rushmore

>Something more? Competition







Spirituality competition

We want to hear from you!

As part of our focus on Spirituality, we would like you to express how you understand 'Something More' – what does it mean for you?

You could:

- write a poem;
- create an image;
- draw a picture/painting;
- build a model;
- compose a song;
- a digital creation
- Make something with someone else

Choose something that best expresses your understanding of...

> Something More?

E-mailed to vhutchinson@bishopstopford.com
Or bring creative entries to the chapel.

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Monday 9th June

School Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of Achievement

Tuesday 16 December 2025 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Our annual event to celebrate success and present exam certificates is a highlight of our calendar, with over 500 attending.

This year, on our 60th anniversary, we expect it to be more popular than ever.

Details of how to book tickets will be sent in the autumn term.

For GCSE and A level students and their families



Recruitment

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

Apprentice Careers Advisor

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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