



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**NEWSLETTER**



## Super Curricular Week

Year 12 Work Experience  
Year 9 Languages Trip to Normandy

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Lessons as normal

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Culture Day  
Year 9 Child In Work Day  
Year 7 Woburn Safari Park Trip  
Year 10 Life Beyond Year 11

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Culture Day  
Year 7 Woburn Safari Park Trip  
Year 10 Theme Park Trip  
Year 9 Tyre Challenge Day  
CSI Bishop

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Culture Day  
Year 9 Tyre Challenge Day  
Year 10 A Day in Work  
CSI Bishop  
Year 8 Child in Work Day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**  
School Walk

**Next week:**

**Week B**

**Assembly Theme:**

**No Assemblies**

## Isle of Scillies Trip Review

*#BestOfBishop*

Our 58<sup>th</sup> annual Year 8 residential to the tropical paradise of the Isles of Scilly began on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. After months of planning, the Scillonian ferry set sail on its journey to the Isles and any troubles on the crossing were instantly forgotten as the students disembarked at The Quay on St Mary's.

After settling into their canvas 'homes' for the week on the Garrison Campsite, it was time to tuck into mouth-watering homemade Cornish pasties, delivered from a local café. Next stop, exploring! The Garrison has a history which spans 350 years and forms one of the most impressive coastal defence systems in England. The islands have a wealth of ancient history dating back to the Bronze Age, and have been raided by Vikings, pirates and Spanish invaders - all perfect ingredients to fire up a child's imagination!

Other highlights included boat visits to all four inhabited islands – Bryher, St Agnes, St Martins and Tresco - and a journey to the largest uninhabited island, Samson. Students experienced delicious homemade ice-cream, Mediterranean gardens, puffin and seal watching and quality, phone-free time on beautiful beaches. They were treated to the most incredible sweeping sea views, unique flora and fauna, clean air and warm, sunny weather.

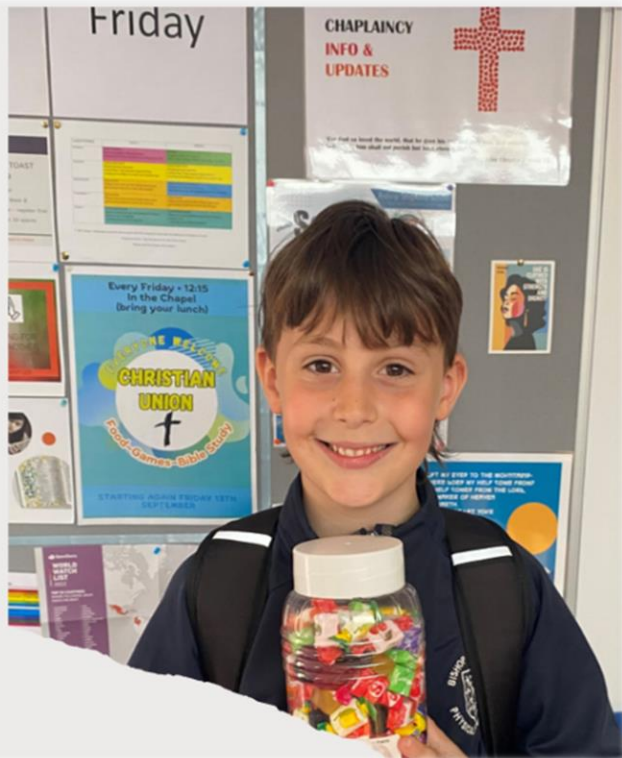
As I write this, camp is being packed down and our last trip for the year is preparing for the journey home. Friendships and memories will be brought home to last a lifetime. That's after re-entering the reality of mainland England with a trip for dinner at McDonald's!

I would especially like to thank all the staff members who accompany our school trips, without whom the trips would not be able to run. And also to parents who entrust us with your wonderful children - thank you.

**Miss Duffy**



## We are a Church of England School



Together we raised £197.63

### Fundraiser for St Peter and St Paul's Food Kitchen

It was a lovely, vibrant (and hot!!) half an hour last Friday lunchtime as Christian Union members and Sixth Form Student and Chaplaincy Leaders joined together to host this event.

We had an abundance of delicious cakes and fantastic books as well as two competitions. Congratulations to Hailie Spreckley in 9D who won Billie Joe the bear and to Freddie Bletsoe in 7W who claimed the 159 sweets in the jar -with his guess of 157!!

Coming together as a school community brings value in so many ways and we are delighted to send the money to The Food Kitchen to support the incredible work of the volunteers there.

A big thank you to all who contributed and were involved

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Year 8 students accompanied by two staff members will spend a day working with the Food Kitchen team as part of the Faith in Action initiative, living out our Core Values of Compassion and Justice and Responsibility.

Thank you!

**Mrs Hutchinson**

## Core Values in Action

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.

A huge **well done** to the following students who performed for our *>Something More?* music assemblies this week: Chloe Partridge, Ophelia Perslow-Sefiani, Sofia Ile, Edward Hoadley, Edith Turvey, George Mears, Jai Singh, James Nunley, Sebastian Bletsoe, Abhiprup Anoop, Alana Hollwey, Aditi Kanoor, Sophie Howard, Evie Sutton, Emily Barritt & Sophia Lister.

If you know students who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, email [newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com)

**Mrs Peach**

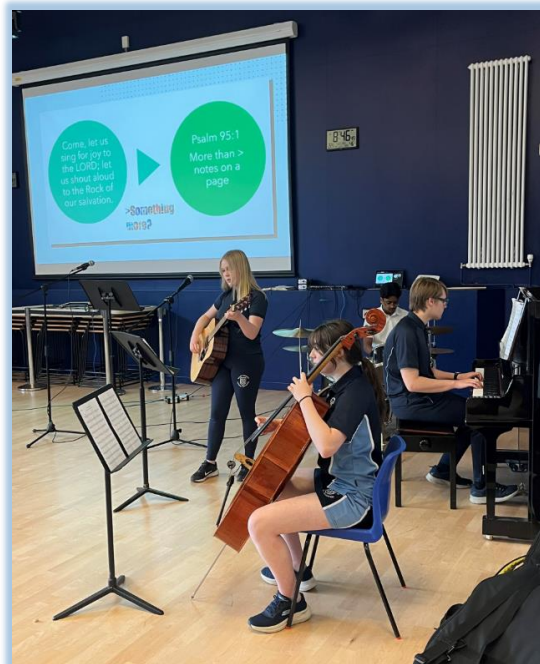
## Core Values in Action (cont'd)

I have been delighted by students leading our music assembly this last week. Their performances have been fabulous, but there was something much more and deeper than this. It is the joy with which they have planned and practiced and performed, working together across year groups. For example, Year 8 and Year 9 students sang to 200 Year 10 students. What courage! And three Year 10 students at the piano all playing a part of *Rolling in the Deep* and their faces lit up with glee!

We celebrated music as we considered the way our souls can connect with the sounds and words and emotions conveyed through it.

But this week, I have celebrated *the >Something More?* revealed in community and friendship.

Mrs Hutchinson



## Safe Space

Teenage drinking is at its lowest level for 30 years and the number of young people being admitted to hospital for drinking related incidents is dropping. It's great that more teenagers are opting for alcohol free drinks and there is a growing selection of options. However, it is normal for young people to experiment with alcohol.

It's important to have open conversations, set boundaries and help your child make informed decisions. The 'TalkAbout Trust' has produced an excellent resource: [Alcohol and You leaflet | Talk About Trust](#)

Discussions about healthy habits and behaviours is covered within our PSHE curriculum, but a key to student safety is observing trusted adults. Role modelling responsible drinking and having open discussions which allow teenagers to ask questions without judgement are crucial. These help them to develop independence and be secure in their decisions in new situations.

Mrs Smith

## School Walk

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

In order to ensure everyone is safe and well through the day, please ensure that your child has:

- **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.** When it's overcast, the temperature can be deceptive and students should wear sun lotion and ensure they have a hat.
- **Socks!** As healthy and active young people, the distance of the walk doesn't tend to faze the students, but sometimes they don't consider the impact on their feet. Please can you ensure your child is wearing proper socks, preferably walking or sports socks which tend to be a little thicker. Alternatively, we'd recommend 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



# Sports Review

## Year 7 Cricket County Cup Final

Congratulations to the Year 7 Cricket squad who defeated Oundle School to become County Champions for the second year running!

### Oak Academy

We have also made another set of videos for Oak Academy, demonstrating PE skills for teachers and students across the country. Their filming team contacted Miss Silverthorne and said, "Can I just say another big thank you for accommodating us again this week. The year 7 and 8 students were a pleasure to work with and created some amazing content in very hot conditions. The PE department has gone above and beyond."

**Mr Young**



## Graduations

It is graduation season at university, and many of our former students are receiving degree results, We would love to hear of their successes and to celebrate them in our Newsletter too. Please send any news to [newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com) with the name of the student, their degree and the university from which it was awarded.

**Miss Silverthorne**

## Food Bank Collection

Monday 30th is the last day for our Food Bank collection. Our collection baskets are still just half full so we would be delighted if you have a spare tin on your shelf to send in!

The collection point is in the Foyer: all donations will be very gratefully received. We look forward to those at the Food Bank appreciating your generosity.

**Mrs Hutchinson**



## Student Lockers

As you will be aware, the money raised from our sponsored School Walk this year is going towards the purchase of additional student lockers.

Every year, we find student belongings in lockers after we have broken up for the summer. We are asking that all contents are cleared by Wednesday 23rd July. After 25th July, all lockers will be cleared.

Items will go to Lost Property. At October half term, they will be redistributed or disposed of.

Please would you also encourage your student to check the current Lost Property for any items they may have lost/mislaidd?

**Mrs Kilborn**

Important Dates

<b>1 JULY</b> <i>Start of Super Curricular Week</i>	<b>3 JULY</b> <i>Yr 9 Reports issued</i>	<b>4 JULY</b> <i>School Walk</i>
<b>6 &amp; 7 JULY</b> <i>Y6 into 7 Induction Days</i>	<b>10 JULY</b> <i>Yr 11 into 12 Induction Day</i>	<b>10 JULY</b> <i>Celebration of the Arts Evening</i>
<b>22 JULY</b> <i>Sports Day</i>	<b>24 JULY</b> <i>Yr 12 Reports issued</i>	<b>25 JULY</b> <i>School closes at 12:30pm for the summer break</i>

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**WEEK 2**

Week Commencing: 07/04/25, 28/04/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY					
CLASSIC MAIN MEALS		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS			
<b>MONDAY</b> Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	<b>MONDAY</b> Vegan Sausage Casserole with Gravy (VE)	<b>TUESDAY</b> Chicken Arrabiata Pasta Bake with House Salad	<b>TUESDAY</b> No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Cheddar, Squash and Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Garden Salad (V)
<b>THURSDAY</b> Kung Pao Chicken, Served with Egg Fried Rice	<b>THURSDAY</b> Eggplant Katsu (V)	<b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	<b>FRIDAY</b> Sundried Tomato & Cheddar Turnovers (V)		

DESSERTS				
<b>MONDAY</b> Dutch Apple Cake	<b>TUESDAY</b> Warm Blueberry Sponge	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Apple & Mixed Berry Chumble with Vanilla Sauce	<b>THURSDAY</b> Banana Pudding with Custard	<b>FRIDAY</b> 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

**street VIBES**

**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				
<b>MONDAY</b> Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (VE)	<b>TUESDAY</b> Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	<b>THURSDAY</b> The Big Plant Burger (VE)	<b>FRIDAY</b> Garlic & Chili Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA				
<b>MONDAY</b> Tomato & Basil Pasta	<b>TUESDAY</b> Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza	<b>THURSDAY</b> Creamy Pesto Pasta	<b>FRIDAY</b> Margherita Pizza

