



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 29 November 2024

NEWSLETTER



Events all week

Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 2 December

Year 11 Collective Worship
Carol Service 6pm
(Ss Peter & Pauls Church)

Tuesday 3 December

Year 10 Collective Worship
Year 8 Winter House Games
Year 12 Christmas Maths Lecture
"Guys & Dolls" Rehearsals

Wednesday 4 December

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

Thursday 5 December

Year 7 Collective Worship

Friday 6 December

Year 12 & 13 Collective Worship

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:

God of Compassion

Mental Health Awareness

#BestOfBishop

The oft used phrase 'mental health matters' couldn't be truer. As a society, we are responding to political and economic challenges, global conflict and uncertainty in many areas of life. As a result, our young people are growing up in a world which can seem fraught with danger and one that, because of technology and online platforms, demands high levels of awareness and responsibility. But it is also an exciting time where innovation is rewarded and new tools like AI can make finding that difficult family member's Christmas gift just that little bit easier!

Recent assemblies delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) reinforced the message that mental health is not static. They reassured students that everyone experiences periods of low mood as well as times of joy. However, they also encouraged students to seek support if negative feelings get stronger or don't recede.

In school, we have a range of support available:

- Peer mentoring
- Staff mentoring
- 1:1 with a member of the pastoral team
- YouthWorks Counselling (1:1)
- MHST Counselling (1:1)
- Souster Youth (group intervention)
- School Nurse service

We also work with families where referrals to CAMHS are appropriate, and have strong links with YouthWorks offering support to students beyond the school day.

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Mary, did you know?



*December 2nd
6:30pm*

*Please join us
for our special
Christmas Carol
Service*

*St Peter and St Paul
Kettering*

We would love you to join us on Monday 2nd December at our Carol Service at St Peter and St Paul, 6:30pm (NN16 0AL). There are many students leading this service and it is a wonderful time to come together as a school community to worship and to reflect on Christmas at the start of Advent. Please do add this to your diary!



Let's sing Christmas!

Staff and Students
all welcome!

With Mrs Armstrong
Mr Taylor &
Mrs Hutchinson

Main Hall doors open 12:20
Carol singing starts 12:30

Wednesday December 18th



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 student receives a CViA award this week:

Miles De Barros (7G) performed at St Michael's and All Angels Church last Sunday as part of the Church's monthly music group.

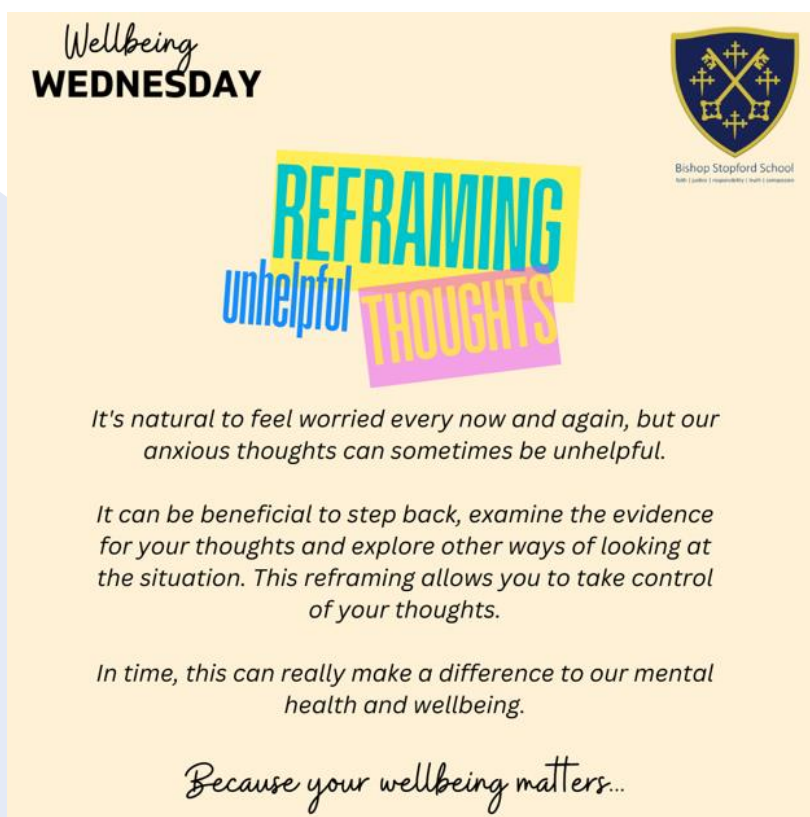


Mental Health Awareness (cont'd from p1)

Learning about emotional health and wellbeing takes place in our PSHE lessons and in tutor time. Students know that they can seek out help from trusted adults in school.

A new initiative – Wellbeing Wednesdays – has been launched this week for our Sixth Form students. It is shared via email and on our Instagram page with targeted strategies for older students. The first weeks is focused on self-help CBT strategies shared by MSHT.

If you have a concern about a student in this regard please do reach out to their form tutor or Head of Year and we'll work with them to provide the support they need.



Safe Space

Over the last fortnight, we will all have felt the days getting colder and darker. Students are now regularly travelling in the dark and we want to encourage them to consider how to keep themselves safe. Many wear dark coats and jackets which can be hard for cars to see.

These small changes can help students to keep safe:

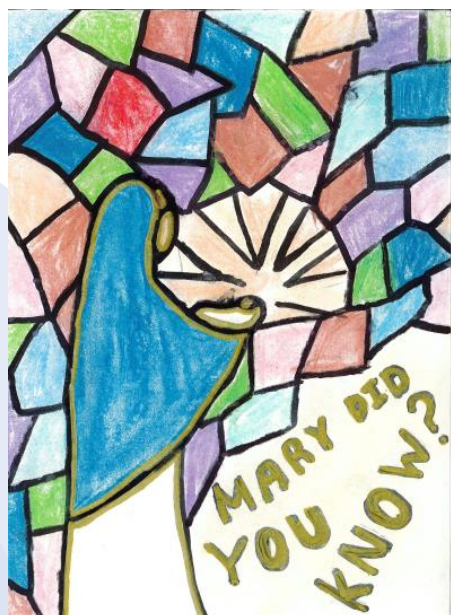
1. Students should consider how visible they are to cars and other traffic. Many jackets have reflectors, and small additional reflective items can be worn. Colour from a scarf, hat or gloves is invaluable.
2. Students cycling should have lights at the front and back of their bike. They should also carry a spare in case the battery fails. High visibility covers for helmets are also incredibly useful.
3. When students are listening to music or chatting on their phones on the way home, we encourage them to use only one ear bud. This allows them to be aware of their surroundings, including hearing approaching traffic, car horns or people calling to them.

Mrs Smith

Christmas Card Competition

We had lots of wonderful entries for our Year 7 Christmas Card competition this year. They were so good it made it very difficult to choose! All cards will be displayed at the Carol Service on Monday.

Winner



Iris Somerville (7S)

Congratulations to Iris whose card was eventually chosen as the winner, and to our other four finalists.

Joint Second



Ivy York (7E)



Lilibeth Hunt (7P)

Joint Third

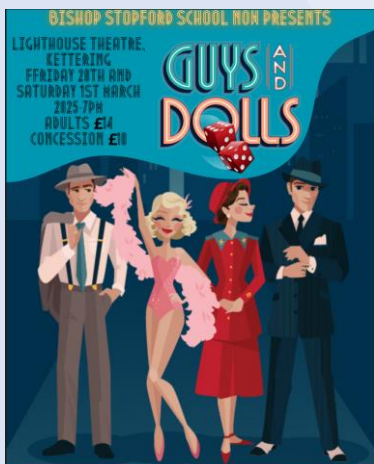


Isatherese Prince (7Y)



Evalyn Hogg (7D)

"Guys and Dolls"



Congratulations to Millie McCormack-Morgan (8Y), whose fantastic poster design has been chosen as the winner of our *Guys and Dolls* art competition. Her creativity captured the spirit of the production, and her work will now be used to promote the show. A special mention also goes to our talented runners-up, Ankita Kanoor (8W) and Sienna Sedani (8P), for their impressive entries. Thank you to all the students who submitted entries and showcased their artistic skills.



In the *Guys and Dolls* programme, we intend to advertise local businesses. Adverts cost £20 and are A5 in size. As we intend to print 500 programmes, this is an excellent opportunity to promote your business. If you are interested in advertising in our programme, please contact me by December 18th: jpointer@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Pointer

English Speaking Union Debating Mace Competition

On Tuesday, a team of eight Year 10 and 11 students competed in the English Speaking Union's annual debating mace competition, held at Bourne Grammar School.

Though the team narrowly missed out on progressing to the next heat – pipped to the post by seasoned Sixth Form teams from Oundle, Bourne Grammar and Stamford School – they deserve enormous credit for their sterling performance. The speaking trio - Sophie Banks, Reuben Philip and Amrita Johal - passionately argued the proposition case 'This House would build homes on the green belt'. They received high commendation from the judges for their confident delivery, thorough research of the issue and teamwork in presenting their case; all the more impressive as this was the team's first ever in-person debating event.

Great praise is also deserved by the supporting team – Ahmed Ehsan Ulhaq, Finn Currie, Maryelizabeth Bam, Lulu Bobo and Samuel Tomlin – who have not only helped in preparation for the competition but also offered constant encouragement to their fellow students during the event. Miss Blackburn and I were blown away by the talent, character and supportiveness shown by all eight students. Regardless of the outcome, we are immensely proud of you all and can't wait to see where your debating skills take you next!

Mrs Hainsworth

Music Congratulations

Congratulations to former Bishop Stopford students Thomas Fountain playing trumpet and Rachel Simms playing bassoon on the orchestral sound track of the new *Wicked* film.



Trumpet
Christian Barraclough
Philip Cobb
Tom Fountain
Kate Moore
Daniel Newell
Patrick White
Matt Williams

Bassoon
Sarah Burnett
Paul Boyes
Gavin Mcnaughton
Rachel Simms

Mrs Armstrong

English Badge Winners

7C Jeremiah Borbor
7D Ruth Jones
7G Dhiya Karthik
7P Weston Tysoe
7S Louis Anderson
7S Angelica Perslow-Sefiani
7W Lattah Patel
7W Lilly Fletton
7Y Jai Chana

8Y Oliver Esler
8D Daanveer Basra
8D Barty Gardner
8W Ffion Spence
8W Miya Philip
8S Emily Steel
8S Amber Mann
8S Betsy Flannigan
8P Jack McGowan

9W Hugo Funy Soares Da Gama
9C Darius Ionel
9D Elijah Borbor
9Y Rayna Shergill
9E Akbar Nishtar
9P Kaia Dawson
9E Caleb Danso
9S Jules Ayimandu
9S Ryan Doyle

10D Sophie Howard
10E George Mears
10D Lulu Bobo
10G Jude Drury
10P Charlie Augusiak
10S Micah Cole-Morrison
10W Chloe Wellings
10S Samuel Tomlin

11C Charlie Pruden
11E Morgan Hover
11G Taslim Zziwa
11G Erin Mockford
11S Jonathan Matabalan
11S Carter Roberts
11Y Muskaanpreet Singh

12S Sasha Squires
12W Jacob Procter

13G Ishika Kumari
13S Ella Slater



Did you take GCSEs and A levels in summer 2024?

Celebration of Achievement

Monday 16 December 2024

6:00 – 7:30pm

Bishop Stopford School Sports Hall

A celebration of success and presentation of GCSE and A level certificates.

Refreshments in the Main Hall from 5:15pm

Parents and students warmly welcome.

**Invitations have been sent to parents.
Tickets must be booked by 3pm on Monday 9 December.**



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Miss Wood

Second Hand Uniform



As you may be aware, we sell good quality items of recycled uniform. We are undergoing a review of the current system and will relaunch in January.

As you can see from our lovely new 'shop', we are in the process of sorting our current stock. We have an amazing number of items in excellent condition, so do bear this in mind when replacing uniform.

We are also updating our order forms, but in the meantime please do keep using the current online form: [Recycled School Uniform](#).

Just as we reorganise our stock, can we ask that for the moment you do not donate any further items until the New Year.

Thank you for your generosity in providing for our school community.

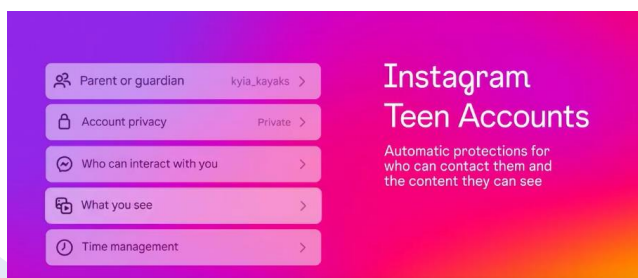
Mrs Kilborn



Instagram Safety – Teen Accounts

Instagram is a social media app where you can post photos and videos of your life, interests and passions. It is currently very popular with young people. As with all social media apps, it does come with a level of danger.

Instagram has fairly recently created new teen accounts to reduce risk. Anyone under 16 requires parental permission to open an Instagram account.



Default settings

- For under 16s they will automatically have a teen account and will need to add a parent to change key privacy settings
- they can only be messaged by people they're friends with
- they will see less sensitive content from accounts they don't follow
- identification is required for an adult account to prevent teens lying about their age

In Teen Accounts, parents can:

- see who their child is messaging
- see what topics their child is interested in
- set time limits for their child on the app
- block the app for specific time periods

Limits

Instagram identifies an adult as anyone over the age of 18 with an Instagram account. It is important if a young person is trying Instagram for the first time, an adult supports with setting up and linking their account.

Izzy (12W) and Evie (12D) – Digital leaders.

Maths Watch

MathsWatch

Wednesdays – Year 10 students – 12.45-1.15

Fridays – Year 11 students – 12.45-1.15

In C3




Mr Gay

Recruitment

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

Teacher of Mathematics

The successful candidate will support our curriculum work, making sure our school systems work efficiently for the good of our students. You will work within a team, supported by other Associate Staff. There is a team leader for Curriculum Assistants who reports to the Business Manager.

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 2

WEEK COMMENCING
09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024 11/11/2024 02/12/2024
23/12/2024 13/01/2025 03/02/2025 24/02/2025 17/03/2025

V – Vegetarian
VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
MONDAY Traditional Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy	MONDAY Vegan Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy (VE)
TUESDAY Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese, Selection of Toppings, House Salad & Garlic Bread	TUESDAY Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese, Selection of Toppings, House Salad & Garlic Bread (V)
WEDNESDAY Hand Carved Roast Turkey, Roasties, Seasonal Veg & House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Mature Cheddar, Broccoli & Leek Quiche with Seasonal Veg or Garden Salad (V)
THURSDAY Baked Beef Enchilada with Mexican Rice & Salsa	THURSDAY Mixed Bean Enchilada with Mexican Rice & Salsa (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Friday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Sweetcorn, Chilli & Coriander Fritters with Sriracha Dressing, Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Apple Pie & Custard	Peach & Pineapple Crumble	Sticky Coconut & Jam Pudding	Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce	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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Caramelised Onion & Mozzarella Poutine (V)	Gochujang Chicken and Sesame Rice Pot	Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles	Korean Fried Crispy Chicken	Manager's Special

NATURALLY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reggae Reggae Jackfruit Curry (VE)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Manager's Special

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Crearry Pesto Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Pepperoni Pizza	Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or BBQ Chicken Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.

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