



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 3 October 2025

NEWSLETTER



Events all Week:
Govilon 7D & 7Y

Monday 6 October
Year 11 Collective Worship
Year 6 into 7 Open Morning

Tuesday 7 October
Year 10 Collective Worship
Year 6 into 7 Open Morning

Wednesday 8 October
Year 12 Collective Worship
Year 6 into 7 Open Morning

Thursday 9 October
Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 11 Reports issue
Year 12 Senior Maths Challenge
Year 6 into 7 Open Evening
5.30pm – 8.00pm

Friday 10 October
Professional Development Day

Next week:
Week B

Assembly Theme:
How then shall we live?

A Challenging Curriculum

#BestOfBishop

The curriculum at Bishop Stopford School is designed, as Our Intent (on page 9) makes clear, to enable every student at the school to unlock their unique potential.

Underpinning our curriculum design is ambition. Schemes of work are academic, sequential and knowledge-driven and lessons have a rich language base and intellectual rigour inherent within them. As a consequence, we choose challenging content across subjects to study.

Year 7 students, for example, begin English by studying an anthology of poems which develops ambitious language and knowledge of poetic conventions. Geography students compare the physical and human domains of geography through topics such as flooding, Antarctica, development and Ghana. These are supported by other foci such as global fashion and climate change. Students explore social, economic, environmental and political issues, providing opportunities to question and challenge the complexities of our world. Moving into Key Stages Four and Five, Year 11 History students interrogate the complexities of the Cold War and draw parallels between this conflict and the current situation in Ukraine. A-Level Psychologists study a broad range of topics from biopsychology and social influence to schizophrenia.

By delivering such ambitious content, our students benefit from accessing “the best that has been thought and said”. This not only prepares them well for public exams but also makes them ready for whatever challenges they face once they have left our school.

More information about what your child is studying can be found later on in this Newsletter.

Mr Kirke



We are a Church of England School

Last Friday, we celebrated our 60 years as a school in a wonderful service at our parish church. The Bishop of Peterborough gave the address.

Northants Telegraph article:

[School's 'remarkable contribution' to Kettering celebrated with church service marking sixty years of Bishop Stopford](#)



Can I just say what a joy it was to be part of the celebration on Friday, I thought it was amazing and went so well.' - Reverend Milne



Such a joy to see the church full of young people' –
Church Warden

'A fine service and congratulations to all involved at the church for making it such a service. Exemplary standards from Year 8/9 in the Sports Hall this afternoon to watch the live stream, a pleasure to be involved' - **Head of Year 9**



Excellent behaviour of the students and professionalism of the staff.' - **PCC Member**



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:

Ollie Povey (8G) for completing the Ride and Stride for All Saints Church. He visited 21 churches and raised £300.

Isla Dow (8C) for her volunteer work at the St Clement's Church Fete over the summer. She organised and ran the tombola and raised £360 for the Church.

If you know of a student who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, please email newsletter@bishopstopford.com



Mrs Peach

Safe Space

Evacuation and invacuation processes

I wrote to all parents earlier this week about our processes for emergencies. We have two different responses dependent on the situation:

1. *Evacuation*. This describes a response where we evacuate everyone in school to a safe, designated space. Identified members of staff sweep the building to ensure everyone has been able to evacuate safely. This is most typically used when the fire alarm sounds.

2. *Invacuation*. This is often called 'lockdown'. It refers to situations when the community remains within the buildings and responses are made based on instructions given via internal communication channels. Where possible, learning continues as normal until staff are notified that any perceived threat has been cleared. This is generally used where there is an unexpected incident which is potentially serious (eg an airborne concern such as a gas cloud or an animal on site.) Invacuation also covers the rare occasion when there is an external threat or an unknown situation on site.

Drills for these processes are practised with all on site regularly. Just last week, we ran a fire drill and we will hold another invacuation drill before the end of the school year. School leaders review the drills to consider if there are any improvements we can make.

Assemblies and tutor times are used to communicate arrangements with students, so that they feel confident about what to do when alarms sound.

If you have any questions about this, do contact the school office: enquiries@bishopstopford.com.

Mrs Smith

Year 11 Parent Event 16th October 2025

For all students, Year 11 is a significant time and we would like to invite parents and carers to attend an information evening. The focus will be on sharing information and guidance with families and providing some practical strategies in supporting students at home with their studies.

The event will be held on Thursday 16th October 2025 from 6:00-7:00pm.

If you would like to attend, please reserve your place by following the link and completing the online form by Friday 10th October 2025: [Year 11 Parent Event](#)



Ms Lowdon

GCSE and A Level Drama Trip – ‘Lost Atoms’

Last Thursday, students went to The Curve Theatre, Leicester to see the production of ‘Lost Atoms’. Thank you to Katie Pickford (Year 12) for the following review:

"Lost Atoms" follows the story of Jess and Robbie as they try to adjust to their new relationship and overcome struggles of loss, grief and infidelity, whilst also exploring themes of friendship and unity.

Hannah Sinclair-Robinson and Joe Layton, alongside the rest of the crew at ‘Frantic Assembly’, created an emotive and thought-provoking performance. The production skilfully balanced raw emotional moments with nuanced character development, allowing the audience to connect with the characters’ journeys in a meaningful way.

‘Lost Atoms’ is a testament to theatre’s ability to help us process our own experiences through that of fictional characters’ struggles and triumphs. I would highly recommend watching to anyone interested in theatre that explores complex human relationships and emotional landscapes.”



Mrs Fraser

Geology Fieldtrip



Last week saw our geologists visiting Blencathra for their field work. This is a really important part of their A Level studies.

Miss Baker said, *‘The geologists in the Lake District represented our school so well. We were extremely proud of them. The feedback from our tutor was nothing but positive, as students really made the most of the experience. Also, there wasn’t a drop of rain- everyone was a winner! Definitely a ‘>Something More?’ moment or two...’*

Miss Baker

School Calendar



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Important Dates

6, 7 & 8 OCT Y6 into 7 Open Mornings	9 OCT Y6 into 7 Open Evening	9 OCT Y11 Reports issued
10 OCT Teacher CPD Day	14 OCT Flu Vaccinations Y7 - 11	24 OCT Y13 Reports issued

Half Term: Mon 27 October - Friday 7 November



Pupil Premiums & Free School Meals Allowance

Pupil Premium is available to students in Years 7-11.

Students receive Pupil Premium if they are in receipt of Free School Meals or have qualified for free school meals at any point in the past six years. The Pupil Premium funding directly benefits students who are eligible, helping to diminish outcome differences between them and their peers.

Free school meals means students in Years 7-13 have a £2.85 daily allowance towards the cost of a meal. It must be spent at lunchtime. This funding is automatically uploaded to the student's lunch account and does not carry over to a later date. (It is also not reflected in Parent Pay.)

You may be entitled to free school meals for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit (Income Related)

All children entitled to free school meals will receive them until the end of the academic year. This continues even if your income increases as a 'transitional protection'.

From September 2026, the Department for Education intends to discontinue all protections but will extend eligibility criteria for free school meals.

Once an application is made, the outcome will be confirmed and families emailed with a reference number. North Northamptonshire Council processes the application and notifies us within 5 working days.

If you believe you could be eligible for free school meals, please do apply: [Free school meals and pupil premium | North Northamptonshire Council \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](#).

If you have any questions about either Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs P Norwood - Pupil Premium pnorwood@bishopstopford.com

Mrs K Smith - Free School Meals ksmith@bishopstopford.com

Year 10 Option Changes

The deadline for requesting a change in options subjects is today (03.10.25).

We know beyond this point that it will be very difficult to catch up on the elements of the course which students have missed and so they need to remain in the options subjects which they have chosen.

Mr Kirke

Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Arabelle Lloyd Warner (10C) for passing her Grade 6 Trinity London Piano Exam with a distinction.



Mrs Armstrong

Saints U15 Foundation Phase

Congratulations to Conor Smith who has been selected for the Saints U15 Player programme for the current season.

Northamptonshire Hockey

Congratulations to the following players selected for their respective age groups:

U17 Boys

Jack York (10C)
Kethan Singodia (11C)
Aman Singh (11G)
Nate Stilwell (11D)
Ellis Grant (12E2)
Haydn Young (12W2)
Jude Mitchell (11S)

U13 Boys

Edward Wake (8W)
Edward Hollwey (8C)

U13 Girls

Alexandra Howes (8S)

Northamptonshire Netball

Congratulations to the following girls on their selection for the County programme this year:

U15

Lily Martin (10C)
Erin Brookes (10Y)
Rosa Currie (9Y)

U13

Alexandra Howes (8S)
Issy Hackett (8W)

Weekly Round Up: 22nd Oct - 2nd Oct

We have seen lots of teams in action over the past two weeks in sports ranging from Netball, Football & Rugby. We have also seen the first Inter-House Sports event of the year: House Parkrun (full results to follow).

Year 10 Rugby went through to Round 2 of the National Vase and played well against Wellingborough School producing a hard earned win.

Year 9 Rugby played their first game against Welland Park.

Year 11 Rugby were runners up in the County 7s Tournament narrowly missing out in the final to NSB 19-21!

Year 9 and Year 10 Netball have seen great success in winning all their games in the district league so far. Meanwhile the U18s have also been undefeated in the league and also won v Tresham College U19.

Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football has continued to see fantastic development playing in a district round robin tournament in preparation for the final district tournament later this term.

Year 7 Football played their first fixture in the County Cup. Unfortunately they lost, but lots to come later in the year.

Year 10 Football lost 2-1 to Montsaye in the league, but won the District Futsal Title this week.

Year 11 Football have so far played 3 won 1 and lost 2 but are into the second round of the County Cup.

A busy week ahead...

Mr Young



Year 11 Curriculum – Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
GCSE Art	<u>Coursework Consolidation</u> Refinement of Year 10 coursework and the development of ideas towards a personal response	
GCSE Computer Science	Algorithms	Programming Fundamentals
GCSE Drama	Devising Portfolio: Preparation for the final coursework draft Introduction to the Scripted Component	Scripted Pieces: Staging and design
GCSE English	English Language Paper 2	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>
GCSE Food	Special Diets and High-Level Skills	
GCSE French (Core)	Holidays	Global Issues
GCSE Geography	Changing Economic World	Changing Economic World Mock Exam and Feedback
GCSE Health and Social Care	PSA 2 (Released in September)	Complete PSA2 Start Component 3
GCSE History	Hitler's Rise to Power: 1919-33 (Unit started in Year 10) Nazi Control and Dictatorship: 1933-39	Life in Nazi Germany: 1933-39
GCSE Maths	Sine and Cosine Rule Iteration Non Linear Simultaneous Equations Surface Area and Volume 2	<u>Quadratic Sequences (Higher sets only)</u> Gradient and Area of Graphs Vectors <u>Equation of a Circle (Higher sets only)</u>
GCSE Music	<u>Coursework and Unit 3 Exam Prep</u> Solo Recording (October) Completion of Composition 1 / Start Composition 2	<u>Coursework and Unit 3 Exam Prep</u> Ensemble recording Composition 2 Completion of set work studies
Core PE	Rugby and Basketball (Boys) Netball and Hockey (Girls)	Hockey and Table Tennis (Boys) Health Related Fitness and Basketball (Girls)
GCSE PE	Written Coursework – Analysis Socio-Cultural Influences	Socio-Cultural Influences (Complete)
GCSE Product Design	NEA	NEA
PSHE	Media Representation in the media and body image / Representation of drug culture / Sexualisation and the Media	Careers – life at 16 and beyond CV writing / Personal Statements / Payslips, tax and NI
GCSE RE	Theme D – Religion, Peace and Conflict	Theme E – Crime and Punishment
GCSE Science (Triple)	<u>Biology:</u> Complete Module 5: Responses <u>Chemistry:</u> Complete Module 5: Energy changes, Rates and Equilibrium. Start Module 6 <u>Physics:</u> Continue Module 5 Forces	<u>Biology:</u> Start Module 6 Genetics <u>Chemistry:</u> Continue Module 6: Crude oil, fuels and chemical analysis. <u>Physics:</u> Complete Module 5 Forces Start Module 6 Waves



Year 11 Curriculum – Autumn Term contd ...

GCSE Science (Trilogy)	Teacher A: Complete Biology Module 5: Response Start Biology Module 6: Genetics	Teacher A: Continue Biology Module 6: Genetics
	Teacher B: Complete Chemistry Module 5: Energy changes, Rates and Equilibrium. Start Chemistry Module 6: Crude oil, fuels and chemical analysis	Teacher B: Complete Chemistry Module 6: Crude oil, fuels and chemical analysis Complete Chemistry Module 7: Earth's Atmosphere and resources Start Physics Module 5: Forces
GCSE Spanish (Option)	<u>Holidays</u>	<u>Global Issues</u>
GCSE Textiles	<u>NEA</u>	
Wider- Curricular	Culture Day (24.10.25) Naples Visit	Christmas Concert Year 11 Winter House Games
Other	Year 11 return to school (04.09.25) School Photographs (17.09.25) Year 11 Communion (19.09.25) 60 th Anniversary Celebration Service (26.09.25) Year 11 Reports issued (09.10.25)	Year 11 into 12 Open Evening (18.11.25)
		Year 11 Mocks (03.12.25 to 12.12.25) Mock Art Exam (15.12.25.to 16.12.25)

Our Intent (see page 1)

This is our statement outlining all ambition for every student at our School.

“At Bishop Stopford School, our aim is that every student should realise his or her unique potential. Our Christian ethos and core values are expressed in all that we do: the culture is articulated through highly productive relationships and there is a strong sense of identity and belonging. As a result, our curriculum nurtures and challenges, prioritises individual worth and social cohesion, and fosters independence and interdependence. Character development goes hand in hand with our striving for academic excellence. We want students to leave us happy and healthy, with a strong moral compass as well as with qualifications which have integrity.”

“Aspiration underpins our curriculum: it is designed so that no student is left behind or left out because of social, learning or other disadvantage. Both the taught and the wider curriculum are carefully planned to ensure that not only are students' basic skills secured, but they provide the foundation for future success. We aim to develop highly literate, numerate and knowledgeable learners who are creative, self-regulating and resilient. They have opportunities to develop depth as well as breadth, and because they are socially equipped, they can engage confidently with the wider world.”

Underpinning Principles

- Leadership of the curriculum is active, reflective and research-informed.
- Our curriculum is unapologetically academic and knowledge-driven, ensuring Bishop Stopford students are engaged and thoughtful learners.
- Our curriculum is holistic: the spiritual, social and moral imperatives are as strong as the academic.
- Key Stage 3 lasts for Years 7-9 to allow the range of subjects to be studied and to build secure foundations for the two year GCSE programmes of study.
- Curriculum is structured to ensure effective progression through the key stages and beyond school to further study or employment.
- The curriculum enables all learners to progress, through development of a rich language base and challenge in every lesson

Mr Kirke

Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

Year 6 into 7 Open Events



Open Mornings 2025

Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8 October
9:45 – 11:45am



Scan the QR code or visit our website to book.

Open Evening 2025

Thursday 9 October
5:30 – 8:00pm

Headteacher's Presentation: 5:45pm, 6:30pm



Bishop Stopford School
Headlands, Kettering,
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Open Evening: FREE Park & Ride
Cornmarket Car Park, NN15 7QA
Disabled Parking only on site

WEEK 1

Week Commencing: 25/08/2025 15/09/2025 06/10/2025 27/10/2025

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice

TUESDAY

Chicken Chow Mein

WEDNESDAY

Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Mexican Style Beef & Tortilla Lasagne

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)

TUESDAY

Hoisin Tofu Chow Mein (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Veg(V)

THURSDAY

Smokey Plant Based Chilli, Served with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V)

FRIDAY

BBQ Bean Burger with Chunky Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Spiced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla sauce

TUESDAY

Apple Strudel & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY

Cookie Dough Fruit Crumble

FRIDAY

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

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**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

Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Pasta in a Cheese Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

Welcome back to your **SERIOUSLY GOOD FOOD COURT**

MORE THAN JUST LUNCH!

BREAKFAST

Start your day right! Grab toast, cereal, yoghurt, or a hot snack before your first lesson.

BREAKTIME

Need a boost? Pick up hot snacks such as our Powerfries pots - noodles, rice, and more - or snack pots and baked to keep you going.

LUNCHTIME

Your main event! From hot meals to street food style dishes and grab-and-go options, you've got loads to choose from.

AFTER SCHOOL

Pick up a snack on your way out. (Not available at all schools)

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

From the global flavours of our StreetVibes range to a light and refreshing option from Chill Deal, there's a choice to match every mood, every day!



Look out for the Free School Meal logo! Anyone who receives a FSM can choose a great meal!

DAILY MEAL DEALS & OFFERS

We've got great food at great value - whatever you're in the mood for something hot, cold, or totally street food inspired.

Hot Meal & Dessert



StreetVibes is here

Tuesday - Thursday!

Mix things up midweek with our StreetVibes street food.

Choose your base (like noodles, rice or a wrap), add your protein, then top it your way.

There's something new each week - from zingy noodles to loaded spouts and sticky wings.

Visit the restaurant to see what's on!



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FILLED ROLL

SNACK POT

SMALL TOFU BAKE

YOGHURT POT

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