



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 4th July 2025

NEWSLETTER



Monday 7 July

Year 9 Collective Worship
Year 6 into 7 Induction Day
Praying Parents 2pm

Tuesday 8 July

Year 10 Collective Worship
Year 6 into 7 Inductions Day
Year 6 into 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 9 July

Year 8 Collective Worship
Year 10 Rock Climbing
Year 11 MFL Speaking Assessments begin
Year 12 Art Mock Exam

Thursday 10 July

Year 7 Collective Worship
Celebration of the Arts Event
Year 11 into 12 Induction Day

Friday 11 July

Year 8 Collective Worship
Year 10 English Speaking Assessments begin
MFL Speaking Mocks
Year 10 Rock Climbing

Next week:

Week A

Assembly Theme:
Super Curricular Week

Year 6 Transition Days

#BestOfBishop

On Monday and Tuesday next week we will welcome our soon to be Year 7 students. They will experience what it means to become part of our community. We look forward to seeing each of them taking new steps towards unlocking their unique potential. Students will become familiar with their new school, get to know others and allay any concerns they may have.

Saturday 21st June was the first experience our new students had of Bishop Stopford. Despite the heat they completed the CATS and Lucid tests perfectly, doing themselves credit. It was a great day when they had the site to themselves.

During the transition days students will experience a variety of activities. They will get to know each other and, as they meet their teachers, find out their form group! There are a variety of clubs being held across both days at lunchtime, from STEM club, to crochet club (set up by our Year 7 students this year). There will also be an opportunity to play tennis and to ask any questions at our brand new Student Ambassador 'Help Hub'.

Here are just some examples of what they may encounter:

- Compete in Maths based challenges
- Make race cars in design technology
- Create a 'pH rainbow' in science
- Explore the world in Geography
- Find out about our Chapel

Every year our feedback from students and parents is "they loved the lessons" and "the two days makes such a difference". As students join us from over 50 primary schools, two days gives a chance to settle and make the strongest start in preparation for September.

The Parent Information Evening assists in what is a big change for the whole family, even if an older child is already at our school. The step-up to secondary school is a milestone, and as a community we will support you all in these next steps.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Mr Stevenson



We are a Church of England School

Faith in Action says a big **THANK YOU** to the following volunteers, churches and charities:

St Anne's Care Home
Make and Natter, St Andrew's Church
The Kettering Food Bank
Souster Youth
SMUFS, St Mary's Burton Latimer
Country View Nursing Home
St Botolph's Church
Little Hands, St Andrew's Church
St Peter & St Paul's Food Kitchen
Kettering Steet Pastors - For their generous donation

Jessica Cotton (for leading Wicksteed Walk of Awareness)
Esther Tennant (for leading The Secret Garden)
Fay Rowland (for leading the Labyrinth project)
Lousie Jenkinson (for leading Bible Verse Art)



Food Bank

Arthur, Andrew and Fraser (8P) worked together brilliantly. They helped by sorting donations and rotating stock and staff were really appreciative of their help. They asked us to pass on how brilliant the students were.

Key message from the Food Bank: they are in desperate need of tinned meat and vegetables, UHT milk (preferably semi skimmed) and shampoo (basic, unisex so not something covered in flowers!). They are currently spending £1,000 a week on buying in these goods.

All donations greatly appreciated.

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.

Ollie Povey (7G), Krishha Acharya (7G) and Eleanor Powell (7Y) - they spent their time making a Student Ambassadors' Information Booklet for the Year 7 Transition Day and for next year.

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

Mrs Peach

Core Values in Action (Cont'd)

A giant well done to Isla Dow who held a fundraising cake sale and provided squash, teas and coffees on Saturday in 28 degree heat for 'Cats Protection'.

Isla created the flyers, price list, canvassed neighbours, created Facebook and WhatsApp invitations and posts all with branding.

Between donations, the Just Giving page and sales on the day, she raised a whopping £402.15 plus gift aid of around £48.

Isla set a fundraising target of £85 and rather obliterated it!

Mrs Peach



Safe Space

Scottish media have reported that an increasing number of teenage girls are experiencing controlling behaviour from their partners. An event heard from charities that girls aged 13-17 describe being tracked using mobile phones or being required to send photographic evidence of who they sit with in class.

Anne Robertson Brown, executive director of Women's Aid in Angus, said more than 40 girls aged 18 and under had reported serious abuse from partners in the first five months of the year. From meetings with other organisations, it was clear that abuse is being replicated in every local authority in Scotland. Boys as young as 9 and 10 have been exhibiting misogynistic behaviour in primary schools.

The Netflix series *Adolescence* sought to expose the impact of the increasing time spent by teenagers online, often unsupervised. National police statistics that show a correlation between a rise in misogynistic language and behaviour and an increase in violence against women and girls. In our local area, this is a key strand of the 'Safe and Sound Communities' plan from Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone.

Our Year 9 students have the opportunity to explore this with their peers as part of a Multi-Agency Personal Development day. Students will meet professionals from the police, the Safeguarding Hub, health and NGAGE, a drugs and alcohol charity, to explore the influences they face, both on and offline.

We are very proud of the way our students interact and the care they show each other, but we will continue to keep our focus on building healthy relationships, recognising when they are not healthy, and knowing who to go to for support to keep everyone safe.

Open conversations at home and parental controls on internet-enabled devices, can be instrumental in keeping your child safe. These help them to manage the demands and challenges of social media which previous generations did not face.

If you have a concern about your child or another student at the school, please don't hesitate to get in touch with their form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Summer Music Concert

Thurs 10th July, 7-9pm - an evening of wonderful Music featuring staff and students from all years. Come and enjoy our varied school groups, choirs and brass band as well as some lovely soloists.

If your son or daughter is involved with the concert, please fill in the **permission slip** via EduLink as soon as possible.

Mrs Armstrong



This is Super Curricular Week





Culture Day

A heartwarming letter from Elma in year 8.

"I am writing to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible Culture Day you organised for us. On behalf of the entire school, and especially Year 8, we want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication in making the day such a memorable and enriching experience.

From the moment we walked into the hall, the atmosphere was vibrant and engaging. The dancing session was a fantastic way to get involved and learn about different cultural movements. The drumming workshop was equally impressive, allowing us to experience the rhythms and sounds of various traditions firsthand. And let's not forget the food!!!! The variety of foods we learnt about, and of course the strawberry and cream sandwich! Every aspect of the day was thoughtfully planned and executed, making it both educational and fun.

We understand the amount of effort and time that goes into planning an event like this. Your passion for sharing cultural experiences with us is truly inspiring. Culture Day not only broadened our understanding of the world but also fostered a sense of unity and appreciation for diversity within our school community. Thank you once again for creating such a special day for us.

Sincerely,
Elma 8Y, on behalf of Year 8 and the whole school"



Uniform Expectations

We hope that students have thoroughly enjoyed our Super Curricular Week.

As we return to normal lessons on Monday, students are expected to attend in school uniform. While the weather is likely to remain warm and dry, we are not expecting the very high temperatures we have seen over the past fortnight. We appreciate the conversations you have had at home regarding non-school uniform items and we have seen a significant reduction this week. For clarity:

- Students must be in school shoes, not trainers or other non-uniform footwear. This includes days when they have PE lessons.
- Students are allowed to wear a maximum of two pairs of stud earrings and one religious necklace or bracelet.
- Students must not wear other jewellery, including nose piercings. Additional jewellery will be confiscated and can be collected at the end of the school day.

Mrs Smith



Graduation News

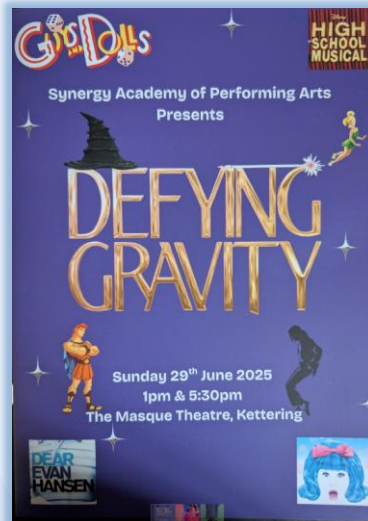
Congratulations to Beth Simpson who has graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Biomedical Science from the University of York and to Luca Mayes, who has graduated with First Class Honours, too in Tourism from Manchester Metropolitan University.

Miss Silverthorne

Music News

Evalyn (7D), Anna (7Y) and others took to The Masque Theatre stage with their musical theatre company, Synergy. The performance, *Defying Gravity*, included segments from numerous hit musicals including *Guys and Dolls*, *MJ*, *Hairspray*, *High School Musical*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and, of course, *Wicked*.

The company worked very hard and shone like stars. It was incredible to see how much they've all grown in confidence. If anyone is interested in musical theatre and developing their singing, acting and dancing then give Synergy a try: <https://www.synergyacademy.net>



Mrs Peach

Year 8 Impress on the Isles of Scilly

"I have recently returned from a holiday in the Isles of Scilly, where I stayed at the Garrison camp site, sharing the facilities with a party of Year 8 students from your school.

I wanted to get in touch to say how impressed my friend and I were with the exemplary behaviour, attitude and demeanour of the young people. All of those we encountered around the site were polite, articulate and self confident; excellent ambassadors for your school and an absolute credit to their families.

Very best regards"

Member of The Public

Staff v Students Charity Debate

On Thursday 26th June, a team of four KS3 and 4 debaters went up against a team of staff in a formal parliamentary-style debate in aid of charity. The motion proposed by the staff team was 'This House would introduce a four-day school week', was opposed by our students. They confidently articulated well-researched rebuttal and raised fierce 'points of information', proving that months of practice of this style of debate had paid off. In the end, both the audience and judging panel – comprising staff and students – unanimously voted in favour of the student opposition, based on English Speaking Union criteria.

Aiyushi Modha (9P – Leader of the Opposition/First Speaker): "It was nerve-wracking to have such a big audience, but so exciting to finally debate our teachers."

Julia Dujka (9P – Timekeeper): "The points were very close, but I was rooting for the students!"

It is safe to say our student debating teams are becoming formidably skilled – we can't wait to see how they perform in regional and national competitions next year.

Our debaters raised over £60 for Heart Link Children's Charity, a cause chosen by the debaters themselves: Barty Gardner (8D):

"Heart Link Children's Charity, based at Leicester Royal Infirmary, is very close to home for me. My brother had to have heart surgery in 2015 at less than a week old, and luckily, he is now 10 years old, still very healthy to this day. Heart Link supported our family by giving us accommodation, entertainment, and essentials for the time he was in hospital. This is why I felt it was so important to raise money for this charity because they really help a lot of people who are in need, like our family."

Very well done debaters – we are so proud of you!

Mrs Hainsworth



Important Dates

1 JULY
Start of Super Curricular Week

3 JULY
Yr 9 Reports issued

4 JULY
School Walk

6 & 7 JULY
Y6 into 7 Induction Days

10 JULY
Yr 11 into 12 Induction Day

10 JULY
Celebration of the Arts Evening

22 JULY
Sports Day

24 JULY
Yr 12 Reports issued

25 JULY
School closes at 12:30pm for the summer break

Celebration of the Arts & Technologies

Thursday 10th July '25 : Programme of Events:
Event – Art, Design & Technology Exhibition
Venue – Art and Design & Technology classrooms, accessed through the main foyer
Timings – 5:50pm – 6:30pm (Special Awards presented after 6pm)
Music Summer Concert – 7pm

Please come and join us for an evening celebrating creativity!

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

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dutch Apple Cake	Warm Blueberry Sponge	Apple & Mince Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce	Banana Pudding with Custard	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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Buffalo Cauliflower Wogs on Salt & Pepper Wedges (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chili 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

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