



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 5th September 2025

NEWSLETTER



Events All Week

Monday

Year 11 Collective Worship

Tuesday

Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday

Years 12 & 13 Collective Worship
Year 12 Parents' Transition Evening
6-7pm

Thursday

Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 9 *Blood Brothers* trip

Friday 4

Years 8 & 9 Collective Worship

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:
***Unlocking Unique
Potential***

New Beginnings

#BestOfBishop

It has been great to welcome new students to our school as we start the new academic year, but also to welcome back current students as they continue into their next year of education with us.

We start the term on an incredibly positive note, with strong results in the summer and students moving on successfully to their next destinations. For six of our students, this means taking up places at Oxford and Cambridge – an incredible achievement! For every student, though, we are delighted by what they have achieved academically, but also by how they have grown in their values and relationships – all part of the learning which is so important here.

We give a particular welcome in our first week to new staff, and trust that they will settle into their new roles quickly with us:

Mrs Banfield (Head of Maths)

Ms Bradford (HLTA)

Mr Fordham (RE)

Miss Ironside (Maths)

Mrs Lagarde (MFL)

Mrs Pearl (Science)

Mr Raghoo (Safeguarding Lead, Pastoral Team)

Mrs Taylor (Careers)

Our Bishop Stopford year has started in rather a lot of rain, but spirits have been high as we settle in to routines once more! We look forward to another successful year, where the values at the heart of all of our work will begin to unlock the unique potential of each young person entrusted to our care.

Miss Silverthorne





>Something more?



What was your
favourite moment?
Was there a moment
of awe and wonder?
Did you experience
>Something More?



Our Summer of >Something more?

On Tuesday morning as a staff body, it was a delight to share photos of our >Something More? moments from the summer break – pictures ranged from a bolt of lightning in a blackened sky, to sunset orange skies and the sea in all shades of blue to silvery grey.

It seems that a place of awe and of deep connection is found in the beauty and vastness and colour of our planet. And no wonder!

Our world is stunning. As God created it, flinging stars into space and filling the seas, he saw that it was good. It is beyond imagination, this world that we share.

Why then, in Genesis 2:18, does God say, 'It is **not** good' when speaking of his Creation? When God said. It is not good' he went on to say. 'it is not good for the man to be alone'. I believe this is a profoundly spiritual, significant point. Nowhere is relationship, belonging, working together, caring for one another more important than in the Bible.

God immediately created a helper, a companion, a teammate, a partner, someone to do life with, to laugh with, to walk alongside through the ups and the downs. Our God of relationship created *Team*. Just as Jesus, the very Son of God, who could have done everything alone and by himself, chose a close circle of 12 diverse personalities. He didn't need them to perform the miracles or do the teaching or heal the sick – but he chose to not go it alone.

This is beautiful. In a school where the ethic of teamwork and support overflows and spills over, this is a wonderful >Something More? moment to acknowledge, to build on and to start our year with.

Mrs Hutchinson

Safe Space

It has been wonderful to welcome students back to school after the summer break. Preparation for the start of the new year is key to the transition; uniform, equipment and setting the alarm clock a little earlier again, are all elements of that readiness.

Having read much in the news over the last few months about the social, financial and environmental impact of fast fashion, it's been lovely to see staff and students in preloved clothing. Online stores like Vinted are chatted about regularly as colleagues update and refresh their wardrobes, and it's great to see students in preloved uniform, from siblings, other family or members of their wider communities.

We sell an array of second-hand uniform. Please call or email Reception if you'd like to know more reception@bishopstopford.com or complete the order form on our website: [Bishop Stopford School - School Uniform](#)

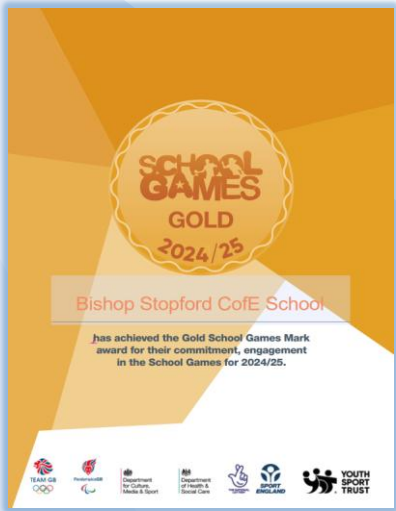
Mrs Smith

Quality Assured!

We are thrilled to have learnt that we have received another two prestigious awards which demonstrate the incredibly high standards in our curriculum and extra-curricular work. This means we have once again reached stringent national standards to be granted these awards. Many thanks to our PE and Geography teams for all they do: work which is well led and consistently delivered - and rightly recognised for its excellence.

Miss Silverthorne

Gold Games



We are delighted to let you know that, for the third year running, our school has achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award for 24-25.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched first in 2012. It is facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and in the community. We are delighted to have been recognised yet again for our success. We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those who are young volunteers, acting as leaders and officials in local sports events.

We look forward to this year being another one of great participation and achievement for all.

Mr Young

Gold Standard Geography

We are delighted to announce that, due to the hard work of our Geography department, Bishop Stopford School has successfully achieved the Secondary Geography Quality Mark.

This is a fantastic achievement for our school to have successfully achieved the Secondary Geography Quality Mark once again.

Mrs Harvey



Year 7 Curriculum

Subject	Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2	
Art	<u>Introduction to the Formal Elements</u> What is Art and how is it created?		<u>Application of the Formal Elements</u>	
Computer Science	<u>Digital Licence Scheme</u> Focusing on developing the basic digital skills needed to engage in all computer-based lessons			
DT	<u>Food 1</u> Food Hygiene Using small kitchen equipment	<u>Food 2</u> Designing food products for others Food Packaging	<u>Textiles</u> Sewing machine basics Hand Embroidery	<u>Product Design</u> Marking out materials Shaping wood C.A.D basics
Drama	<u>Rotation Project One</u> A focus on <i>Traditional Stories</i> followed by the realisation of a ghost story in response to <i>Darkwood Manor</i> .			
English	<u>Reading Poetry: When we were young.</u> This study of Poetry anthology will develop ambitious language analysis and knowledge of poetic features.		<u>Play Unit: Frankenstein</u> The unit will serve to develop an understanding of the wider Gothic tradition.	
Foundation Learning	How the brain works, the different types of memory and how learning happens		Effective study habits and how to get the most out of school.	
Geography	<u>What is a Cathedral City?</u> <u>Time to think like a Geographer</u> <u>Early Migration Enquiry</u>		<u>Time to think like a Geographer</u> There will be a specific focus here on Map Skills	
History	Which group was most significant in the early formation of England?		<u>The Norman Conquest Enquiry</u> How did William gain control of England?	
Maths	Directed Numbers, Simplifying Algebra (including consolidating negative and square numbers), use of a Calculator, Rounding.		Adding and Subtracting Decimals, Long Multiplication, Expanding Brackets, Pie Charts.	
Music	<u>Keyboard skills / Singing / Notation</u>		<u>Ensemble Performance</u>	
PE	Rugby / Basketball (Boys) Netball / Hockey (Girls)		Hockey / Dance (Boys) Health Related Fitness / Basketball (Girls)	



PSHE	<u>Exploring Stereotypes</u> British Values / Stereotypes / Prejudice and Discrimination	<u>Exploring Social Issues</u> Crime and Gang Culture
RE	<u>Christianity – the Creator?</u> Understanding Christianity	<u>Christianity – the Saviour?</u> Understanding Christianity
Science	Topic 1 – Introduction to Science Topic 2 – Energy (Physics)	Topic 3: Cells, tissues, and organ systems (Biology) Topic 4: Particle model (Chemistry)
Spanish	<u>Topic 1 – Identity and Relationships</u> Introductory Language and Introducing Yourself	

Wider-Curricular	<u>Govilon Visits</u> Culture Day (24.10.25)	<u>Govilon Visits</u> Christmas Concert Winter House Games
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Other	Year 7 Transition Day (03.09.25) <u>Govilon</u> Parents Information Evening (16.09.25) School Photographs (17.09.25) 60th Anniversary Celebration Service (26.09.25) Meet the Tutors Evening (02.10.25)	
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Year 10 Option Changes

Year 10 students have been reminded in their Transition session this week that the deadline for requesting a change in options subjects is **Friday 3rd October 2025**.

We have this date as a cut-off. Beyond this point, it will be very difficult to catch up on the elements of the course which students have missed.

Students have also been made aware that, even if a request has been made, it may not always be possible to swap options.

This is because specific subjects, in terms of student numbers, are full or because changing subjects may impact upon the timetables of other students.

Any request to change options must also have parental consent.

Mr Kirke

Music Success

Congratulations to Chloe Partridge 11C for passing her grade 6 piano exam with distinction!

Mrs Armstrong

Cucina

TARIFF SEPTEMBER 2025

Cucina IFG

DRINKS	PRICE	BREAKFAST	PRICE
Water 500ml	£1.15	Breakfast Roll	£1.55
Fruit Slush	£1.45	Mini Breakfast Baguette	£1.55
Capri Sun	£1.30	Breakfast Pot – 3 Piece	£2.20
Dalston Cans	£1.45	Breakfast Wrap	£2.85
Radnor 200ml Carton	£1.15	Toast with Butter or Jam	£0.35
Milk/Flavoured Carton	£1.15	Waffle with Topping	£1.70
HOMEBAKES		Danish Pastries	£1.70
Muffins	£1.45	Cereal + Milk 8oz	£1.05
Small Cakes/Cookies	£1.05	Porridge for Students	Free
Cookies/Brownie	£1.45	Porridge for Staff	£1.00
Chocolate/Cheese Straw	£1.40	Porridge Toppings	£0.50
HOT GRAB & GO		COLD GRAB & GO	
Bagel	£3.00	Chill Deal Roll	£1.50
Panini – Half/Whole	£1.55/£2.85	Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich	£2.30
Toastie – Whole	£2.30	Wrap	£2.90
Korean Crispy Chicken	£3.00	Premium Salads	£3.00
Tandoori Chicken Naan	£3.00	Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette	£2.60/£2.90
Wrap/Twister	£3.00/£3.00	Half Baguette	£1.55
Chicken Wings	£2.35	Cold Pasta Pot – 16oz	£2.50
Shawarma	£3.00	Mezze Bag with Houmous	£1.65
Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.60	Protein Pots	£1.00
Falafel Kebab	£3.00	Salad Pots	£2.00
Hot Bowls	£3.00	Jelly/Yoghurt/Fruit Pots	£1.00
Hot Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg	£1.90/£2.50	Whole Fruit	£0.55
Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.15		
ALL POWER BITES			
Range of Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.35		

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Waffle with Topping	£1.70	Bagel	£3.00
Danish Pastries	£1.70	Panini – Half/Whole	£1.55/£2.85
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Mezze Bag with Houmous	£1.65	Range of Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.35
Protein Pots	£1.00	SOUP	
Salad Pots	£2.00	Fresh Soup Available Daily	£1.85
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