



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 8 November 2024

NEWSLETTER



Govilon

#BestOfBishop

After months of careful planning and preparation, the first major trips of our Year 7 students' secondary school lives - their residential visit to Govilon, Wales - are nearing completion. The students started their adventures before half-term and the pictures we receive and share on our trips X/Twitter page show them having the time of their lives!

The purpose of our Govilon work is to provide opportunities for students to bond in their formative days with us. The team building and personal challenges enable them to deal more effectively with day-to-day challenges back in school both individually and as a group.

Friendships will be established along the way: my daughters remark that their Govilon trips were responsible for cementing the foundations of their relationships with friends in Year 7. And these have continued even after leaving school.

In Govilon, after a good breakfast, students enjoy a packed itinerary of activities ranging from hillwalking, caving, river walking, rock climbing and canoeing, and on the very wet days, indoor rock climbing: There really is something for everyone to enjoy. Refuelling in the evening with a hearty, homemade dinner is a priority, and then there is time to squeeze in a bit of fun before bedtime with activities such as ten-pin bowling, quizzes, and a tiny amount of relaxation!

Student behaviour is always exemplary, and I always look forward to hearing how our groups of students and staff have made these trips another big success. Staff in the 'Big Pit' gift shop made a point of commenting to Mrs Wilson on how impressed they were with our students' behaviour and politeness.

We look forward to welcoming back Ely and Peterborough this evening and waving off Gloucester and Salisbury on Monday morning.

Miss Duffy

Events all week

Govilon Residential 7G & 7S

Monday 11 November

Year 11 Collective Worship
Service of Remembrance 10.45am
Praying Parents 7pm

Tuesday 12 November

Year 10 Collective Worship
Guys and Dolls Rehearsals 3.30pm
Cake Sale for Hope for Families

Wednesday 13 November

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

Thursday 14 November

Year 7 Collective Worship
Flu Vaccinations

Friday 15 November

Year 12 & 13 Collective Worship
Year 8 Holy Communion
Year 12 & 13 Spanish Trip
Non Uniform Day (*Children in Need*)

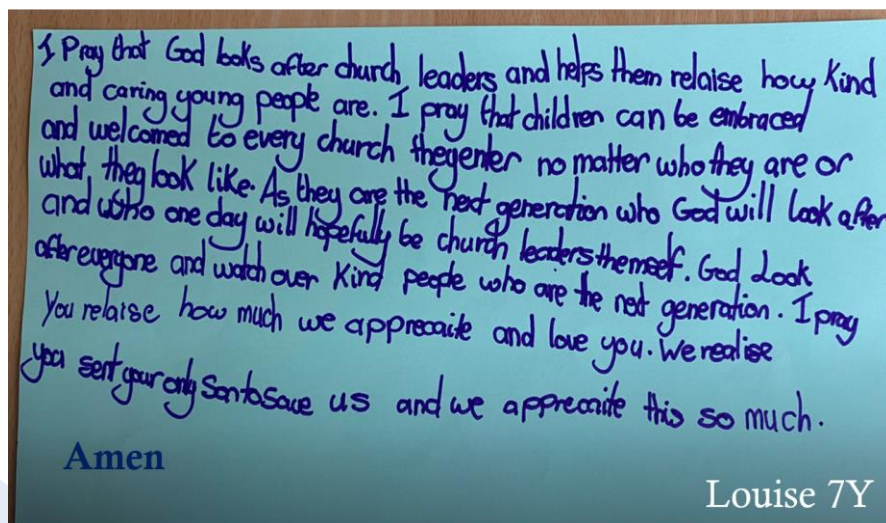
Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
Anti Bullying Week :
Choose Respect

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We are a Church of England School



“Thank you for people who preach God loudly”

Students from each year were asked to write some prayers recently for the Diocesan Ministers' Conference in November. Here is a taste of some of the precious words of their prayers:

I pray you will teach us how to love others more and more.

Set my heart on fire!

Please guide church leaders like you guide us. Nothing will be impossible for you.

I ask you to guide and help those who are yet to know you and those who stray away from your eternal love and to help them to know you personally, Lord.

Put your arms around everyone in the world.

Thank you, God for my church and my family and for everything that I have.

Dear God, thank you for people who preach the Bible and God loudly .

I pray that children can be embraced and welcomed to every church they enter no matter who they are or what they look like.

And all I can say in conclusion to the many prayers is **AMEN!**

Congratulations to Eleanor Donlevy (7Y) who was confirmed on Sunday 3rd November.

Mrs Hutchinson

Sad News

Mr John Toller, who was Head of Maths at Bishop Stopford School from April 1979 to August 2008, passed away on 20 October 2024.

John's funeral, held this week, was a fitting tribute to his dignity and his wonderful contribution to our school. He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

Our thoughts and prayers are with for his wife Mary and his family.

Miss Silverthorne

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:

- Jonah Goldsmith (11W), Oliver Canfield (10W) & Daniel Rose (10W) for performing at their Salvation Army service.
- Oliver Haseldine (12P) for producing the *60 Seconds on Faith* film which has been used in Collective Worship. He took the time to film interviews and then produce the finished content over half term
- Helena Lister (8Y) who helped out at a fundraising sale for the local pre-school.
- Lillie (7Y) and Elsie Skipper (7E) have been busy making poppies and were very successful selling them at church, raising over £70.



Mrs Peach

Safe Space

Healthy Relationships

In the news over half term was the sentencing of 17-year-old Logan MacPhail. He stalked and then killed his ex-girlfriend, Holly, who was just 15 at the time. Holly's parents have spoken openly about the change they saw in the relationship over time, moving from what they described as a 'typical teenage relationship' to one where there were significant concerns about coercion and control.

Advice for schools from experts, our local authority and national charities like the NSPCC is to speak openly and frequently about healthy relationships, encouraging young people to identify potentially harmful behaviours. In PSHE lessons, assemblies and tutor times, we talk to students about the traits of healthy and unhealthy relationships, exploring friendships as well as romantic relationships.

However, it can be challenging to spot the signs, as Holly Newton's parents described from their own tragic experience. Police data reveals that 18% of all crime recorded in England and Wales is domestic abuse. To support families, the NSPCC has published a range of resources, including a video of three parents talking together about how they have approached open dialogue with their teenaged children:

[Healthy relationships | NSPCC](#)

If you have any concerns about your child or would like to talk more about how to have these conversations, please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Library News

We celebrated National Poetry Day in the Library last term with a "Poet Tree"! Students wrote poems and haikus on paper leaves, which were then attached to the tree.

'Non-Fiction November' is now underway with lots of new books available to borrow covering a huge range of subjects including black history, science, sport, ecology, Shakespeare, the economy, adventurers, entrepreneurs, earth and climate, Covid, conflicts, furniture design, fake news, animals and K-Pop!

Our non-fiction offer supports both leisure reading and the curriculum, with titles selected especially for GCSE and A Level subjects, providing plenty of materials for wider reading. This term we are spotlighting Economics.



Miss Wood

Save the Date

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.

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Non Uniform Day

A non-uniform Day for **Children in Need** is being held on Friday 15th November. If students wish to come in their own clothes a donation of £1.00 per student is suggested. Students can donate more, if they wish.



Miss Curchin



Online Challenges

Online Challenges commonly appear through social media or other online platforms. These Challenges are often created to cause alarm and are designed to seem enticing or exciting for young people, but can harm self, others or property.



What should you do?

Don't encourage it

Warning others about an online challenge may seem like the smart thing to do, but naming it can inadvertently direct other people towards it. Sending warnings can draw unwanted attention towards the challenge and the potential harm it can bring.

Have open conversations

Children and young people can encounter online challenges which may cause upset. They may also see challenges which initially seem fun but could actually cause real offline harm. Ensure that you or someone your child can trust is available to talk.

Report it

Stop the spread of harm by reporting the challenge online. Social media sites and other platforms direct users to report content that is harmful.

TikTok has also produced a resource to help you to talk to your child about challenges and potential risks: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/>

Sports News

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for this season's County Hockey Age group squads:

GIRLS:

U13: Alexandra Howes
U17: Rachel Hicks

BOYS

U13: Stanley Nicolls, Amish Singodia
U15: Jude Mitchell, Aman Singh, Kethan Singodia, Nate Stilwell, Jack York
U17: Joe Campbell, Ellis Grant, Haydn Young

Congratulations to Aryan Nath (11D) who represented Northamptonshire in county swimming championships held at Ponds Forge International Swimming Pool, Sheffield. Aryan took part in 100m breast stroke and Medley relay.



Linguist of the Term



7C Alaric Willis
7D Ruth Jones
7E Ivy York
7G Jacob Dullabh
7P Mayibongwe Thebe
7S Aariyan Modi
7W Kareem Helal
7Y Hope Sills

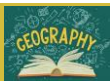
8D Michelle Ambrose
8W Max Richards
8D Hannah Fallon
8D Jade Bosch
8E Sophia Lorentzen
8S Elias Benko
8S Kaspar Mode
8S Christina Zachariah
8D Libby Cobbold
8W Miya Philip
8G Ashaani Kamal

9W Alfie Westley
9C Douglas Cullen
9C Ayisha Soha
9Y Violette Hazlewood
9E Malarseha Sivesanaraj
9G Isaac Gibbs
9C Darius Ionel
9W Evie Sim-Jones
9G Catriona Noble
9P Kaia Dawson

10E Jestina Taculin
10G Al McLaren
10D Rebecca Brooking
10W Matthew Clark
10Y Jasmeen Deol
10Y Imogen Dodds
10S Lewis Hawker
10P Florrie Murphy

11C Lily Sansome
11D Lily Robinson
11G Katie Pickford
11E George Robson
11W Isabelle Murphy
11W Hana McMinn
11Y Lauren Large
11W Jessica Icke
11S Esther Hobbs

Geographer of the Term



7C Jennifer Joy
7E Anna Anu
7G Methuli Munasinghe Balagodage
7P Polly Guyett
7W Georgina Duffill
7Y Louise Wilson

11.1a Imogen Hollwey
11.2a Ellis Grant
11.2b Lily Sansome
11.3b Seb Freeland

8C Lacey Bertram
8E Adan Naseem
8G Ashaani Kamal
8P Mackenzie Wilson
8S Akua Boateng
8W Alexander Stevenson
8Y Edesiri Tadafe

12Z Eloisa Ward

13X James Bedford
13Y Mitchell Asbrey

9C Arabelle Lloyd Warner
9D Olivia Humphrey
9E Reece Scholtz
9P Alexandra Mitchell
9S Kennedy McHugh
9W Joseph Ludwig
9Y Tom Sweeney

101A Abigail Mlengandale
101B Theo Mizon
102A Dara Ashworth
102B Emilia Okon
103A Noah Gibbard
103B Thomas Wears

PE Stars



Mr Flannigan

Max McAuley
Tom Sweeney
Jude Drury
Alex Powell
Seb Persuad
Elliot Hearsom
Tiwa Brown

Mrs Smart

Louise Wilson
Alexandra Howes
Charlotte Terry
Keesha Patel
Michaela Zongoro
Georgia Maisiri
Isobel Grigg
Ava Rimmer
Lilly Sansome

Mr Young

Barty Gardner
Luca Ward
Sean Kennedy
Taslim Zziwa
Carter Roberts

Mr Drew

Edward Sim-Jones
Jude Mitchell
Hugo Funy Soares Da Gama
Max McAuley
Oliver Taylor
Ruel Mendonca
Aariyan Modi

Mrs Davies

Angel Lewin
Georgina Bird
Kellen Lad (GCSE)
Harriet Bond
Eilish Martin
Emma Banham Hall
Lilly Fletton
Abigail Mlengandale
Alexandra Howes
Samuel Baynes
Chloe Perkins
Angel Duah

Mr Gay

Kisham Patel
Dylan Scholtz
Finn Greaves
Nathan Olajiga

Mrs Davis

Zara Duncan
Polly Guyett
Eva McAuley
Precious Abiona
Alieh Nkwenti
Rebeca-Maria Manda
Bethan Clark
Ava Rimmer

Psychologist of the Term



Lennard Amankwah
Luke Betts
Poppy Beverly
Brannon Bird

Ella Brookes
Bella Connolly
Alex Duggleby
Fraser Hill

Riya Matthew
Jaskeerat Tagger
Eleanor York

Monique Lin
Will Quincey
Sam Taylor

Health and Social Care student of the Term



Rebecca Pearson
Rachel Hicks
Sophia Colobuono

Dexter Merrill
Mary Bam
Imogen Dodds
Zak Jones



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Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 19th November

5.30pm – 8.00pm

Presentation: 5.45pm, repeated at 6.30pm

Limited parking available on school site.

Alternative **Free Parking** at Cornmarket Hall
London Road, Kettering, NN15 7QA (10-minute walk)



