



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 13th February 2026

NEWSLETTER



- Monday 23 February**
School Reopens After Half Term
Year 11 Collective Worship
- Tuesday 24 February**
Year 10 Collective Worship
Year 10 Science Live! - Birmingham
- Wednesday 25 February**
Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship
U18 Midlands Boys' Hockey Final - Nottingham Hockey Centre
- Thursday 26 February**
Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 12 reports issued
Year 11 English Lecture
- Friday 27 February**
Year 12 Collective Worship
Year 8 Communion
U14 Midlands Boys' Hockey Finals - Nottingham Hockey Centre
Year 12 & 13 'What Career, What University?' 'Fair - Birmingham NEC

Bishop Apprentices!

#BestOfBishop

This is National Apprenticeship Week 2026 - a fantastic opportunity for students to discover the wide variety of career paths available through apprenticeships. Provisional government data for 2025/2026 suggests that apprenticeship programmes have risen by 7% compared with the previous year and this data reflects the ever-changing career environment.

Apprenticeships allow students to earn a salary while gaining hands-on experience and studying for qualifications. Apprenticeships exist in a huge array of specialisms including sectors such as engineering, healthcare, IT, business, and the creative industries. Whatever their interests, apprenticeships can give students the practical skills and knowledge which employers so value.

For our students, this week has been a chance to explore how apprenticeships can open doors to successful careers. We saw the return of Step into Employment for some (see also p5). The series of workshops offered students opportunities to engage with employers and plan for a life after school.

A student who attended the event said, "I really enjoyed speaking to the different organisations about my future and I left feeling empowered. I received lots of helpful guidance about how best to stand out in an interview and I now feel equipped to apply for an apprenticeship. I left the event with contacts and I am feeling confident in my next steps towards my employment."

This week also serves as a great reminder to parents to explore apprenticeship options with your children. Encouraging young people to research apprenticeships early can help them make informed decisions about their future career paths. You might start by exploring some of the work by [Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

This National Apprenticeship Week, take the time to research and learn more about how apprenticeships can be the stepping stone to a rewarding career.

Miss Thurlby (Careers Lead)

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
>Something More?
The God who created Science



Be still,

Stop.
Pause.
Take a breath.
Take a moment.

**and know that I
am God**

Psalm 46:10



It is time to take a pause!

Half term is here - after days and days of wet and murky grey - and even more rain. I took the above photo this week in Stamford around 5pm. For a brief period, the sky turned blue and the sun was visible. It lifted my spirits as I crossed the bridge over the river. An elderly lady passed and we stopped to gaze together. And just for a fleeting 60 seconds we shared something - a stranger and me. We acknowledged together the need to stop, albeit for a short moment in time, and to breathe and admire and appreciate. We shared this thought and then continued on our ways.

And so, as we head into half term, this is my prayer for us all: that we can stop and pause and be still, and that in the stillness we will find God's awesome and beautiful >*Something More?* .

Happy half term!

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.

Matthew Hopkins (Year 12) has gone all the way through his scout group and has been a Young Leader since finishing scouts. He has helped with the Squirrel section and the scout section too. He supports every Tuesday and helps at other activities - including going on Troop Camp in the summer. Recently, he supported a weekend to help teams practise for a district competition "The Leader Trophy", where they are assessed on various challenges. Just last week, he then helped on a base for the competition itself: one of his own troops won the trophy! Sunday morning was spent with the scouts at the parade church service at Ss Peter and Paul, followed by the afternoon helping those scouts who were completing their cyclist badges. Matthew will do the second part in a couple of weeks' time. This is an incredible commitment: we are so proud of Matthew's generous volunteering work to enable others to succeed.

Sophia Lorentzen (9E) sang at an 'Evening of Musical Delight' concert at St Mary's Church Burton Latimer and helped raise £1730 for the church. What a wonderful way to share musical talents so generously!

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

Mrs Peach

Safe Space

Supporting With Behaviour In School

We are very proud of the way our students interact and the strength of the relationships in school. These are underpinned by our core values, and will be celebrated in our SIAMS inspection report.

However, there are small pockets of poor behaviour which mar otherwise excellent interactions. This week, Years 7-9 students have had the opportunity to consider how their decisions impact others. Mr Stevenson (Key Stage 3 Lead) encouraged students to reset, by focusing on three key areas:

1. Use of language;
2. Interactions online and use of mobile phones;
3. How we can show care to one another and use space responsibly.

Mr Stevenson has challenged some poor language used in school or on journeys to and from school, much of which is informed by social media and online gaming. The informality online can quickly become inappropriate, and we want students to be mindful of their words and the impact they have on others.

In addition, students have been reminded about their phones. We have a 'gate to gate' policy, where students are allowed to bring their phone into school but **must** switch them off and keep them in a bag during the day.

Finally, students have been reminded of our expectations regarding use of their form rooms and the school site. This is a shared space, and students must be considerate of others. Sports or activities take place in the sports area, not on the pathways around the site.

We would appreciate your support in talking about this at home too. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Parking or Driving on the Headlands

As we come to the end of this half term, you will know that we have had a major focus to reduce traffic outside school and thereby improve safety. I would like to thank all parents/drivers who have observed our pleas to refrain from coming down The Headlands and to drop off no further than Glebe Avenue if using this route to school. It has made the area immediately outside school much safer. However, I would continue to urge you to be considerate of road users and residents who are a little further away: let us be the examples we would want to see in the community.

Miss Silverthorne

Brilliant Year 10!

It is with a sense of pride that I am delighted to report on the success of a cohort of our Year 10 students who returned from a day at the University of Cambridge this week. The 13 students were all selected to take part in the Scholars' Programme Brilliant Club- an academic mentoring programme which saw them work with a university academic to undertake research and then complete a 2,000 word assignment. Our students had their work assessed by degree gradings (they did superbly as you might imagine!) and were therefore invited to Jesus College, Cambridge, for a graduation this week. The visit enabled our students to tour a college, talk with current Cambridge students and learn more about life at university. Our students were a credit to themselves and, particular mention should go to Darius and Isla for the excellent speeches they delivered on behalf of our students. We are really proud of the work they've put in to achieve this prestigious graduation.

Mr Keane



Sports News

Cross Country

Huge congratulations to our students who competed at the Regional Schools' Cross Country Championships last weekend at Abington Park, Northampton, after qualifying at the County Round on 17th January. Representing the school at regional level is a fantastic achievement in itself, and all students who qualified should be extremely proud of their effort and commitment. A special mention goes to Matthew Kemp (Year 11) and Charlotte Jackson (Year 13), who produced outstanding performances and have now qualified for the **National Championships**, to be held at Sefton Park, Liverpool on 13th March. This was a brilliant achievement for all involved and we wish Matthew and Charlotte the very best as they prepare for nationals.

Saints Selection

William Howes has once again been selected for Northampton Saints U18 squad. He played against Bath last Saturday in the next round of the PremNextGen Academy League. This consistency is excellent.

Swimming

Congratulations to Max Russell who took part in the Northamptonshire County Swimming Championships achieving two Bronze medals: one for the 50m freestyle and one for the 1500m freestyle! This is a fantastic double achievement!

Mr Young



MFL International Day

Last Thursday saw great excitement and anticipation as the whole of Year 8 flooded into the Main Hall and Gym to take part in the MFL International day. Students had been learning about different countries, cultures and languages in the lead up to the event and were really keen to get started. We were really impressed by their creativity, teamwork and how well they applied the things that they had learnt in lessons. But most of all, we were blown away by their enthusiasm and initiative. Here is what one of the students involved had to say:

"International Day is when you all gather up in a nice toasty hall / gym. We were divided into 2 groups, then into a further 8 smaller groups were created in each. Each group was a different countries: Japan, UAE, Cameroon, Chile, Austria, India, Romania, Ukraine. We had all the fun in the world with this, because we had to use our brains and think about totals of different countries' money, as well as learning languages! So, as you are having fun building, you are also learning with aspects of maths and languages. Trust me: it is amazing and so much fun!

Although you are having the time of your lives and can't be quiet because of all the excitement, you still have to listen to teachers when they are talking, because you may miss some key features that you have to do. There was a budget for each country which reflected its world 'position'. We had the lowest budget country, but our team made a teacup and fishing rod with all of the materials that we could salvage. We could still make something beautiful, and there were still loads of free materials to use too." (Weston Tysoe)

Mrs Rogers-Hussey



National Apprenticeship Week (from p1)

Monday 9th February marked the start of National Apprenticeship Week. As part of our ongoing commitment to present a range of post 18 options for our young people, we hosted our 'Step Into Employment' workshop for Year 12 and 13 students, followed by an afternoon Careers Fair which was opened up to Year 11 as well.

We welcomed Dale Willis from My Gr8 First Job, who led sessions on 'How to smash your interview', personal branding and creating LinkedIn profiles to broaden professional networking opportunities.

In the afternoon, we welcomed 15 employers representing a range of sectors. These included the NHS, the armed forces, Tollers, Berry's, KPMG and Weetabix to name just a few. All shared details of apprenticeship and school leaver programmes on offer and provided students with real opportunity to speak to individuals in their sector.

Several employers who attended were Bishop Alumni, including Jakub Colby from Kier construction. Jakub secured his apprenticeship at the same event last year, so it was wonderful to be able to welcome him back and to prove how invaluable this event is.

Feedback from students and employers has been excellent and we look forward to hosting the event again next year.

Miss Whitehead



Bishop Rocks on the County Stage

Our pop & rock band “Bishop Rocks” absolutely blew minds at NMPAT’s **Guitarstavananza** concert at Cripps Hall last Sunday. They played alongside guitar and rock groups from across the County and represented us superbly. They owned the stage with their outstanding performances of The Kooks’ ‘Naive’ , Red Hot Chilli Peppers’ ‘Can’t Stop’, and Ozzy Osbourne’s ‘Crazy Train’.

Their talent and stage presence was an absolute joy to behold, and, best of all, they loved every second of it! Massive congratulations to our rock stars:

Alana Hollwey	Ayna Vidanage	Noah Mistry
Ellis Szoltysek	Rupert Fray	Ben Duggleby
George Mears	Abhirup Anoop	

George Mears *"Bishop Rocks really is amazing. The fact that students of all ages and abilities can come together and perform with such talent, and - well - TOTALLY SHRED IT - is awesome. This was our first time on tour - and every time we perform, we're better, so up from here seems the only direction! Thank you to NMPAT, and most of all... MR SMITH!! He even managed co-ordinate us into a vaguely organised chaos."*

Rupert Fray *"After not being on stage in 4 years, this was a great way to get back into it. I absolutely loved playing today and being able to show off our incredible skills!"*

Ellis Szoltysek *"What an experience. I want to be back on that stage again."*

Alana Hollwey *"I was actually quite nervous before we went on, but it was epic to be performing and everything came together so brilliantly. I would love to do it again."*

Abhirup Anoop *"I absolutely loved our performance at Cripps Theatre! This is the first time I've ever experienced anything like this and I am so grateful Mr Smith and NMPAT has bestowed us with this amazing opportunity. Now I'm looking forward for more events like this and wish to participate more within the school's musical extracurriculars."*

We are very grateful to NMPAT’s wonderful Tim Smith for enabling our band to take part in this event. Come to see this group in action at our **Spring Concert, March 19th**.

And if you are in Kettering on Saturday, pop into HMV at 1pm to hear George Mears, Edward Hoadley and Ella Adu perform in their band; “A Kind of Blue”.

Mrs Armstrong



Students Of The Term

English

Harry Blomley 7C
Mary Cullen 7W
Esther Johnson 7Y
Erin Goodman 7E
Ore Alo 7G
Sonny Townson 7P
Aviraj Walia 7S
Jacob Johnson 7D
Hannah Romy 8D
Robyn Willis 8G
Krishha Acharya 8G
Lilibeth Hunt 8P
Alexa Brett 8P
Emma Chamberlain 8P
Jonathan Cute Selvakumar 8C
Edward Hollwey 8C
Will Warren 8D
Barty Gardner 9D
Indi Deag 9S
Max Joseph 9D
Mackenzie Wilson 9P
Betsy Flannigan 9S
Jack McGowan 9P
Aditi Kanoor 9C
Joshua Romy 10G
Sophia Freeland 10C
Beatrix Warren 10G
Noah Gardner 10S
Darius Ionel 10C
Kye Mateyo 10C
Logan Wiles 10Y
Kaia Dawson 10P
Austin Dale 11E
Elsie Brown 11S
Eva Brown 11W
Samuel Tomlin 11S
Sofia Ile 11D
Charlie Norman 11C
Laurence Harvey 11C
Isabelle Murphy 12S2
Oak Gilbert 12N2
Gurveer Deol 13W
Eve Taylor 13W

Drama

Aaryun Kang 7G
Lucia Willson 7P
Jack Chadwick 7Y
Reubel Mendoca 7D
Karina Patel 7D
Hasan Raza 7D
Lilly Witkiewicz 7D
Evalyn Hogg 8C
Tom Connolly 8E
Kirsty Macpherson 8E
Annabelle Mitchell 8E
Brodie Stableforth 8E
Isaac Fordham 8E
Tilly Hudson 8D
Charlotte Barrow 9C
Daniela Godspower 9C
Katelynn Mobbs 9C
Arielle Chitambo 9E
Beatrice Cooper 9E
Daniel Counsell 9E
Mitchell Large 9E
Sophia Lorentzen 9E
Aditi Kanoor 9C
Megan Noble 10W
Grace Thompson 10G
Naeem Waheed 11S
Rebecca Brooking 11D

Sociology

Erin Mockford 12W2
Tahlia Lane 12N2
Nia Wiggins 12W1
Orlaith Harvey 13W

Spanish Linguist

Aiden Kangausaru 7C
Noah Steel 7W
Owen Bury 7Y
Anaira Sachdeva 7E
Israel Ikekwiibe 7P
Livvy Hackney 7D
William Stevenson 7G
Abdelrahman Mansour Ibrahim 7S
Chloe Omorogbe 8C
Amelia Humphrey 8D
Molly Westley 8E
Dara Abiona 9P
Esmee Dirienzo-White 9G
Oliver Esler 9Y
Michael Ambrose 9Y
Maria Mucaj 9G
Thomas Pickford 9Y
Eva McAuley 9E
Dylan Gardner 9D
Ikamoor Kaur 9E
Malarseha Sivesanaraj 10E
Florrie Murphy 11P
Eva Brown 11W
Finn Bannard-Howes 11D
Trinity Tierney 11E
Jessica Grigg 11Y
Sean Kennedy 11P
Naomi Chiota 11G

French Linguist

Max McHugh 8C
Hannah Romy 8D
Louis Anderson 8S
Harleen Johal 8G
Rose Davies 8P
Isla Dow 8C
Niya Maria Rebins Puthenpurayil 8E
Romeo Chowanski 8W
Joshua Gates 8E
Daanveer Basra 9D
Ffion Spence 9W
Charlotte Rochester 9S
Ekam Kaur 9S
Milo Bateman 10P
Eryn Billingham 10P
Niv Patel 10W
Nathan Marquis 10C
Daniel Bowles 10P
Alex Ierina 10W
Thomas McMinn 10G
Sam Vowden 10W



Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
GCSE Art	Preparation towards External Exam	
GCSE Computer Science	Boolean Logic Producing Robust Programs	Programming Languages and Integrated Development Environments
GCSE Drama	Mock Scripted Exam Preparation	Final Scripted Exam Preparation
GCSE English	English Literature Paper 1: A Christmas Carol English Literature Paper 2: Unseen Poetry	English Literature Paper 2 - Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry (preparation for the Poetry mock exam)
GCSE Food	NEA 2	
GCSE French	<u>School</u>	<u>The World of Work</u>
GCSE Geography	<u>The Living World</u> Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts Fieldwork Preparation	<u>Unfamiliar Fieldwork and Issue Evaluation Preparation</u>
GCSE Health and Social Care	Component 3 (exam unit) LAB Health indicators for health and wellbeing	LAC Health and wellbeing plan and application to case studies.
GCSE History	<u>The origins of the Cold War: 1941-58</u> <u>Cold War Crises: 1958-70</u>	<u>Cold War Crises (ctd): 1958-70</u> <u>The End of the Cold War: 1970-91</u>
GCSE Maths	<u>Higher:</u> Trigonometric Graphs and Equations Transforming Graphs Algebraic Fractions Proof <u>Foundation:</u> Similarity and Congruency Trigonometry Quadratic Equations Simultaneous Equations Equation of a Line	<u>Exam Preparation</u>
GCSE Music	<u>Composition 1</u> Exam Preparation	<u>Compositions 1 and 2</u> Exam Preparation
Core PE	Boys – Hockey and Badminton Girls – Health related fitness and Table Tennis	Boys – Handball and Health Related Fitness Girls – Badminton and Cricket



Year 11 Curriculum Cont'd

GCSE PE	Health, Fitness and Well-being	Written Coursework - Evaluation
GCSE Product Design	NEA Final Making & Testing / Evaluating	
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing This covers topics such as sexual health and contraception and checking health Managing wellbeing Exam stress, preparation and time management	
GCSE RE	Theme E – Crime and Punishment	Students will use this time to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of Christianity and Buddhism, in relations to their key beliefs, teachings and practices. The focus will be on exam skills and strengthening knowledge.
GCSE Science (Triple)	Module 6 – Genetics	Module 7 - Ecology
GCSE Science (Trilogy)	Biology Module 7 - Ecology	
GCSE Spanish	<u>School</u>	<u>The World of Work</u>
GCSE Textiles	NEA Final Making & Testing / Evaluating	

Wider-Curricular	House Games (09.01.26)	Bishop Book Week (including Readathon)
	Drama Trip – 2.22 A Ghost Story (13.01.26)	Spring Concert (17.03.26)
	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork – Stratford (26.01.26, 27.01.26 and 29.01.26)	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork – Carding Valley (23.03.26 to 25.05.26)
		Year 11 Spring House Games (27.03.26)

Other	Mock Grades and Scripts returned to students (w/b 12.01.26)	Additional English and Maths Mock (10.03.26) and additional Art Mock (26.03.26)
	Year 11 Mock Results and Reports Issued (30.01.26)	English Lectures (Various dates)
	Year 11 Progress Review (04.02.26)	



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WEEK 3

Cucina

Week Commencing: 20/10/2025 10/11/2025 01/12/2025 22/12/2025 12/01/2026
 02/02/2026 23/02/2026 16/03/2026 06/04/2026

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

BBQ Chicken Served with Salt & Peppers Wedges, Garden Peas

TUESDAY

Chicken Arrabbiata Pasta Bake

WEDNESDAY

Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice & Coriander Salad

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

Chipotle Quorn Dippers with Salt & Pepper Wedges & Garden Peas (V)

TUESDAY

Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese and House Salad (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheesy Roasted Squash & Parsnip Crumble. Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Cauliflower Bhaji with Pilau Rice & Mint Yogurt (V)

FRIDAY

Crispy Onion Pakora Burger Served with Mango Slaw, Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Sticky Lemon Sponge

TUESDAY

Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Jam Roly Poly & Custard

THURSDAY

Banana Pudding & Custard

FRIDAY

Hot Chocolate Rocky Road

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



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

Buffalo Cauliflower Wings, Served with Salt & Pepper Wedges (V)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)

WEDNESDAY

Hot Falafel Buddha Bowl (V)

THURSDAY

Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Pasta in a Cheese Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

