



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 6th March 2026

NEWSLETTER

Oxbridge Offers 2026

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Monday 9th March

Year 11 Collective Worship
Praying Parents (7pm)

Tuesday 10th March

Year 11 English & Maths Mock Exams
Year 13 RE Conference, Coventry Cathedral
Debating Competition
Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday 11th March

Global Ambassadors Student Conference
Sixth Form Collective Worship

Thursday 12th March

Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 10 History Trip to Belgium (to Sunday)
Year 11 English Lecture

Friday 13th March

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship
Year 10 History Trip to Belgium
Year 12 Reports available
Year 7 Communion

Next week:

Week A

Assembly Theme:

**The >Something More?
of Pi**

Reflecting on a Year of Success

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Student Leadership sits at the heart of our Sixth Form community.

Each year, our Student Leadership Team takes on the responsibility of shaping the student experience, not only for their peers in the Sixth Form, but for the wider school community too. Their commitment, integrity and enthusiasm play a vital role in strengthening the bonds which make our school such a supportive and dynamic environment.

The Student Leaders have been led by Head Students Ollie Jesionek and Udelle Hopson this year. (They reflect on their experiences on p4.) The team has organised social events, charity fundraisers, Form Buddies, the Student Council, Culture Day and much more. These strengthen friendships, promote wellbeing and ensure that school life extends far beyond the classroom. The students in the Leadership Team are also excellent role models across our School.

As we look ahead, we are now excited to be appointing for our next team of student leaders. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our outgoing Student Leadership Team. Their dedication, maturity and countless hours of hard work have made a lasting impact on our community. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success in their next chapter.

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Miss Whitehead





8G's form room door

Genesis 1:1

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

Isaiah 41:13

FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD WHO TAKES HOLD OF YOUR RIGHT HAND AND SAYS TO YOU, DO NOT FEAR; I WILL HELP YOU.

John 3:16

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Luke 19:10

FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST.

The Best Book of All Time

I love reading, and have just finished *The Artist*, a debut novel by Lucy Steeds. Every day before school, I read the most important book of all to me: the Bible. I am currently reading through 1 Samuel, astonished by the beautiful faith, trust and dependence on God seen in Hannah, Samuel and David, as well as seeing their pain and anxieties. At 8:15 in the Chapel every morning we read Scripture aloud. We are currently reading 2 Corinthians and have considered God's glory and being clay jars with God's light shining in our hearts.

Our thanks go to Mrs Lane (Head of English) who has led our Collective Worship this week: sharing an honest and vibrant encouragement to us all about the *>Something More?* of language and books and The Bible. The icing on the cake was receiving this photo from 8G's form tutor in our 'Decorate your Door competition - which says it all!

Do feel free to join the next Praying Parents Monday 9th March 7pm in the Chapel.

Student Confirmation

Congratulations to Ollie Povey (8G) was confirmed by Bishop Debbie at All Hallows, Wellingborough, on Sunday 1st March.

Mrs Hutchinson



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.

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

Mrs Peach

Safe Space

As part of our exploration of online safety, our Head of Computing, Mr Reilly has delivered assemblies on the safe and effective use of AI.

Since Turing theorised its existence in the 1930s, AI has grown exponentially. Though initially devised to fulfil repetitive jobs and automate existing processes, generative AI has brought a new landscape. It has generated significant volumes of new content, some which is now indistinguishable from that created by humans. For many, this is causing concern about the risk to jobs (especially within the creative industries) and the speed of change.

The UK Safer Internet Centre encourages schools this year to explore AI and consider how this smart tech can enhance our existing experience. Mr Reilly's assemblies enabled students to identify where it could be helpful – when researching, planning trips, or generating ideas to support learning – but also to recognise the skills we develop when we create our own products.

Mr Reilly showcased some of the incredible work which happens every day in our school, from beautiful designs in Art and DT, to food art, to creative play in PE lessons and on school trips. He encouraged students to consider their spiritual development too, considering how we live out *>Something More?* every day.

Students also learn about AI in form time and also in Computing lessons. They are taught how to use it safely, how to recognise content created by AI, and how to reference its use appropriately. The UK Safer Internet Centre offers some advice for parents and carers navigating this online world. It aims to minimise the generational divide which can sometimes feel extreme with rapid technological change: [Top Tips - UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

AI has transformed life and work as we know it. However, resilience, independent learning, developing memory and creating connections between ideas remain absolutely essential. At School, we recognise the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum and will continue to encourage students to be creative in all fields. While AI can be used to support students, it should never replace their own thinking. We appreciate your support in talking to your children about homework and how to use these tools effectively, safely and appropriately.

Mrs Smith

Second Hand Uniform

As you know, we stock and sell good quality items of second-hand uniform. All items are checked, washed and then sold for £3 each. All funds raised are used to benefit all students.

We are always grateful for any donations but currently have ample stock of most items, except:

- Large sizes in blue sweatshirts
- PE hoodies
- Tracksuit bottoms.

Should you have any of these not being used, please do bring them in to Reception.

If you would like to arrange an appointment with your child to view or try on items, contact secondhanduniform@bishopstopford.com.

Should you wish to place an order, please use the order form at: [Bishop Stopford School - School Uniform](#).

Mrs Wood



Oxbridge Success 2026

We are delighted to share that five students from our school have received offers from the universities of Oxford or Cambridge this term. Tabitha Fray, Tom Rochester, Leila Abdul Salam, Atharva Kulkarni and Emily Malby-Smith have secured offers for highly competitive undergraduate degree courses in subjects as diverse as History, Law and Italian Law, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Education, after months of dedication in preparing for admissions exams and interviews. These offers really do celebrate their incredible attitudes to academic study, their passion for their subjects and the potential which Oxbridge has seen in them.

We wish them all the very best!

Mrs Hainsworth

Reflecting On A Year Of Success (from p1)

Udelle said: "My role as Head Girl has given me many amazing opportunities and provided me with a first-hand understanding of how Bishop unlocks unique potential for everyone. Serving has been an empowering and rewarding experience which will stay with me throughout my journey ahead. Representing the school on various occasions including Open Days, speaking to prospective families and meeting former students at the Bishop Alumni Event has shaped me into a more confident and articulate individual. Learning to truly listen and support others wholeheartedly has helped me grow not only in leadership but also in compassion and understanding.

I loved working closely with the Student Leadership Team to organise events and bring our school community together, bridging the gap between different year groups. One memorable event was helping raise money for mental health; seeing everyone wear yellow and getting involved for such a worthy cause was incredibly fulfilling.

Thank you to everyone who entrusted me with this responsibility. I am grateful for the support from staff and students along the way. It has been a great honour, and I have loved every minute of this remarkable experience. I wish the next Head Students the absolute best and know they will do an amazing job!"

Ollie said: "Having experienced being the Head Boy for the past year, I have developed many valuable skills. I've sharpened up my public speaking in front of slightly nervous parents during Open Evenings, looked from different perspectives during meetings with the Team and learnt some of what it means to be a leader. It was challenging. However, it paid off greatly. Hosting bake sales, the honour of being a reader at the carol service and hosting opportunities for sixth form students to connect such as the recent dodgeball fundraiser are some of many standout events throughout the year. This experience has moulded me into a more informed and well-spoken individual. I am extremely grateful for having contributed to the School, especially as a student who spent their Years 7-11 in a different school. The Core Values were great guiding principles during my journey and I believe they were reflected in the actions of the leadership team. I hope the journey of those taking on our roles will be even more rewarding!"

Miss Whitehead



Sports Review

Boys' U14 & U18 Hockey Midlands Finals

Last week, both the U18 and U14 Boys' Hockey squads travelled to Nottingham Hockey Centre to take part in the Midlands Schools Finals representing Northamptonshire.

These finals see the top hockey playing schools - mostly independent and grammar schools - competing for a place in the National Finals.

First up on Wednesday were the U18s, who played some controlled impactful hockey. They won their first 4 pool games, qualifying for the semi-finals before their last game which they lost narrowly. It was unfortunate that they had to play their semi-final straight away, whilst their opponents had their off game beforehand. Fatigue played a crucial part in this game which, alas, they lost. An incredible third place was the final result for our under 18s. What is also really good news is that the squad – apart from one player - will all be available for next year. We look forward to another great season ahead!

Friday then saw the U14s travel to a very wet Nottingham. Again, a young team had to adjust to the rigours of the 11-aside game quickly. Despite losing their first game against strong opponents, the boys secured a draw in their next game and won their 3rd game convincingly! Unfortunately, games 4 and 5 saw them pitted against older and much more experienced opponents. The squad improved game on game. Although they lost their last game, this saw them produce their best hockey of the day.

Congratulations to both squads. We are very proud of you, and you should feel very proud of your efforts and achievements at this high level.

Mr Young

World Book Day Classroom Doors



Spring Concert

Our annual Spring Concert is fast approaching. **Thursday 19th March 7-9pm.**

If your child is part of any of our music ensembles, bands, or choirs, please make sure you have **filled in the permission form** and returned it so that they are able to take part.

Tickets are available now!

If you wish to purchase tickets, please pay by ParentPay or send cash/cheques to the Finance Office in a named envelope, clearly stating the number of tickets required on the front.

The cost of tickets are - Adults £5 and concession rates (under 18 & over 65) £4.

Mrs Armstrong

Physics Partners

We are delighted that our School's video entry to the Physics Partners' prestigious national competition, 'What Lights up your Love of Physics?' has been selected as one of the top ten entries nationally.

Matthew Hopkins (12W2) and Sophie Taylor (12S1) recorded a video on the physics which informs toast landing buttered side down. They will present their video at Kings College Cambridge in April alongside other Year 12 finalists. Their video included excellent ideas around physics including working out how many rotations a buttered piece of toast would complete and whether it would land buttered side up or down!

This is an exciting opportunity for our students. If their video is selected as the best, they will win a trip to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

Well done on such an amazing achievement!

Mr Holvey



Parent Webinar



Apprenticeship Information Webinar for Parents!

Tuesday 24th March 6.00pm – 7.15pm

Do you want to know more about Apprenticeships?
Apprenticeships are a great opportunity for school leavers to enter the world of work and gain a qualification.

This webinar will cover everything you need to know including:

- How Apprenticeships work
- What subjects you can do
- How they are funded
- How and where you can apply

Starting Off are a Northamptonshire based Apprenticeship Training Provider who have been helping young people in the county find their first jobs with apprenticeship training opportunities for over 30 years.



Year 13 Curriculum Schedule – Spring Term 2026

Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
A-Level Art	Preparation for final Exam	Preparation for final Exam
A-Level Biology	Homeostasis (Complete) Plant responses (Start) Cloning and Biotechnology (Complete) Ecosystems (Start).	Energy for processes (Start) Respiration (Start) Populations (Start)
A-Level Business	Influences on business decisions (including corporate influences) Corporate culture Shareholders vs stakeholders Global competitiveness and Marketing Assessment of the country as a production location and a market	Impact of and controlling MNCs Ratio analysis Managing change Human resources Scenario planning Cultural and Social Factors Ethics Paper 3
A-Level Chemistry	Enthalpy and entropy Chromatography and spectroscopy	Redox and electrode potentials Transition elements
A-Level Computer Science	Completion of NEA Project	Revision
A-Level Economics	International Economic Development, Monopsony, Labour Markets and Price Discrimination	Financial Markets and External Shocks Paper 3 Preparation Contestability and Government Intervention
A-Level English Language and Literature	English Revision and Consolidation Unseen and anthology non-fiction texts Final draft of NEA Othello & The Great Gatsby comparison	
A-Level English Literature	Atonement and Poetry Revision Unseen Prose Final draft of NEA Paper 1 - Revision and Consolidation	
A-Level French	Comment traitons-nous les marginaux? La politique et l'immigration	Une culture fière de son patrimoine No et moi (Novel)
A-Level Further Maths	Pure: Modelling differential equations Hyperbolic Functions Mechanics: Elastic Collisions in 2D (part 2) Decision: The Simplex Algorithm	Topics Review and Structured Revision
A-Level Geography	Global Systems and Global Governance Students will focus on globalisation – the economic, political and social changes associated with technological and other driving forces which have been a key feature of global economy and society in recent decades Contemporary Urban Environments Urban Climate / Urban drainage / Urban Environmental issues / Sustainable Urban Development	
A-Level Geology	Geotechnics Applied engineering geology Metamorphic petrology	Plate tectonics Plate boundaries and igneous processes Sedimentary processes
A-Level History	(USA Topic) Trade Union and Labour Rights (NEA) Research and Write U	(USA Topic) Native American Civil Rights (NEA) Tudor revision



Life and Ethics	Planning for the Future: What are pensions, voting and democracy and tenancy rights? Health and wellbeing: Looking after ourselves, supporting others, revision and exams	
A-Level Maths	Pure: Numerical methods Differential Equations Statistics: Normal Distribution Mechanics: Projectiles	Pure: Parametric Equations Mechanics: Further Kinematics
A-Level Music	Analysis of Rite of Spring Dictation and Essay practice Completion of free composition Preparation for Recital	Analysis of cues from Batman Dictation and Essay practice Preparation for chorale exam / recital
A-Level PE	Ethics in Sport Commercialisation Biomechanics – Biomechanical Principles Psychological Factors which influence group / team processes	Angular motion/projectile motion Goal Setting Attribution Theory Leadership Self-Efficacy & Confidence NEA
A-Level Physics	Capacitance Electric Fields Nuclear Physics	Magnetic Fields Medical Imaging
A-Level Politics	UK Parliament UK Judiciary	Comparative questions Revision
A-Level Product Design	NEA – Final making / Evaluation	Revision
A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics)	Religious Figures and Sacred Texts Religious Practices that shape religious identity	Significant Social Developments in Religious thought Religious concepts
Psychology	Addictions Schizophrenia and RMs	Schizophrenia and RMs Comparison of Approaches Issues and Debates
A-Level Sociology	Crime and Deviance Theory and Methods / Theories of Crime and Deviance / Crime and Punishment	
A-Level Spanish	Movimientos Populares, Laberinto del Fauno	
A-Level Textiles	NEA – Final Making / Evaluation 1.8 Digital Design and Manufacture 1.9 Requirements of Design 1.10 Protecting Design	1.11 Manufacture, Maintenance, Disposal and Repair 1.12 Feasibility Studies 1.13 Enterprise and Marketing
A-Level Theatre Studies	Our Country's Good Death of an Anarchist Exploration of Text 3	Our Country's Good Death of an Anarchist Preparation for Text 3 examination and final Reflective Report

Wider-Curricular	Drama Trip – 222 a Ghost Story (13.01.26) Step into Employment (09.02.26) What Career, What University Exhibition – NEC Birmingham (28.02.26) RE Trip to Coventry Cathedral (10.03.26) Sociology Conference (17.03.26) Music Recital Evening (26.03.26)
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Other	Year 13 Mocks (12.01.26 to 20.01.26) Mock Grades and Reports issued (12.02.26)
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Recruitment

We currently have the following exciting opportunity for an outstanding and ambitious individual:

Teacher of English
Teachers of DT
Human Resources (HR Officer)

The successful candidate will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will contribute to unlocking students' unique potential.

We hope you are excited by the opportunity to work with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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WEEK 2

Week Commencing: 03/11/2025 24/11/2025 15/12/2025 05/01/2026 26/01/2026
 16/02/2026 09/03/2026 30/03/2026 20/04/2026

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Pork & Beef Sausage, Served with Mash with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Beef Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Bread & Garden Peas

WEDNESDAY

Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Served with Fried Rice

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

Vegan Sausage Casserole with Gravy (VE)

TUESDAY

No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheese, Onion & Leek Pie, Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Tofu with Fried Rice (V)

FRIDAY

Jamaican Squash Pasty with Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

TUESDAY

Pear & Ginger Crumble with Cinnamon Custard

WEDNESDAY

Jam Sponge with Custard

THURSDAY

Baked Churros

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

Cucina



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

Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Singapore Fried Rice (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (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

