

Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 10 October 2025

NEWSLETTER



Peterborough Cathedral

Events all Week:
Govilon 7C & 7W

Monday 13 October
Year 11 Collective Worship
Year 7-11 Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 14 October
Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday 15 October
Year 12 Collective Worship

Thursday 16 October
Year 7 Collective Worship
Parent Event – Supporting
your Year 11 Child
6.00pm – 7.15pm

Friday 17 October
Year 8 Collective Worship
Year 9 Communion

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
Who are we?

>Something More?

#BestOfBishop

At our school, we know that the key to unlocking the unique potential of all students is providing varied and enriching experiences. We strive to do this in a number of ways – the day in, day out taught curriculum being the bedrock of all that we do. Equally important – and some may say even more important from the perspective of making memories – are the enrichment opportunities we offer.

Last Friday we hosted our annual Clubs and Societies Fair. (Think of it like a university Freshers' Fair – but without the alcohol!) This enables us to showcase the huge range of societies clubs and opportunities for students to get involved in. Over seventy (yes, you heard that right – over 70!) clubs and societies are available for students to join, from Chess to Crochet and Computing to CrossFit.

A huge number of these clubs and societies are student-led, thus providing a great opportunity not only for students to join, have fun and make new friends, but also to develop organisational, leadership and mentoring skills.

Our wider offer includes a broad range of music and sport clubs. These range from hockey, football, strength & conditioning and rugby to brass band, ukelele magic and junior and senior choirs. In fact, if you add all the music, sport and other clubs and societies, students could be occupied for the weekends as well as week days!

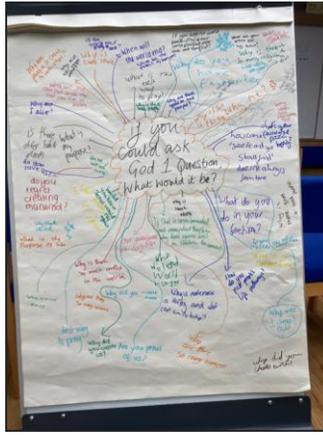
Our ambition is that, by working together to provide a wealth of wider curricular opportunities, we can enrich the experience of all students, thus unlocking their unique potential.

Mr Keane



We are a Church of England School

Why do you love us?



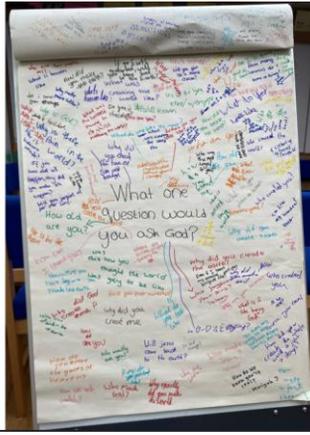
If you could ask God just

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question

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Are you proud of us?



'Was this how you thought the world was going to be like?'

At our Clubs Fair last Friday, the Chapel stand sat alongside the Science club, Feminist Soc, Dentistry Soc, Crochet Club and Art Group. The Hall was teeming with energy - sixth form society leaders, teachers and interested students.

We had a flip chart which asked the question: **IF YOU COULD ASK GOD ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

We ended up with two pages overflowing with some profound questions. Our young people are curious and inquisitive and thoughtful. These questions will not be ignored and I hope to use them for future assemblies.

Why is there pain in the world?

How do we know you are real?

How do you pick peoples' life pathways?

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.

The following students receive CViA awards this week:

- Uriel Pledger (11P) took part in the Stride and Ride. He cycled 22 miles, visited 7 churches and raised £195 for St Peter's Church, Raunds.
- Edward Harker (7E) gave up his lunch break to take another student with an injury to the medical room.

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

Mrs Peach



Safe Space - Othering

In assemblies this week, we have been focusing on the concept of 'othering'. This term is used to describe the action of viewing or treating a person or group of people as intrinsically different from and alien to ourselves.

Our assemblies have enabled us to have an opportunity to think about how and why *othering* takes place and the actions we can pro-actively take to keep our community safe and inclusive.

The most recent attacks on the synagogue in Manchester and the mosque in Peasehaven highlight the vulnerability faced by many minority groups. As a school community, we stand in solidarity with these groups and aim to be upstanders for the marginalised. We recognise that, for many families, school is a safe haven away from the derogatory, abusive or racist treatment that they have experienced in the wider community.

We're enormously proud of our student body and their celebration of diversity within our community. One of our public celebrations is Culture Day. Last year, this was a glorious opportunity for students to showcase their heritage and it was full of joy and pride. We look forward to this year's event at the end of the half term.

We're conscious, however, that it is set against a more troubled local and national backdrop, where flags are sometimes being used to intimidate members of the community. Given this context, some schools may choose to ban flags, instead, we are encouraging our young people to own their flags with pride. We believe that our young people deserve the opportunity to demonstrate how they can draw people together rather than used to divide. Any use of a flag to condemn, reject or denigrate others, will of course, be treated as an act with the intent to abuse.

The Sanctuary Foundation has produced an excellent video which explains more about the history of the St George flag which we have shared with students. We'd encourage families to watch it and talk about it together. The video can be found [here](#) or via the Sanctuary Foundation website.

It has been hugely encouraging to spend the week speaking with students about this important topic and hearing their positive, thoughtful and mature responses. Our students exemplify what society can be like: engaged, interested and open to the views of others. Thank you for your encouragement of these attitudes and our core values.

If you have concerns, or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to be in touch via your child's Head of Year or enquiries@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Smith

Year 6 into 7 Open Events

It has been a very positive week, with many visitors on three Open Mornings and one Open Evening.

There has been nothing but positive praise from visitors for the way in which our wonderful students have interacted with them. They have been described as 'Helpful', 'Knowledgeable', 'Confident' and 'Engaging'. The phrase 'They are an absolute credit to your school' was said to me countless times.

I am so proud of every student who has taken part in these events. Year 8 guides and Sixth Form students deserve the highest praise for what they have communicated with our visitors over the four days.

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2025. Please [click here](#) to create an account and complete your application.

Miss Silverthorne

Northamptonshire Education Awards

We are incredibly proud of two staff members who are finalists in the Northamptonshire Education Awards! Mrs Rogers-Hussey is a finalist for the lifetime achievement award and Mrs N Smith is a finalist for the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champion award!



Miss Silverthorne

Music Congratulations

On Tuesday 7th October, our brass octet once again had the privilege of leading the hymns in Peterborough Cathedral for the annual schools' service (photo on front page). It is always an inspiring occasion, and wonderful for our students to perform in such a magnificent building. Our students represented the school beautifully. Huge thanks to Mr Turnbull for preparing for this special event.

Peter Cantley, Director of Education at the Diocese said, "Thank you so much for all that you contributed to such a fabulous service. It's a lovely experience for students in our schools to come together to play and sing in Peterborough Cathedral each year. Bishop Stopford School brass ensemble sounded marvellous."

Mrs Armstrong

Sports News

Congratulations to Teo Khan (9G), Amish Singodia (9D) and Stanley Nicholls (9Y) who have been selected for the Under 15 Boys County Hockey Squad this season:

Results for the recent Inter House Parkrun below:



HOUSE PARKRUN

2025
parkrun



w/beg: 29th September '25 1 Lap = 0.57km

	NORTHS	SOUTHS	EASTS	WESTS	TOTAL LAPS
Year 7	199	236 	196	192	823
Year 8	205 	194 	218	198	815
Year 9	234 	228	204	219	885
Year 10	194	167	217	222 	800
Year 11	187	188	190 	230	795

• Run, Jog, Walk every results counts.
HOUSE POINTS: 1st: 100 points
 2nd: 75 points
 3rd: 50 points
 4th: 25 points

2024 Winners: Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11





Mr Young



Year 12 Curriculum – Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
A-Level Art	Introduction Project	Personal Investigation: Independently selected Theme
A-Level Biology	Basic Components Exchange Surfaces and Breathing Transport in Animals	Biological Molecules Transport in Animals (Complete) Transport in Plants
A-Level Business	Entrepreneurship and Leadership The Market	Entrepreneurship and Leadership External influences
A-Level Chemistry	Atoms, Ions and Compounds Amount of Substance Basic Concepts Alkanes	Acids and Redox Alcohols
A-Level Computer Science	Databases Computer algorithms	Ethical and legal issues Logic circuits
A-Level Economics	How Markets work Macro Models	Market Failure and Government Failure The Macroeconomic Model and Macroeconomic indicators
A-Level English Language and Literature	Paper 2 – <i>Othello</i> and Unseen Texts	Paper 2 - <i>Othello</i>
A-Level English Literature	Introduction Fortnight Focus on unseen poetry and unseen prose extracts <i>Othello</i>	<i>Othello</i>
A-Level French	Teacher 1 – La musique francophone contemporaine Teacher 2 – La famille en voie de changement	Teacher 1 - Au Revoir Les Enfants (FILM) Teacher 2 – Comment on traite les criminels
A-Level Further Maths	Complex Numbers Argand Diagrams Algorithms Graphs and Networks Momentum and Impulse	Argand Diagrams Route Inspection Linear Programming Elastic Collisions in 1D
A-Level Geography	Topic 1 – Changing Places	Topic 2 - Hazards
A-Level Geology	Introduction to Geology Minerals – The Rock Cycle	Earth Structure Minerals – Igneous Rocks Sedimentary Rocks
A-Level History	Tudors: The Reign of Henry VIII – Domestic and Foreign Policy (1485-1509) Russia: The rule of Tsar Nicholas II	Tudors: The Reign of Henry VIII (1509 –1547) Russia: 1917 Revolutions
A-Level Maths	A range of topics including Indices, Surds, Equations, Inequalities and Graphs and Transformation	A range of topics including Differentiation, Probability, Data Collection and Trigonometry



Year 12 Curriculum – Autumn Term contd...

	A range of topics including Indices, Surds, Equations, Inequalities and Graphs and Transformation	
A-Level Music	Unit 1 – Recital Preparation Unit 2 – Free Composition Preparation / Bach chorale, 4-part harmony techniques Unit 3 – Listening and Appraising	
A-Level PE	Musculo-Skeletal and Neuromuscular Systems Skill Acquisition and Transfer of Learning Pre-Industrial Sports	The Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems Coaching Guidance and Feedback Industrial and Post-Industrial Sports
A-Level Physics	Foundations of Physics Motion Charge and Current Forces in action	Energy, Power and Resistance Electric Current Material
A-Level Politics	UK - Democracy and Participation USA – The Constitution	UK - The Constitution USA – Democracy and Participation
A-Level Product Design	Theory Topics: Designing & Making Principles Project: Improving Everyday Items	Theory Topics: Material Characteristics & Applications Project: All Being Well
Life and Ethics	Artificial Intelligence (RE Topic)	My Rights and Responsibilities (PSHE Topic)
A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics)	Existence of God Situation Ethics Divine Command Theory and Virtue Ethics	Existence of God Situation Ethics Ethical egoism and Natural Law
A-Level Psychology	Debates Overview Approaches	Research Methods Memory Social Influence
A-Level Sociology	Role of Education Intro to sociological perspectives on the family	Differential Educational Achievement Why have households changed over time?
A-Level Spanish	<i>Los valores tradicionales y modernos</i>	<i>La <u>intencidad</u> regional en España</i> <i>El <u>racismo</u></i>
A-Level Theatre	Component 1 – Our Country's Good and Death of an Anarchist	Component 1 – Our Country's Good and Death of an Anarchist

Wider-Curricular	Culture Day (24.10.25) Clubs and Societies Fair Naples Visit	Politics Trip (19.11.25) Bishop Lecture (28.11.25) Christmas Concert
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Other	Year 12 Transition Day (03.09.25) Year 12 Parental Information Evening (10.09.25) School Photographs (17.09.25) 60th Anniversary Celebration Service (26.09.25)	Year 12 Reports Issued (28.11.25)
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**BISHOP
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Sixth Form
faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

Sixth Form Open Evening



Tuesday 18th November 2025
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)

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Recruitment

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

Senior Science Technician

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

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Week Commencing: 01/09/2025 22/09/2025 13/10/2025 03/11/2025

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Chicken Arrabiata Pasta Bake with House Salad

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Kung Pao Chicken, Served with Egg 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

Cheddar, Squash and Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Garden Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Eggplant Katsu (V)

FRIDAY

Sundried Tomato & Cheddar Turnovers (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Dutch Apple Cake

TUESDAY

Warm Blueberry Sponge

WEDNESDAY

Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce

THURSDAY

Banana Pudding with Custard

FRIDAY

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



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 on Salt & Pepper Wedges (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

Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

