



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 14 November 2025

**NEWSLETTER**



## Events All Week:

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### Monday 17 November

Year 11 Collective Worship  
Praying Parents 2 – 3pm

### Tuesday 18 November

Year 10 Collective Worship  
Year 11 into 12 Open Evening  
*(more details on P8)*

### Wednesday 19 November

Year 12 Collective Worship  
Year 12 & 13 Politics Trip  
Year 12 Senior Maths Challenge

### Thursday 20 November

Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 13 Music: A Level Mock Recital

### Friday 21 November

Year 8 Collective Worship

## Sixth Form Open Events

*#BestOfBishop*

It's the time of year where our Year 11 students are thinking about Post-16 study. Before half term, Miss Thurlby organised a post-16 options morning and students heard about progression to our Sixth Form and to local colleges.

We are now excited to be hosting our Sixth Form Open Evening next Tuesday 18th November from 5:30-8:00pm. We warmly welcome students and parents to explore the excellent subject offer and additional opportunities such as Enrichment, EPQ and Societies. You will be able to hear from the team and current students on their experiences.

Here are some of the key features of our Sixth Form:

### 1) A Sense of Community

Our students continue strong relationships they have fostered, but have opportunities to build new friendships with those who join from other schools. We have excellent facilities and a range of social events on offer.

### 2) Strong Pastoral Provision

We pride ourselves on fantastic pastoral support. We continue with non-teaching Heads of Year and links with local organisations to provide effective support for all.

### 3) A Broad and Varied Curriculum

We offer 24 A-Levels, with a vibrant personal development curriculum too.

### 4) Great Results

80% of students achieve at grade A\*-B at A-Level.

### 5) Excellent Progression

Students go on to a range of pathways: university, degree apprenticeships and careers. All are valued and explored through Careers and Transition.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open Evening. You will be provided with a QR code for our application form. Applications open on Tuesday and close on Friday 30st January 2026, at 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

**Miss Whitehead (Head of Sixth Form)**

Next week:

*Week B*

Assembly Theme:

**'Operation Sceptre' –  
The police response to  
knife crime.**



# We are a Church of England School



On Tuesday, we came together as a school community in reflection, silence, music and poetry to remember those who gave their lives for the peace and protection of our country. War and conflict are times of great national darkness. Our service theme was **Light in the Darkness**. We started our service with Bible verses to remember the One who made the ultimate sacrifice for the whole world, the One who stepped into our world – Jesus - who offers us a true and lasting light in the darkness – the light which changes everything. We lit a candle to honour the memory of those who died in the service of our country - reminding us that they must never be forgotten. The light from the flame represented the hope, the life and light of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all 25 students who participated, to Mr Wareham, Mr Keane, Miss Duffy and to our IT team who took care of the live stream and to our staff who attended in person.

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5

**Mrs Hutchinson**

## Core Values in Action

The following students receive CViA awards this week:

Senudi Wanshanatha (7Y) and Arunali Wanshanatha (11D) took part in the Remembrance Day service at St Andrews Church representing Girl Guides.

Jordan Hardy (7E), Bethany Watts (7S) and Dylan Williams (7W) took part in leading the Act of Commitment at the village Acts of Remembrance in Broughton and Mawsley.

Sophia Lorentzen (9E) read a poem at the Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church, Burton Latimer.

William Greenfield (10P) did a drone survey of the Glasallt Fawr Community Campus in Llangadog Wales. It is a registered charity which provides care for adults with severe learning difficulties including William's aunt. William happily volunteered to give up some of his holiday to do this. His activity aroused quite a lot of interest around the site, particularly from some of the residents, with whom he engaged well. The resulting photos and video clips have been much appreciated by the CEO and Site Manager.

If you know of a student who may be eligible for a Core Values in Action award, email [newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com)

**Mrs Peach**



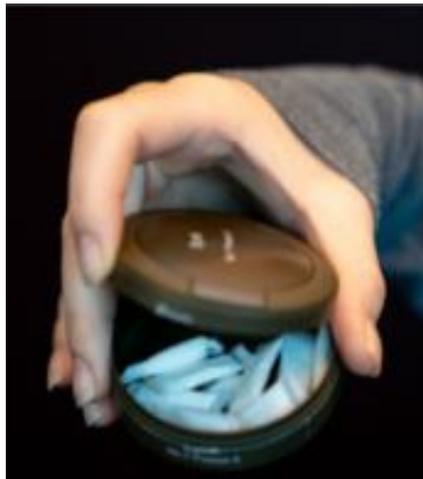
## Safe Space - Snus

Snus continues to be a product popular with some young people. Unlike vapes, there are fewer visible signs of use, and it is easy to hide in bags and pockets. Snus is a tobacco product that originated in Sweden and is also produced in the US. The sale of snus is illegal in the UK but nicotine pouches - snus-like products that contain nicotine but no tobacco – are legally available.

Snus is a finely ground smokeless product which is used by placing it between the upper lip and gum. It often comes in very small packets, the approximate size and shape of a piece of chewing gum. It is often sold in round tins, alongside other tobacco-based products held behind the counter.

This product is popular with some sportspeople, especially footballers, and there is a lot of content online, especially on TikTok, about its use. This has led to a rise in its popularity, especially among young men. It is a banned product in school and students are aware that they must not bring it into school.

There are mixed views about the health implications of its use. The evidence suggests that there is a high correlation between alcohol use and snus use and therefore it can be difficult to identify which product causes the most harm. This article gives a helpful overview of some of this research: Snus: Smokeless Tobacco Facts and Risks ([verywellhealth.com](https://www.verywellhealth.com))



Most experts agree that there are no discernible health benefits and we would encourage open conversations at home about the use of products like this. It can also be helpful to have a look in your child's bag for the small pouches of snus, which you can see in the image above. Students who regularly use vapes, snus or cigarettes are typically more likely to be offered other drugs and this is a serious risk that schools and other local agencies work together to prevent.

If you are concerned about your child, or another member of the school community, please email their form tutor, Head of Year or [safeguarding@bishopstopford.com](mailto:safeguarding@bishopstopford.com).

**Mrs Smith**

## Official Requests for Proof of Children Attending School

From time to time, parents are required to ask us to provide evidence that their child attends Bishop Stopford School. This could be, for example, for passports, Home Office records or Child Benefit Agency requirements.

Recently, we have noticed that requests are being sent to school with an expectation there will be an immediate response – or that this can be produced for a parent or student while they wait in Reception.

This is not possible. We are, of course, fully able to complete the request, but will adhere to our three day turnaround in normal circumstances for our staff to complete them.

Any queries of this nature must be sent to [enquiries@bishopstopford.com](mailto:enquiries@bishopstopford.com).

**Miss Silverthorne**

## Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed our survey. Your responses are currently being analysed and we look forward to feeding back to you in due course.

**Mr Keane**

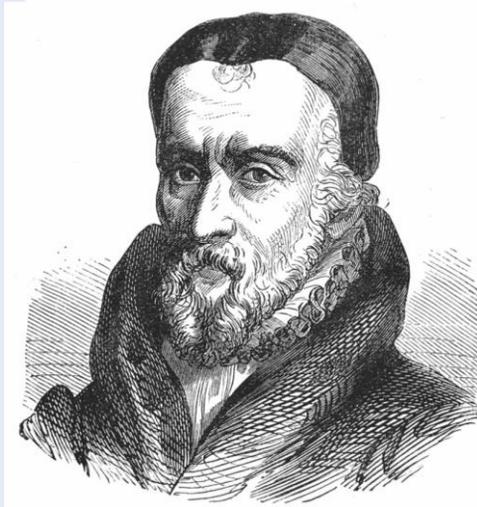
# English Bible Quincentenary Exhibition

The Bible in English – a 500 Year Anniversary!

We are delighted to be able to host an exhibition celebrating William Tyndale's translation of the Bible into English. The exhibition has already been used extensively in Leicestershire and this anniversary will go on to be celebrated at the British Library in London. All students will be able to interact with the exhibition from next Monday, and our first Bishop Lecture of the year for Year 12 will be led by Paul Linnell who has put the exhibition together.

Here's a little bit more information to whet your appetite!

*Banned, betrayed, and burnt — but not beaten! One man's battle to get the Bible into English, for everyone. 2025–2026 is the 500th anniversary of the first printing of the Bible in English, translated from its original languages. In 1525, even quoting a Bible verse in English was illegal and punishable by death. One Englishman gave his life's work – and ultimately his life – to put into the hands of the ordinary person the book which would give eternal hope, and transform the nation.*



**Miss Silverthorne**

## English Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition

On Wednesday we were delighted to host the regional first round heat of the English Speaking Union's Mace Debating Competition. Teams of three students each from our school, Oundle, Sir Lawrence Sherriff and Sir Christopher Hatton put on a night of superbly competent debates. An additional 'swing' team from Bishop bravely stepped up at very short notice to provide stellar opposition in absence of another school.

Our students had prepared and delivered 7 minute speeches on the motion, 'This house would ban short-haul domestic flights where transport alternatives exist', proposing thoroughly researched arguments on the environmental, economic and political benefits of the change, whilst responding fiercely to 'points of information'. The evening's proceedings were chaired and timed fantastically by Amrita Johal (12E2).

We are incredibly proud that our team have successfully progressed to the next round of the competition nationally. Both teams were highly complimented by the judging panel from the English Speaking Union.

Huge congratulations to: Samuel Tomlin (11S), Vanshi Patel (11Y), Florrie Murphy (11P), Ella Adu (11P), Alana Hollwey (10E).

Thanks to our fabulous team of supporting students from Senior Debating (Key Stage 4), without whose preparation and encouragement behind the scenes the evening would not be possible. We are VERY proud of you all.

**Mrs Hainsworth & Miss Blackburn**



# Culture Day 2025

On the last Friday before half term, we held a day of cultural celebration. This joyous day allowed students the opportunity to celebrate their unique identity by dressing in clothes which represented themselves. Our students wholeheartedly embraced this opportunity. School was full of a host of vibrant and colourful outfits representing a range of organisations, such as scouts and cadets, sports and teams, and cultural dress from all over the world.

Feedback from our students was overwhelmingly positive with 95% agreeing or strongly agreeing that celebrating culture day has a positive impact on our school community.

In lessons, students were able to broaden their knowledge of world cultures with quizzes about food, capital cities, and some interesting very long German words! The highlight of the day was lunchtime, when we opened the Main Hall and the Gym to host our cultural fair. We were so privileged to welcome many of our families to represent cultures from all around the world, providing food and activities which showed the very best of the cultural diversity we have at school. We also hosted a Moroccan music group, African drumming from African Youth Arise, and the South African dance group Power of the Mind.

And we mustn't forget our fantastic staff who represented Spain, France, Italy, Holland, Nigeria, Poland, China and India! The atmosphere was very special and allowed students to immerse in celebrating not only their own culture, but that of their peers. A huge thank you to everyone who supported Culture Day and made it such a successful event!

Here's what some of our students had to say when asked what they enjoyed the most:

*"Seeing all the different cultures and traditions and it is an opportunity for everyone to be able to feel safe at expressing their culture."*

*"The cultural related starters at the beginning of lessons, I found it really interesting."*

*"The celebration that happened in the hall. I feel like everyone enjoyed what was happening all the music and food and it just makes you happy."*

*"Trying different foods from the different countries. The music was great and I loved expressing myself in my own clothing."*

*"The main hall at lunch was so atmospheric with the music and people of all backgrounds dancing and singing together."*

*"I enjoyed when I could express myself, my thoughts and I could represent my culture and heritage."*

*"Lunch time because the main activities made everyone proud to be themselves."*

*I really enjoyed Culture Day, especially lunchtime when we got to try different types of food from various cultures—it was the best time ever! The Moroccan dance was amazing, and trying foods I had never had before made me really happy. I loved learning about different cultures and their foods. My favourite part was proudly dressing in my own cultural clothes."*



**Mrs Smith**

## Sports Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students on their sporting achievements:

Alexandra Howes (8S) who was selected to represent Northamptonshire at the East Midlands U13 County Netball Performance Tournament, also receiving Northamptonshire Coaches Player award.

Samuel Howes (11W) who represented the Northampton centre in Northampton Saints U16 Foundation Phase festival.

And finally to William Howes (13S), who has recently been selected to play for the Northampton Saints U18 in the NextGen Premiership. He scored an incredible two tries in Saints' victory against Sale Sharks.



Mr Flannigan

## Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Seb Pandya (8G) who has passed his Grade 1 piano exam with distinction.

Mrs Wilson



## Library News

### **Jólabókaflóð: Bringing Iceland's Beautiful Book Flood Tradition to Our School**

As the days grow shorter and the holiday season approaches, there's a wonderful Icelandic tradition which could transform how our school community celebrates this special time of year: Jólabókaflóð (pronounced YO-la-bok-a-flot), translates as "Christmas Book Flood."

On Christmas Eve, Icelanders exchange books as gifts, then spend the evening reading together, often while enjoying chocolate and hot drinks. It's a cozy, quiet celebration that honours literature, family time, and the simple pleasure of getting lost in a good story.

#### **Why this Tradition Matters**

In our increasingly digital world, Jólabókaflóð reminds us of the irreplaceable magic of physical books and dedicated reading time. This tradition celebrates:

- The joy of giving thoughtfully – choosing just the right book for someone shows you truly know them;
- Unplugged quality time – an evening without screens, focused on stories and togetherness;
- Sharing the love of reading and community – experiencing stories together rather than in isolation;

#### **How We Can Celebrate Jólabókaflóð at Our School**

In preparation for this event, please consider donating gently loved books suitable for re-gifting to us! We would be delighted to accept books for all age groups. For a small charge of £1, students can then select a donated book for their chosen recipient, wrap it, write a label, and enclose a small edible treat and bookmark. Proceeds will be donated to the *Read for Good* charity, which provides books for disadvantaged children.

Donations of books can be brought to school from now until December 12th.

Miss Wood



# Sixth Form Open Evening



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**Sixth Form**

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## Sixth Form Open Evening



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**Bishop Stopford School  
Headlands, Kettering,  
NN15 6BJ**

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## Thriving in Life 11-19 Service

Drop in and talk to us about whatever's on your mind, like:



**Emotional health** including anxiety, depression, self-harm, stress, school worries and bullying



**Healthy relationships** including family issues, sexual health and contraception



**Reducing risk-taking behaviour and making healthy choices** including sleep, food/diet, vaping, puberty and continence



**Transition to adulthood** including understanding education and work options, finance and living independently

### Your Youth Support Worker:

Shannon Loughran

**Date:** Thursdays

**Time:** 1.15 - 2.15pm

**Location:** Wellbeing/quiet room



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## Christmas Hampers



**'Do to others as you would have them do to you'**

Luke6:31

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

GIVING YOUR GIFTS OF TIME AND CREATIVITY  
& GIFTS OF FOOD

Supporting local charities

Let's make Christmas special

**DEADLINE: MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

# Recruitment

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

## PR and Commercial Partnerships Lead

## Exam Invigilator

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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# Cucina

## WEEK 1

Cucina

Week Commencing: 27/10/2025 17/11/2025 08/12/2025 19/01/2026 09/02/2026  
 02/03/2026 23/03/2026 13/04/2026

### CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

#### CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

#### VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

##### MONDAY

Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad

##### TUESDAY

Kung Pao Chicken with Vegetable Rice

##### WEDNESDAY

Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

##### THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala, Served with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad

##### FRIDAY

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

##### MONDAY

Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta and House Salad (V)

##### TUESDAY

Kung Pao Cauliflower with Vegetable Rice (VE)

##### WEDNESDAY

Lentil Sage & Onion Wellington (V)

##### THURSDAY

Butter Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry, Served with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad (V)

##### FRIDAY

Homemade Cheese & Onion Slice with Chips & Peas (V)

#### DESSERTS

##### MONDAY

Spiced Pineapple Cake with Custard

##### TUESDAY

Chocolate & Banana Brownie

##### WEDNESDAY

Syrup Sponge with Custard

##### THURSDAY

Oaty Apple Crumble with 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**



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ADD IT!  
TOP IT!**

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**Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!**

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### NATURally

#### MONDAY

Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)

#### TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

#### WEDNESDAY

Onion Bhaji & Vegetable Rice Bowl (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

