

# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 15th May 2026

NEWSLETTER



Bishops at Bishop!

**Events all week**  
GCSE Examination Period  
A Level Examination Period

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Year 9 Collective Worship  
Year 7 Flying Theatre Visit  
Praying Parents 2pm

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Year 10 Collective Worship  
Year 10 Music Ensemble Evening

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Year 12 Collective Worship

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Year 8 Collective Worship  
Year 11 study leave begins

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 7 Collective Worship

**School closes for half term**

**Next week:**

**Week A**

**Assembly Theme:**  
**Mental health awareness**  
**week**

## GCSE and A Level Exams

*#BestOfBishop*

The summer examination series has begun in earnest this week. All students and families have received copies of their exam timetables plus copies of the examination regulations and guidelines. All documents can be viewed on Edulink under the 'Exams' tab (Timetables) and under 'Noticeboard' (Regulations and Guidelines). It is crucial that these documents are read, as these are the standards to which all students must adhere. Students must also be clear about what to do if they are running late or are absent on the day of an exam.

Exams may finish after 3.15pm, but school transport will still run at the usual times. If a student has a late exam finish, it is important that they make alternative arrangements for getting home. We know that students have had excellent preparation in school, but they need to continue with their revision throughout the exam series – with breaks built in! The School is open and teachers will be available to support students and their families.

A final few exam reminders:

- Stationery must be in a clear pencil case.
- Calculators must have lids removed.
- Water must be in a clear/transparent water bottle with label(s) removed.
- No mobile phones, watches or electronic storage devices are allowed on a person in the exam room, even if they are switched off. We advise students not to bring electronic storage devices to school, If they do, these must be handed to an invigilator before entering the exam venue.
- Students must be ready outside their exam venue 15 minutes before the start time to ensure a prompt start.

We wish all of our students the very best in their forthcoming exams and remind them that their best is always good enough.

Final advice for students: 'Look after yourself, eat and drink well and have a good night's sleep!'

Please contact the Exams Office if you are unsure of anything.

**Mrs Thomson**



“I’m not afraid to talk about Faith”

Year 7s - Could you be an enthusiastic voice communicating on behalf of your form and being involved in shaping Collective Worship and the faith life of the school?  
Join our Yr 8 & 9 Faith ambassadors!



Please speak to your form tutor or Mrs Hutchinson if this interests you!

This week, our courageous and enthusiastic and creative Year 8 and Year 9 Faith Ambassadors visited Year 7 classes to lead form time worship. This will continue next week. They wanted to do this as a larger group and planned their sessions in smaller groups of 2-4, choosing their own questions and approach. Our desire is to increase their input in the worship life of our school - and to grow the Faith Ambassador group by welcoming in some Year 7s!

Here are some of the comments from the form tutors they visited this week:

*"The faith ambassadors did a marvellous job! Really well prepared and organised. Delivered with confidence. Lovely message too."*

*"Micheal and Kate were brilliant with the form. I'm so impressed with both of them."*

*"Literally just opened my laptop to email you to say how brilliant they were!! Daniel, Sophia and Barty did a great job. We did a little Q&A with my form asking questions like, 'How do you become an Ambassador?' and 'What does your role include?'. They spoke excellently!"*

*"It was great – the girls were really enthusiastic and engaging."*

Year 7 students are welcome to be part of this group. They simply need to let their form tutor know or pop into the Chapel and see me!

**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.

Well done to the following students for taking part in the Bishop of Brixworth announcement last Friday:

Bethany Stenson, Malachi Carney, Eli Keller, Isla Dow, Leah Dabo, Evalyn Hogg, Jennifer Joy, Karen Ebiarede, Ollie Povey, Noah McNab, Nella Adu, Aditi Kanoor, Miya Philip, Beatrice Cooper, Sophia Lorentzen, Liberty Cobbold, Daniel Counsell, Matthew Olupitan, Precious Abiona, Jacob Middleton, Ben Hawkes, Jessica Grigg, Isobel Grigg, Roberto Ashby, Dhruv Bakrania, Amrita Johal, George Robson, Bethan Clarke, Saoirse Gibbard, Joel Wiffen, Seb Persaud, Matthew Hopkins, Barty Gardner, Angel Chinedu, Damisola Ademola.

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 - Cannabis

Cannabis is seen by some to be a 'safe' drug with limited side effects. However, increasingly, there are reports of young people having serious, negative reactions to cannabis, prompting questions about what else might be present that they are unaware of. The following, provided by the local authority, gives some helpful information:

- Cannabis is a hallucinogenic drug derived from a plant. Most UK cannabis is now produced in the UK or mainland Europe and is mainly herbal cannabis. It is the most widely misused drug in the UK.
- Hallucinogenic drugs can impact mental health. THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) is the key psychoactive component. It is probably responsible for the euphoria and hilarity associated with cannabis. However, it may also be responsible for some of the negative symptoms including anxiety, paranoia and panic.
- Cannabis can also impair memory, affect motivation and give mood swings. Cannabis is easier to get hold of today than alcohol with young people saying you are never more than two clicks away from getting access to a dealer who is often another young person.
- There has been a 54.1% increase in young people presenting at A&E with either a primary or secondary diagnosis 'mental and behavioural disorder due to use of cannabinoids'.
- Cannabis is a Class B drug. This means it is illegal to have in your possession and supplying someone else, even your friends, can lead to significant prison sentences, unlimited fines, or both.

If you're concerned about a young person you know. Ngage offer a free, confidential and voluntary service for those who may be experimenting or using drugs or alcohol who are under 18 years. You can contact them via email: [ypnorthamptonshire@aquarius.org.uk](mailto:ypnorthamptonshire@aquarius.org.uk) or by phone 01604 633848.

**Mrs Smith**

## England vs New Zealand Women's Cricket

A group of students from our Cricket Club were invited to attend a One-Day Cricket International match at the County Ground in Northampton which was encouraging females in sport.

The match was England Women vs New Zealand Women. Unfortunately, it rained all day and after a very long wait the match had to be cancelled. We still managed to have a wonderful day and were very proud of our students' impeccable behaviour.



**Mrs Glue**

# Year 8 Curriculum

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<b>Art</b>	<u>Portraiture</u> How to draw a face using the correct proportions	Response portrait to explore the idea of identity
<b>Computer Science</b>	The ethical and legal impact of Technology	Using spreadsheets to plan a holiday
<b>DT</b>	<u>Food (Unit 1)</u> Food Science Raising Agents	<u>Food (Unit 2)</u> Teenage Diets Vegetarianism
		<u>Textiles</u> Advanced Techniques Environmental impact of Fashion
		<u>Product Design</u> Contexts as starting points. Design Development Testing Functional Prototypes
<b>Drama</b>	Rotation Project 1 – Too much punch for Judy	Rotation Projection 2 – The History of Pantomime.
<b>English</b>	<b>Romeo and Juliet</b>	<b>Viewpoint Writing: The World in my Words</b>
<b>French</b>	Media and Technology	Celebrity Culture
<b>Geography</b>	<u>Resource Conflict (Continued)</u>	<u>Natural Hazards</u> Students examine the different types of natural hazards and focus on the structure of the earth.
<b>History</b>	<u>The Holocaust</u> Students will examine the origins and events of the Holocaust and compare it to other Genocides	<u>Cold War</u>  <u>Local History</u> This will focus on local history and how it has impacted on students at BSS directly or indirectly.
<b>Maths</b>	Inequalities Transformations	Similarity and Congruency Simultaneous Equations Area
<b>Music</b>	<u>Moods in Film</u> Composing a character leitmotif	Composing an underscore for a film clip Creating mood and mickey-mousing
<b>PE</b>	Athletics and Rounders (Girls) Tennis and Athletics (Boys)	Tennis and Softball (Girls) Cricket and Softball (Boys)
<b>PSHE</b>	<u>RSE Consolidation</u> Teenagers guide to Relationship project	<u>Health and Wellbeing</u> Dealing with pressure / loss / grief / divorce
<b>RE (GCSE)</b>	<u>Christianity – Practices</u>	
<b>Science</b>	Transition to GCSE – Fundamentals in Science	Practical projects – Embedding practical skills
<b>Spanish</b>	El medioambiente	Un mundo mejor
<b>Wider-Curricular</b>		<b>Super Curricular Week / School Walk</b> <b>Sports Day (21.07.26)</b> <b>Celebration Assemblies (23.07.26)</b>
<b>Other</b>		<b>Year 9 reports issued (02.07.26)</b>



# Homework Clubs

**Key Stage 3 Homework Club:** Monday – Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm held in the Library

**Key Stage 4 Study Club:** Tuesday – Friday 3.15pm to 4.45pm held in C3.

Bookings next term for both clubs opened on **Monday 11th May 2026**. Please use the booking link [SchoolCloud - Bishop Stopford School](#) to manage your bookings.

**Please note the following dates when clubs will not run:**

- Monday 29th June
- Monday 6th July.
- Monday 20th July.
- Friday 24th July.

From September 2026, both clubs will run Monday to Friday from 3:15 – 4:30pm.

For enquiries or more information, please contact [HomeworkAndStudyClub@bishopstopford.com](mailto:HomeworkAndStudyClub@bishopstopford.com)

**Ms Wood**


# Cucina

WEEK 3
Cucina

Week Commencing:  
27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26

### CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<b>Monday</b> Mexican Beef Nacho Pasta Bake	<b>Monday</b> No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)
<b>Tuesday</b> BBQ Chicken with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden Peas	<b>Tuesday</b> Chipotle Quorn Dippers with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden Peas (V)
<b>Wednesday</b> Roast Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy	<b>Wednesday</b> Roasted Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry Roll with Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)
<b>Thursday</b> Fragrant Lemon & Herb Chicken with Spicy Rice	<b>Thursday</b> Hot Maple & Cajun Quorn Fillet with Spicy Rice (V)
<b>Friday</b> Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce	<b>Friday</b> Crispy Chickpea & Vegetable Pakora Burger with Mango Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)



## 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Pesto Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes (VE)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

### DESSERTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sticky Lemon Sponge	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble	Chocolate & Whole Banana Puff Pastry Pinwheel	Nut Free Bakewell Sponge	Hot Chocolate Rocky Road & Custard

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

## TRATTORIA