



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 16 January 2026

NEWSLETTER



Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Mock Examinations

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Monday 19 January
Year 11 Collective Worship
Year 13 Mocks
Praying Parents 2pm

Tuesday 20 January
Year 13 Mocks

Wednesday 21 January
Year 12 Collective Worship

Thursday 22 January
Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 9 Progress Review and
Options Event

Friday 23 January
Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship
Year 10 Communion

On Monday, Year 13 began their Mock Examination period, which ends on Tuesday 20th January. In the lead up to these exams, students attended sessions on 'How to Ace your Exams', led by Elevate Education. This supplemented work in Life and Ethics, on healthy examination prep including great habits during examinations and support in creating study timetables.

Mock exams are a vital important and integral component of the learning journey. They help students understand the content and format of their subject exams whilst identifying learning gaps which may require additional revision and intervention. They also replicate real examination venues and expectations, so students can look ahead to their summer examinations with confidence.

Most students have specific grades to achieve for a university course, an apprenticeship or school leaver programme. Their mock exams provide a great indication of where they are, allowing time for reflection and improvement ahead of the summer.

Students will receive their Mock Grades on Thursday 5th February at 6pm via Edulink. The Sixth Form team and subject teachers will be on hand on Friday 6th to support students if they have any concerns about grades, or further questions.

Papers will then be returned to students from Monday 9th February. Students will work through their papers and receive vital feedback in lessons and fine tuning for the summer. There is still plenty of time for revision and for students to ensure that they have a good depth of understanding, practise the skills required by the exam and can apply, evaluate, and analyse this knowledge.

Mrs McNab and I are on hand to continue to support with wellbeing, or help creating a revision timetable. As we look forward to formal examinations, we will be running sessions for Year 13 students on beating exam stress and great revision techniques.

Miss Whitehead



Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
If I could ask God just one
thing...student questions

We are a Church of England School

TEA & TOAST TUESDAYS **Year 9**

3rd March
17th March
14th April
28th April
12th May
2nd June
16th June
30th June

The Chapel Form time

Year 11
Chocolate
in The Chapel

15th January 11P 11S 11W 11Y
12th February 11C 11D 11E 11G
8:35-8:55
(max 20 students)
Please register in form first



The Chapel 'What's on' Guide

GOOD MORNING, LORD



All Welcome

Daily
8:10 – 8:20 am
The Chapel

Bible reading
Prayer

at the start of the day
&
Form time

Mondays A

KS3 Bible Reading Group Led by KS3 Students for Students

Monday Week A
12:30-1:00pm
In The Chapel
Bring your lunch!



After school Mondays
Year 12 & 13 only

Starting up
8th December

The CHOSEN
Cinema Society
Monday 8th 12:15-4:30
in the chapel



Mondays B

Year 12 & Year 13
You're invited to REFUEL

Looking at God's Word together
Time to Chat - Discuss - Share - Pray - Encourage

The Chapel
Monday Week B
Bring your lunch!



discoverfaith
Tuesday lunchtimes in the Chapel
All welcome



Tuesdays A & B

Wednesdays A

Meet at the School Ground gate
As usual on 25th February

Gardening Gang is back!

- 25th February -
Wednesday Week A
lunchtimes



BOYS GROUP

Wednesday lunch in the Chapel once a fortnight, come along for good conversations and hot chocolate.

Wednesdays B

Thursdays A

THURSDAY LUNCH
WEEK A
IN THE CHAPEL
ALL YEAST WELCOME
BRING YOUR LUNCH

COUNTER-CULTURE CLUB



EVERYONE WELCOME!

CHRISTIAN LUNCH

• Good News
• Games
• Bible Study

Every Friday • 12:15
In the Chapel
(bring your lunch)

Starting
September 12th
2025

Fridays A & B

Thursdays B (Pop-Up)

G.I.R.L. Group *Girls in Real Life*
Thursday Pop-Up sessions
What does God say?

January 29th Must women be quiet?
March 5th Guest Speaker
Open Q & A - bring your questions!

The Chapel
Bring your lunch!



Praying Parents & Carers **2025-2026**

All welcome
In The Chapel

Sept 15 th	2-3pm
October 13 th	7-8pm
November 10 th	2-3pm
December 8 th	2-3pm
January 19 th	2-3pm
March 9 th	7-8pm
April 20 th	2-3pm
May 18 th	2-3pm
June 22 nd	7-8pm
July 6 th	2:15-3pm



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100% a LEA school responsible for LEA children

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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: Attendance

This week, Mr Stevenson, Key Stage 3 Lead, has been leading assemblies on attendance. Since the pandemic, there have been noticeable changes in attitude towards attendance, with an increasing number of families taking term time holidays. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring excellent attendance. This week, the whole school attendance figure is 95%, just below the Department for Education's (DfE) target of 96%.

As a school, we're committed to very high levels of attendance which is rooted in our vision to unlock unique potential. This week's assemblies have highlighted to students the impact of missing days of school. Research from the Department for Education reveals it has serious long lasting implications:

90% attendance = 1 day absent every 2 weeks

- Over whole year = 97.5 missed lessons

80% attendance = 1 day absent per week

- Over whole year = 195 missed lessons

Attendance of 90-95% for the year = 2 - 4 weeks absent from school

Students with over 95% attendance are **1.9 times** more likely to achieve **grade 5** English and Maths GCSE.

Persistently absent pupils (below 90%) in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared with pupils with near-perfect attendance.

There are, always, legitimate reasons for absence. Serious illness, educational visits, interviews and music exams are some authorised absences. But working with MHST, the NHS mental health provider for schools, has also highlighted the importance of high levels of attendance to establish positive routines to promote higher levels of wellbeing.

So it has been important to encourage students to think about their attitudes towards attendance and to continue to promote and celebrate the excellence that we see each day.

Mrs Smith

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (see front page photo) is a fantastic opportunity for young people to broaden their horizons and grow as a person. Over the last few years many students have embarked upon the award which comprises 4 sections for Bronze and Silver and 5 for Gold.

Students undertake a physical activity, learn or improve upon a life skill and fulfil a volunteering placement as well as completing a practice and qualifying expedition. At Gold, students also take part in a residential. These sections are carried out over a specific period of time depending on the award level. Students have to demonstrate commitment, resilience and organisational skills to name just a few of the qualities required. Huge congratulations to the students who have just been awarded their Bronze or Silver awards. A new group of Year 9 has just embarked on their journey with Bronze and many students across the school are working on completing their various awards. It is a fantastic scheme for students to be involved in but don't just take my word for it. Below is a testimony from one of the many students who has achieved their Bronze DofE award.

Rayna Shergill (10) said: *The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a hugely positive experience and a brilliant opportunity that is unique to you. It helps you get out of your comfort zone as you can choose a skill you've always wanted to learn, or you can get involved in your community and make a difference within it when you volunteer. You get to meet new people and discover new interests. The expedition may seem daunting but with good support from friends and DofE coordinators, it is a great chance to improve your communication and leadership skills. I feel I have really got a lot out of completing my DofE award and would highly recommend it.*

Mrs Rogers-Hussey



Year 8 Curriculum – Spring Term 2026

Subject	Spring Term 1		Spring Term 2	
Art	Ceramic Project (Complete) Masks (Start)		Mask Making	
Computer Science	Image Editing		Computational Thinking	
DT	<u>Food (Unit 1)</u> Staple Foods Environmental Issues	<u>Food (Unit 2)</u> Healthy Eating Modifying Recipes	<u>Textiles</u> Developing sewing machine skills Constructing a pattern	<u>Product Design</u> Shaping metals Heating forming plastics. Target markets
Drama	Rotation Project 1 – Blood Brothers		Rotation Project 2 – Naturalism and non-naturalism	
English	Shakespeare's <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>		The Writer's Studio: Dystopian Writing and Ballads	
Foundation Learning	Applying, across the subjects studied in school, what we know about our learning habits			
French	Mes vacances de l'année dernière		Les Médias et la technologie	
Geography	<u>What is Development?</u> Focus on development using the case studies of Ghana and the UK		<u>The Living World</u> Students will consider all aspects of the Tropical Rainforest – climate, native peoples, structure and how it is used and exploited.	
History	The Gunpowder Plot and the English Civil War		Oliver Cromwell and Changes to Society (1660 to 1789)	
Maths	Interpreting Information Number Properties Venn Diagrams and Set Notation Construction		Decimals Rounding and Estimating Pythagoras Theorem Straight Line Graphs	
Music	Major Mood Composition		Ensemble Performance (Pop Music)	
PE	Boys – Hockey and Badminton Girls – Health Related Fitness and Dance		Boys – Handball and Health Related Fitness Girls – Badminton and Cricket	
PSHE	Relationships and our lives online			
RE	Focus on the Hindu Dharma			
Science	Breathing and Respiration (Biology) The Periodic Table (Chemistry) Metals (Chemistry)		Rocks (Chemistry) Unicellular Organisms (Biology)	
Spanish (Duals)	Mi tiempo Libre		Mi colegio	
Tutorial	Northamptonshire County Schools Challenge			
Wider-Curricular	Year 8 International Morning (05.02.26)		Book Week / Careers Week Year 8 Communion (27.02.26) Year 8 Spring House Games (16.03.26)	
Other	HPV Vaccinations (03.02.26)		Progress Review (18.03.26)	

Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Beatrice Cooper (9E) for achieving a merit in her grade 4 ABRSM singing exam.

Congratulations also to Joel Wiffen (12N1) for achieving a distinction in his Grade 8 Trinity Rock and Pop Guitar exam.

Peri Music Lessons

We currently have availability for Viola/Violin lessons on a Friday with Mr Spinner. If you are interested or would like more information please email peri@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Armstrong



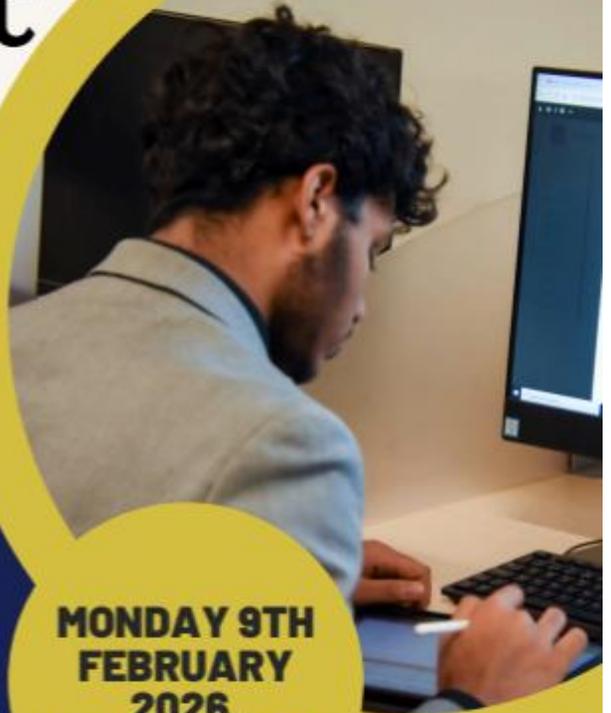


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Sixth Form
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Step Into Employment

Are you a local employer offering apprenticeships or school leaver programmes?

We would love to welcome you to come and share details of these upcoming opportunities to over 375 Sixth Form students at our Employment Fair on **Monday 9th February 2026, from 12:30pm-2:45pm.**



**MONDAY 9TH
FEBRUARY
2026,
12:30-2:45PM**



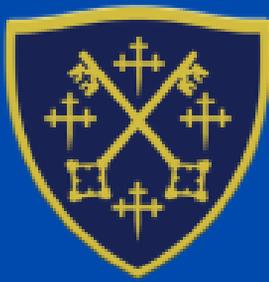
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CONTACT US

To register a place, or for more information, please contact Kirsty Whitehead (Sixth Form Lead)
kwhitehead@bishopstopford.com





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Important Dates

12 - 20 JAN

Year 13 Mocks

19 JAN

*Praying Parents
2pm*

22 JAN

*Year 9 Progress
Review and
Options Event*

30 JAN

*Year 11 Reports
issued*

3 FEB

*Year 8 HPV
Vaccinations*

4 FEB

*Year 11 Progress
Review*

9-13 FEB

*National
Apprentice Week*

12 FEB

*Year 13 Reports
issued*

13 FEB

*School Closes for
Half Term*



Recruitment

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

Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

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

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

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WEEK 1

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

Synup 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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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

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

