



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 16 May 2025

NEWSLETTER



Europe Day

Events All Week

GCSE Examination Period
A Level Examination Period

Monday 19 May

Year 9 Collective Worship
DofE Bronze Practice Expedition

Tuesday 20 May

Year 10 Collective Worship
GCSE Music Ensemble Evening

Wednesday 21 May

Year 8 Collective Worship
External A Level PE Moderation

Thursday 22 May

Year 7 Collective Worship

Friday 23 May

Year 12 Collective Worship
Normandy Trip Parents' Information Evening

Next week:

Week A

Assembly Theme:

Something More?>

'Enlarged by Difference'

#BestOfBishop

A commitment to equality, diversity and inclusivity is at the heart of our school. It was exceptionally rewarding to see this highlighted in our recent Ofsted report. Inspectors were impressed by our culture where "discrimination is never tolerated" – a testament to the values we uphold.

It is vital that we prepare students to thrive in our multicultural society. We celebrate our differences while valuing our shared humanity. We want to ensure that every student feels a sense of belonging and is valued for who they are. Our EDI initiatives include cultural celebration events, ensuring students' voices are heard, and developing our curriculum so that it reflects many perspectives and histories.

The Ofsted recognition validates our approach, but this is a continuous journey. We encourage students to be ambassadors for equality beyond the school gates, challenging prejudice and championing inclusion. We could not achieve this without collaboration with families. By fostering these values, we nurture thoughtful citizens who understand the role diversity plays in strengthening our community, and that difference is to be valued, not feared.

We look forward to further celebrations as part of our approach. These will continue to nurture all students to unlock their full, absolutely unique potential.

Mrs Smith

Bringing Students to School

This week at 8.25, the fire service was delayed attending an emergency situation by 10 minutes due to traffic outside school. We also received complaints from local residents who were unable to pass vehicles obstructing the road.

To avoid this situation recurring please drop off students at Glebe Avenue.

Miss Curchin



We are a Church of England School



The Chapel family says Goodbye to our Year 13 Student Chaplains

'I am with you always'
Matthew 28:20



Year 13 Student Chaplaincy Team, we will miss you!

And who better to tell us why, than a Year 8 student speaking about Delanyo, Erin, Jacob, Molly and Stacey:

"She is loving and kind and taught me to speak up when I was down, she helped me through yr7."

"He is always laughing with you and has a big smile even when it is raining."

"I will miss the breaks and lunches when we just sat there laughing at something."

"Her Christian Union sessions were inspiring to listen to."

"In the Chapel she was reassuring when life got hard."

"I will miss her when I need someone to talk to."

"Her CU sessions were fun with dancing to the singing."

"He has taught me how to be myself."

"I went into the Chapel and they welcomed me in and I felt I had been there for ages."

"I will miss her because of her positivity."

"In the Chapel all year groups talk together and are there for one another."

Thank you year 13s!

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 award this week:

Barty Gardner (8D) took part in a 20 minute peal with the bell-ringer at St Botolph's Church as a celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May.

Isaac Fordham did amazing work in the community by litter picking his grandparent's favourite beach in Clacton.



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

Evacuation and Invacuation Processes

I wrote to all parents earlier this week about our processes for emergencies. We have two different responses dependent on the situation:

- **Evacuation.** This is where everyone leaves the buildings and gathers in a safe space. Specific members of staff sweep the building to ensure everyone has been able to evacuate safely. Registers are then taken to ensure no one is missing. This is most typically used when the fire alarm sounds.
- **Invacuation.** This is often called 'lockdown'. It refers to situations when we remain in the buildings and protective actions are taken based on instructions from our Leadership Team. Where possible, learning continues as normal until we are notified that any perceived threat has been cleared. This is used where there is an unexpected incident which is potentially serious (eg an airborne concern such as a gas cloud or an animal on site.) Invacuation would also be used if there were an external threat in the community or an unknown situation on site.

Just last week, we had a fire drill and we will hold another invacuation drill before the end of the school year. School leaders review these to consider if any improvements are required. Assemblies and tutor times are used to communicate arrangements, so that students feel confident about what to do when alarms sound.

If you have any questions, contact the school office: enquiries@bishopstopford.com.

Mrs Smith

English Scholars Badge Winners

7C Ava Thorp	9D Chloe Goodman	11D Saoirse Gibbard
7D Tilly Hudson	9W Arjan Mann	11C Eilish Martin
7G Robyn Willis	9W Rutendo Kawodza	11E Tadhg Lally
7P Reona Xavier	9E Alana Hollwey	11W Isabelle Murphy
7S Acer Prince	9S Ethan Wiles	11S Niall Saving
7W Nneka Onunkwo-Okodaso	9Y Poppy Smart	11P Jessie Newton
7Y Lillie Skipper	10E Seb Veevers	12C Ria Mowbray
8W Max Richards	10E Maya Tinney	12W Leila Abdul Salam
8D Tilda Short	10G Shanaya Lukose	13S Charlotte Gatehouse
8Y Rosa Currie	10G Rupert Fray	
8G Thomas Beeby	10Y Vanshi Patel	
	10P Charlotte Payne	
	10Y Cameron Whatmore	

Psychology Student of the Term

12W Michaela Agyeman Bediako	12D Imogen Esler	12Y Anyi Nkwenti
12D Lennard Amankwah	12P Sameen Javed	12E Pleasant Olaniyi
12W Zoe Braisher	12P Chloe Kingsley-Uju	12W Jacob Procter
12G Hannah David	12D Kitty Loak	

Mrs Martin

Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Sebastian Coe (7P) for passing Grade 2 piano.

Mrs Armstrong



Sports News

Rugby

East Midlands U17

Congratulations to Alex Dalziel and Finlay Kane who have been selected for the East Midlands U17 squad. They will play in an inter counties regional competition during May and fixtures against Leicestershire, Gloucestershire, and Warwickshire in the coming weeks.

Northampton Saints U15

Congratulations to Samuel Howes who represented Northampton Saints U15 (Northampton Centre) at the regional festival this weekend at Shelford RFC.

Congratulation to both James Rahman (10E) and Luke Rahman (8D) were presented with awards at the end of season presentation. James was U15s Most Valued Player and League 1 winners, Luke U13s players' Player Award Northampton Casuals 2024/25



Hockey

The U14 boys' and girls' hockey squads took part in the Midlands U14 State School Tournament at Nottingham Hockey Centre on Tuesday. The weather was perfect but perhaps a little too hot for hockey, especially playing on water-based pitches!

The boys entered 2 teams, whilst the girls had 1. The boys' Blue Team won 2, lost 3 and drew 1, finishing in 5th place. Although the boys' White Team did not win any games, they made massive improvements as the day progressed – and most were actually under 12, not 14! Their highlight was taking the lead in the Bishop derby Blue v White!

The girls started strong winning well, but then lost narrowly or drew more games than they won. They too finished in 5th place overall. All players were a credit to themselves and the school, with a special mention to the three goalkeepers being fully kitted up in the heat of the day.



Athletics

Matthew Olupitan competed at the Northamptonshire County Championships this weekend and won a bronze medal in the 300m with a PB of 39.23. Although finishing outside the medal places, Matthew also ran PBs in the 100m and 200m with times of 12.40 and 24.77 respectively. Congratulations.

Netball

Alexandra Howes (7S) and Izzy Hackett (7W) took part in the annual MK Netters and Dons Netball tournament on Saturday. Their Northants Storm team played brilliantly winning 6 games, 1 draw and 1 loss making them runners up of the U12 tournament. They now look ahead to their regional tournament in Derbyshire next month.

They also both played for the U13 Northamptonshire County Netball squad on Sunday securing a win against Nottinghamshire at Loughborough University.



Mr Flannigan



Year 10 Curriculum – Summer Term

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE Art	Project 2: My surroundings	Mock Exam
GCSE Computer Science	System Security	Ethical, Legal, Cultural, Environmental and Privacy issues
GCSE Drama	Component 1: Devising Component 3: The Crucible	Component 1 – Preparation for final devising exam and work on devising portfolio Component 3 – Response to Year 10 exam
GCSE English	English Literature (<u>Set Text</u>) Macbeth	
GCSE Food	Projects: Mock NEA1, Theory: Primary and secondary processing	
GCSE French	Healthy living and lifestyle. Current and future lifestyle choices.	Customs and festivals in the French/Spanish speaking world.
GCSE Geography	<u>Coastal Landscapes</u> Students will explore coastal processes and landscapes as well as the effectiveness of hard and soft engineering methods.	<u>Resource Management</u>
GCSE Health and Social Care	Component 2 – Health and Social Care services and values	Component 2 – Pearson Set Assignment on Health and Social Care services and values.
GCSE History	<u>Elizabeth I - Queen, Government and Religion (1558-69)</u>	<u>Elizabeth I - Queen, Government and Religion (1558-69)</u> <u>The Weimar Republic: 1918-29</u>
GCSE Maths	Linear Inequalities Quadratic Equations Data Handling Real <u>life</u> Graphs Quadratic Inequalities Circle Theorems Circles and composite shapes Arcs and Sectors Growth and Decay Completing the Square Volume and surface area of Prisms	
GCSE Music	Unit 3: Listening and Appraising	
Core PE	Girls – Athletics and Rounders Boys – Tennis and Athletics.	Girls – Tennis and Softball Boys – Cricket and Softball
GCSE PE	Paper 1 Revision Sport Psychology	Sport Psychology
GCSE Product Design	<u>Theory</u> New and Emerging Technologies <u>Project</u> Completion of Mock NEA Real NEA	
PSHE	Law and British Values Careers	



We have worked with Elevate Education for several years. They offer sessions to support students as they Progress to A-Level, including time management and how to succeed in exams. Elevate also offers Parent Webinars. Please see the information below with a link to join any upcoming sessions.



Elevate Education's Summer Term

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)

6th May 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

20th May 6:00pm (BST)

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

17th June 6:00pm (BST)

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

1st July 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success

15th July 6:00pm (BST)

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of Achievement

Tuesday 16 December 2025

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Refreshments served from 5:15pm

Our annual event to celebrate success and present exam certificates is a highlight of our calendar, with over 500 attending. This year, on our 60th anniversary, we expect it to be more popular than ever. Details of how to book tickets will be sent in the autumn term.



For GCSE and A level students and their families

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Sports Centre Vacancy

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPORT?

WILL YOU BE JOINING YEAR 12 IN SEPTEMBER OR CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION AT BSS?

ARE YOU AVAILABLE ANY EVENING OR WEEKENDS?

IF SO, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A **SPORTS CENTRE ASSISTANT POSITION** - AVAILABLE FROM THIS SEPTEMBER?

Please see Mr Smith, Sports Centre Manager, for more information or collect an application pack from Reception or the Heads of Year office.

Alternatively contact Mrs Kilborn at kkilborn@bishopstopford.com

Closing date for applications: Thursday 12th June 2025

Interviews: Friday 20th June 2025



Recruitment

We currently have the following exciting opportunities for outstanding and ambitious individuals:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
HLTA (Resource Provision)
Apprentice Careers Advisor

The successful candidates 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: 07/04/25, 28/04/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS	
MONDAY Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	MONDAY Vegan Sausage Casserole with Gravy (VE)	TUESDAY Chicken Arrabiata Pasta Bake with House Salad	TUESDAY No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)
WEDNESDAY Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Cheddar, Squash and Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Garden Salad (V)	THURSDAY Kung Pao Chicken, Served with Egg Fried Rice	THURSDAY Eggplant Katsu (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Sundried Tomato & Cheddar Turnovers (V)		

DESSERTS				
MONDAY Dutch Apple Cake	TUESDAY Warm Blueberry Soufflé	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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chili Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato or Peppercorn Pizza	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Margherita Pizza

