



Events all week

Year 10 Mock Exams

Monday 20th April

Year 11 Collective Worship
Praying Parents 2pm

Tuesday 21st April

Year 10 Collective Worship
Year 11 History Lecture
Year 12 Lincoln College Visit

Wednesday 22nd April

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

Thursday 23rd April

Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 10 – 13 Drama Trip

Friday 24th April

Year 12 & 13 Collective Worship

Next week:

Week A

Assembly Theme:
Journeying

Continuing the Success

#BestOfBishop

While each term is, of course, a new beginning, it is also a continuation from previous ones. This means there is a continuum of success on which to build.

We were delighted last term with our SIAMS inspection: we have now learnt that the quality of provision here means that we have been awarded a Church Schools Excellence Award. We are looking forward to a special service later this term, when we will be presented with the award. Last year, we were planning our 60th anniversary service: how wonderful that a year later, we have been awarded for excellence in relation to our faith ethos!

While many of us were enjoying a break in the Easter holiday, Mr Holvey took two students to King's College Cambridge to compete in a national Physics competition, where they came second in a highly competitive field (see page 4). Just a year ago, the same happened in Biology!

So as we 'start anew', we do so invigorated by continuity too. The term is a busy one, with GCSE exams already underway and A Level ones on the very close horizon. We will continue to work alongside each student, whether they are coming to the end of their first or final year with us, ensuring that they are well supported and taught highly effectively, as is our custom and practice.

Miss Silverthorne



Good Morning, LORD

All are welcome

Daily in the Chapel

8:10

Starting the day together with God's Word and prayer

Chapel Life: What's on this Week

Daily	8:10am	Bible reading and Prayer
Mon 20/4/26	Lunchtime	Girls Go Bible led by Year 12 students, Angel and Matilde
Mon 20/4/26	2.00-3.00pm	Praying Parents
Tue 21/4/26	Lunchtime	Discover Faith led by Brianna and Cerella from Hope Church
Wed 22/4/26	Lunchtime	Gardening Gang with Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Harris
Thu 23/4/26	Lunchtime	Counter Culture Club led by Year 12 student, Joel
Fri 24/4/26	Lunchtime	Christian Union led by 6th form Student Chaplains

Collective Worship considers *Journeying* - a theme chosen by 7C - who will be leading Year 7 Collective Worship on Thursday. Mrs Smith will continue this theme across all other year groups.

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 amazing students:

Esther Johnson (7Y), Emily Chadwick (7C), Jack Chadwick (7Y) and Sophia Lorentzen (9E) who all completed the Luke@Lent Readathon linked to the National Year of Reading. This means they read the whole Gospel of Luke from 18th February to 4th April.

Sam McNab (13W) who stood up and shared in front of several hundred people why his faith is important to him as part of the Churches Together Good Friday service in Kettering.

Kel Ebigbo (13P) and Rodney Badger (13Y) who helped a local driver when she was hit by another car which then drove off. She rang the School and expressed how kind they were and how well they represented our School.

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 – Parties and alcohol

A common challenge facing parents of students in secondary school is navigating the increasing desire for independence, including parties where alcohol may be present.

Every family will work through this in their own way, often setting family boundaries or rules around these events. Drink Aware shares some helpful suggestions about ways to approach this with teenagers, allowing them space to share their views while also understanding and accepting the boundaries imposed. They suggest:

- Making clear that decisions are made with their health and wellbeing in mind;
- Giving information and facts, and sharing concerns honestly;
- Setting clear boundaries, as a vital part of their healthy development;
- Having on-going conversations about alcohol and adjusting boundaries, where appropriate, for age and stage appropriacy.

There are some helpful resources for parents online which can be found here:

Drink Aware: [Teenage drinking | Drinkaware](#)

The Talkabout Trust: [Parties | Talk About Trust](#)

NSPCC: [Underage drinking | NSPCC](#)

If you are worried about your child's relationship with alcohol, or if they have been affected by alcoholism within the family, there is free guidance available.

The National Association for Children of Alcoholics has a useful website (nacoa.orhg.uk) and a free helpline: 0800 358 3456.

Teen Challenge UK and NGAGE (through Aquarius) are two services that offer specific addiction support for young people:

[Welcome to Teen Challenge UK - Teen Challenge UK](#)

[NGAGE – Northamptonshire Young People's Service – Aquarius Charity](#)

If you have a specific concern about your child, don't hesitate to contact their Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Music Success

Congratulations to Baker Kironde (9E) for this excellent achievement after only 8 trombone lessons.

Mrs Armstrong

Sports Congratulations

Congratulations to both James Rahman & Samuel Howes who have been retained into next season's Saints U17 Academy. This is on the back of both having successful seasons with the U16s. Now both look forward to the Spring/Summer training schedule with numerous fixtures against other Premiership Academy Squads lined up.

Congratulations also to Alexandra Howes on her netball success. She was awarded 'player of the tournament' for Northants County U13 at an East Midlands County tournament and has been selected to represent both County netball and County hockey squads for upcoming tournament.



Mr Flannigan

“What lights up your Love of Physics?”

Over the Easter holidays two Year 12 students, Matthew Hopkins and Sophie Taylor came joint second in the Physics Partners ‘What Lights Up Your Love of Physics?’ national competition. Matthew and Sophie had been shortlisted as one of the top ten entries out of nearly 100 schools. This meant that Matthew and Sophie were invited to an overnight trip to King’s College Cambridge.

The competition involved Matthew and Sophie presenting their video in front of all the teams and then being questioned by the judging panel. This included the Director of Studies for Natural Sciences for King’s and Sir Richard Friend, one of the most eminent physicists in the world. In an incredibly competitive field, their achievement of joint second place is phenomenal. They will each receive Amazon vouchers, and the school will receive a ripple tank and money towards the purchase of new physics equipment due to their success.

The event included a tour of the Cavendish Physics Laboratory, with talks from three Cambridge fellows on their Physics Research. This showed the wide range of creativity in Physics, from looking for life on other planets to materials being used for future solar panels. It was inspiring to hear from a range of different presenters, all of whom were passionate about breaking down the barriers that some perceive in physics. We were given tours of the laboratories, which included one where a sample was made colder than anywhere else in the universe!

Finally, we attended a talk and mock interview workshop from the Admissions Tutor of King’s. This was incredibly informative, and there were many questions from students and teachers, on successful applications to highly competitive courses and universities.

Once again, massive congratulations to Matthew and Sophie for showing their unique potential and ‘Bishop at its Best’.



Mr Holvey

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
A-Level Art	External Exam – Planning and Testing	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <h2 style="color: green; margin: 0;">A-LEVEL EXAMS</h2> </div>
A-Level Biology	<p><u>Teacher A:</u> Complete M5 C18 Respiration PAG catch up and Practical revision.</p> <p><u>Teacher B:</u> Complete M6 C24 Populations PAG catch up and Biological Maths revision.</p>	
A-Level Business	Paper 3 – Research and Revision	
A-Level Chemistry	<p>Practical skills consolidation</p> <p>Revision and examination questions</p>	
A-Level Computer Science	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Economics	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level English Language and Literature	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level English Literature	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level French	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Further Maths	<p><u>Structured Revision</u></p> <p>Topic reviews based on mock QLA and frequency of topics.</p> <p>Examination paper practice</p>	
A-Level Geography	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Geology	<p>Mass extinctions</p> <p>Lagerstätten Lagerstätten deposits</p> <p>Evolution and applied palaeontology</p>	
A-Level History	<p>Native American Civil Rights (Complete Unit)</p> <p>Preparation for Exams</p>	

Year 13 Curriculum

A-Level Maths	Structured Revision Topic reviews based on mock QLA and frequency of topics. Examination paper practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <h2 style="color: green; margin: 0;">A-LEVEL EXAMS</h2> </div>
A-Level Music	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level PE	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Physics	Practical skills consolidation Revision and examination questions	
A-Level Politics	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Product Design	Preparation for Exams	
Life and Ethics	The course will have been completed by this stage	
A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics)	Religious Practices which shape Religious Identity Challenges from Science and Pluralism Preparation for Exams	
Psychology	Approaches Comparison	
A-Level Sociology	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Spanish	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Textiles	Preparation for Exams	
A-Level Theatre Studies	Preparation for Exams	

Wider-Curricular	A-Level Art Exam (29.04.26 to 01.05.26) A-Level Theatre Studies Practical Exam (07.05.26) A-Level Exam Period starts (11.05.26)	Year 13 Prom (26.06.26)
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Other	Last Day for Year 13 (08.05.26)	
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Are you interested in Sport!!

Will you be joining Year 12 in September or continuing your education at our school?

Are you available any evening or weekends?

If so would you be interested in applying for a Sports Centre Assistant position from September 2026?

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

Closing date for applications: **Friday 12th June 2026**

Interviews: **To be confirmed**

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WEEK 2
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Week Commencing: 03/11/2025 24/11/2025 15/12/2025 05/01/2026 26/01/2026
16/02/2026 09/03/2026 30/03/2026 20/04/2026

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<p>MONDAY Pork & Beef Sausage, Served with Mash with Onion Gravy</p> <p>TUESDAY Beef Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Bread & Garden Peas</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy</p> <p>THURSDAY Sweet & Sour Chicken, Served with Fried Rice</p> <p>FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce</p>	<p>MONDAY Vegan Sausage Casserole with Gravy (VE)</p> <p>TUESDAY No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Cheese, Onion & Leek Pie, Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (V)</p> <p>THURSDAY Sweet & Sour Tofu with Fried Rice (V)</p> <p>FRIDAY Jamaican Squash Pasty with Chips & Peas (V)</p>

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Pear & Ginger Crumble with Cinnamon Custard	Jam Sponge with Custard	Baked Churros	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

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
Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

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

