

Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 19th June 2026

NEWSLETTER



Events all Week
Year 12 Mocks

Monday 22nd June
Year 9 Collective Worship
Praying Parents 7pm

Tuesday 23rd June
Year 10 Collective Worship
Carnegie Award

Wednesday 24th June
Year 12 Collective Worship
Exam Contingency Day
Year 8 U13 National Handball Finals

Thursday 25th June
Year 8 Collective Worship

Friday 26th June
Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 10 Holocaust Awareness morning
Isles Of Scilly Camp 4 Return

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
**The >Something More?
of Music**

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

#BestOfBishop

Did you know that between April 2025 and March 2026, 589,237 young people were actively doing their DofE award? This means **6 million** hours of volunteering were completed in that time! In the same time period 30.9% of all 14 year olds started their Bronze award.

DofE is a lifechanging adventure for young people aged 16-24. It empowers them to build essential life and work skills and engenders personal growth, resilience and confidence.

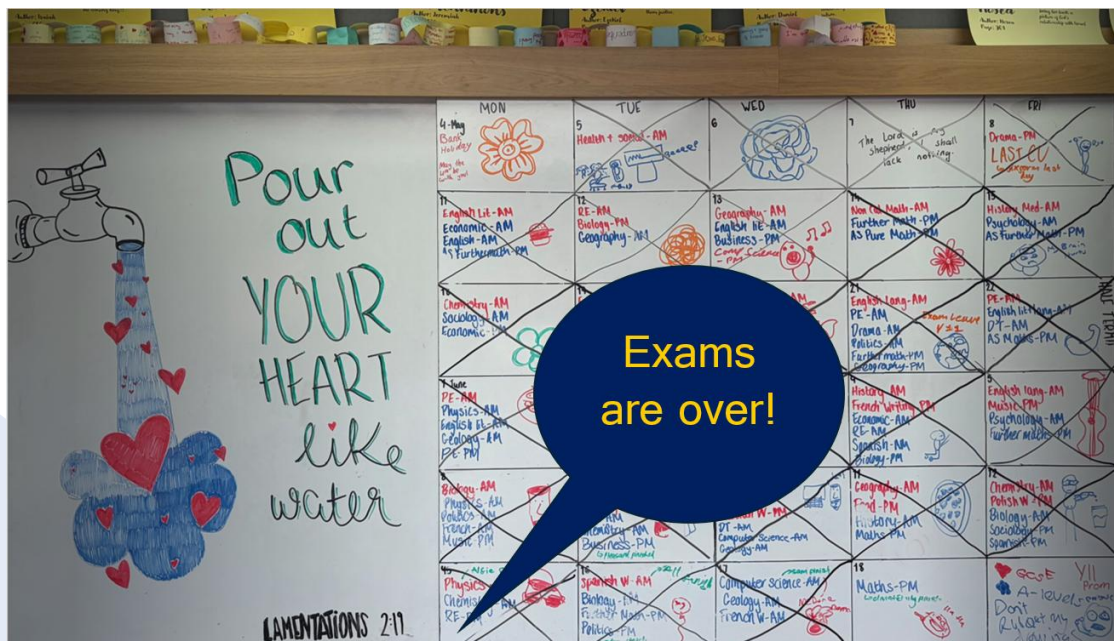
The award operates at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels and comprises different skill sections. The Volunteering section enables young people to help others and make a difference for causes they care about. In the Physical section, they improve their health and fitness whilst having fun along the way. They can develop existing skills or discover new things to learn in the skills section. Expeditions allow them to spend time in the great outdoors at the same time as creating lifelong memories. At Gold level, young people also have the opportunity to complete a 5-day residential.

At our school, we have been running the award for many years and a multitude of students have achieved the award at the different levels. Over 50 Year 9 students have just completed their Bronze qualifying expedition. This weekend, we have a group of Year 10s heading off to the Peak District to carry out their Silver qualifying expedition. That's not to mention all the other students across KS4 and KS5 who are working hard at completing various other sections.

Well done to all those students involved and keep up the good work!

Mrs Rogers-Hussey





Exams are over!

As I write, there is one more A level left to sit and then it is finished! Our Year 11 & Year 13 students have handled themselves so well during the 6 weeks 'exam season'. They all have reason to feel content as we end the week.

Each year, I ask a student to create an exam timetable on the whiteboards in the Chapel. This allows us to pray each morning for specific subjects and exams. I reflect on the Bible verse which happens to sit alongside this: Lamentations 2:19. "Pour out your heart like water *in the presence of the Lord.*"

We have a heavenly Father who hears our cries in the night and the concerns of our hearts. And I know that many students have dealt with exam worry and have poured themselves out and given their exams all that they have. I hope that each and every one (as well as parents/carers) can now rest in the truth of Lamentations 3:23 - '*Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.*'

Enjoy your extended summer!

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:

- Alicia Menzies (10W) who played her clarinet at St Peter and St Paul Church in Abington, Northampton for the congregation.
- Holly Perry (8D) who returned from the Isles of Scilly at 3.30am and then volunteered at the Tiny Tots Group at St Giles' Church, Desborough for the afternoon, as they were short of volunteers.
- Sophia Lorentzen (9E) who performed in her musical theatre show 'One Singular Sensation' last weekend at the Castle Theatre.

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 – Drowning Prevention Week

This week is Drowning Prevention Week and the Police Education group (Pol-Ed) have asked us to raise again the importance of water safety and reissue any guidance we have sent to parents about water safety.

Just before the half term break, we shared a range of resources about water safety. Tragically, every year children and young people lose their lives while playing in water.

We hope that the coming months promise more sunshine and higher temperatures, but as a result, more young people will be spending time outside and many swim in open water. It's crucial that they understand the risks and choose places approved for wild swimming.

There are some very helpful resources online which can help parents to have open conversations about the risks of playing in water:

RLNI: [RNLi Education Resources For Young People](#) and advice [RNLi Open Water Swimming Safety Advice And Tips](#)

The Fire Service annual 'Be Water Aware' campaign: [Be Water Aware - NFCC](#)

If you are concerned about your child, please don't hesitate to contact their form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

The Great British Summer Savings Scheme

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families to feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

Miss Silverthorne

The Big Future



Students are still invited to take part in a national survey, The Big Future. The Children's Commissioner is seeking to hear from young people about their priorities, concerns and hopes for the future. Do feel free to take part: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Miss Silverthorne

Maths Challenge

It has been exciting this week to see the Maths Challenge board updated with our successes. The final Maths Challenge of 2025-2026 was the Junior Kangaroo which saw 5 students from years 7 and 8 qualify from the Junior Maths Challenge in April; Noah Steel (7W), Nathaniel Fayose (8G), Alexa Brett (8P), Tom Connolly (8E) and Henry Smith (7C). Huge well done to Noah and Nathaniel who achieved a Silver Level and Henry who achieved a Bronze Level.

As the name suggests, these are extremely challenging events, so we are proud of everyone who took part and of course those who qualified for the next rounds.



Mr Lewis

The Pit Monkeys

What a pleasure to see our amazing 'The Pit Monkeys' performing on the main stage at Kettfest again on Saturday. They wowed the crowd, which filled the marketplace, for 45 mins, with a set bursting with original bangers, including their most recent release, "Left Unfinished", which is now available to stream.

It was quite marvellous to witness how their music brought people of all ages together; dancing, singing and experiencing the joy of live music. Bravo to Alex Duggelby, Oliver Haseldine, Will Betts and Freddie Fawcett. You can follow 'The Pit Monkeys' on Instagram and Facebook to keep up with local gigs and new releases.

Exciting news - new merchandise is now available - do get your official 'The Pit Monkeys' T shirts!



Mrs Armstrong



Bishop Stapford School
1997 (School) 1998 (Foundation) 1999 (Church)

Important Dates

19 JUNE Year 11 Prom	22 - 26 JUNE Year 12 Mocks	26 JUNE Year 13 Prom
29 JUNE Year 11 into 12 Induction Day	30 JUNE Year 10 Progress Review	2 JULY Celebration of the Arts Evening
6 & 7 JULY Year 6 into 7 Induction Days	7 JULY Year 6 into 7 Parents' Evening	14 - 17 JULY Super Curricular Week

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WEEK 2

Week Commencing: 20/4/26 11/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

Monday
Pork Sausage (Beef Casing) & Mashed Potatoes with Onion Gravy

Tuesday
Cajun Chicken, Tomato & Sweetcorn Wholewheat Pasta Bake with House Salad

Wednesday
Roast Breast of Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy

Thursday
Sweet & Sour Chicken with Carrot Rice

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

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

Monday
Vegan BBQ Boston Bean Sausage Casserole & Mash (VE)

Tuesday
Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Roasted Tikka Cauliflower & Steamed Rice (V)

Wednesday
Cheese & Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)

Thursday
Crunchy French Onion & Leek Macaroni Cheese with House Salad (V)

Friday
Vegan Moroccan Spiced Butternut Squash Pasty with Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Pear & Apple Orchard Crumble	Cocoa Bread & Butter Pudding	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Apple Traybake

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

**HOMEMADE SOUP 2
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Garlic and Chilli Noodles (VE)	Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Crispy Bombay Potatoes (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

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