



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 19 September 2025

NEWSLETTER



Student Chaplaincy Team

Events all Week

Year 13 Geology Fieldtrip

Monday 22 September

Year 11 Collective Worship

Tuesday 23 September

Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday 24 September

Year 12 Collective Worship

Thursday 25 September

Year 7 Collective Worship

Year 10–13 Drama Trip

Friday 26 September

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

60th Anniversary Celebration Service

Ss Peter & Paul Church 1.45pm

(Y7 and Y13 at church; all others will

watch the service in School)

Next week:

Week B

Assembly Theme:

How then shall we live?

Chaplaincy

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“Shining in the darkness, I will follow you.....my lighthouse, my lighthouse...safe to shore.” I have just sat down at my desk, and my heart is full. A group of staff and students have returned from St Peter and St Pauls’ Church, practising this song in readiness for our 60th Anniversary Celebration Service next Friday 26th.

I am filled with joy – under the table, my toes are still tapping the folksy rhythm of Rend Collective’s ‘My Lighthouse’. Voices and music and life filled the heights of the church building. The energy, the delight, the generosity of spirit of our young people is contagious. And I want to shout it from the rooftops of Kettering. I want it to overflow!

Day by day I have the privilege of being amid this vibrancy. It is hard to describe but if we were able to bottle it, we could surely make a fortune! And this is just one expression of our faith here. The Chapel offers students a space to come together as God’s church and it is wonderful to see so many of them making this a priority. Early in the morning, we read the Bible together (this term we are reading through Mark’s Gospel) and pray for our school. And each day I witness interactions and friendships being built across all the different year groups.

Chaplaincy is a privilege. Our students are ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’, each one unique and of infinite value to our Heavenly Father. Watching them come together and work together and sing together and worship together is most certainly a glimpse of ‘something more’.

60th Anniversary Church Service: Consent Form Reminder

Please submit consent forms for Year 7 and 13 students for the service next Friday. All other year groups will be watching the service in School.

Mrs Hutchinson



We are a Church of England School

Praying Parents & Carers

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

2025-2026
All welcome
In The Chapel



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Let us pray...

On Monday afternoon, whilst the school day was in full swing around us, we met to pray. So, what does a Praying Parents & Carers meeting look like? We always start with a cup of tea and a catch up! This is followed by a short Bible reading and time of reflection - and often a worship song. We then pray for the School community. How wonderful to be sat at the heart of the school - hearing the sounds of the piano and guitars from the Main Hall, the rush and multitude of voices at lesson change over, then the peace and silence of concentrated minds - and to pray 'Lord God, Your will be done in this place.'

Do consider joining us for these precious times.

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values in Action

The following students receive CVIA awards this week:

- Ruth Jones (8D) had her hair cut off in the summer for the Little Princess Trust, as a donation to making a wig for a child suffering hair loss or cancer.
- Sebastian Smith (7D) for leading the congregation in prayer at his church last week as he read the intercessions.
- Mairi Noble (7S), Thomas Pickford (9Y), and Katie Pickford (12W1) for their efforts in leading sessions during *P&P By the Sea* – a summer event which lasted 2 weeks hosting a different free activity for the community every morning and afternoon. The event welcomed over 900 visitors to Ss Peter and Paul's Church.

If you know of a student who may be eligible for a CVIA please email newsletter@bishopstopford.com

Mrs Peach

Safe Space – TikTok viewing images

We're aware that the last week has been challenging for young people as global news events have been posted on social media sites like TikTok. One trend we have noticed is a video posted showing the killing of Charlie Kirk, the American political activist who was shot while delivering a speech on a university campus in Utah. For many students, this will have been distressing to see and perhaps unexpected content in their feed.

Reassuringly for parents, it is possible to see what your child is watching, or what is suggested content for them, on TikTok. Life Wire has published some very helpful advice for parents which you can access here: <https://www.lifewire.com/see-what-tiktok-knows-about-your-kid-11766780>

The most impactful way of supporting young people to navigate their online engagement is open conversations. While we will encourage and foster this in school, both within lessons and in tutor time activities, we would value this continuing at home

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith



Key Exam Dates for 2025-2026

Please find below details of confirmed exam dates for 2025/26

November 2025

GCSE Maths and English resits - **4th - 10th November**

The school is closed for the half term holiday, but will be open to students to sit these exams.

Results issued: **8th January 2026**

Summer 2026

A Level exams: 11th May - 19th June '26

Results Day: 13th August '26

BTEC Tech Award: BHS03/01 Set Task (2hrs) – Tues 5th May am

GCSE exams: 8th May - 17th June '26

Results Day: 20th August '26

Contingency Day – Wednesday 24th June 2026

“The designation of a ‘contingency day’ within the examination timetable is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies’ standard contingency planning for examinations. Students must remain available until Wednesday 24 June 2026, should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.”

A copy of the Summer 2026 exam timetable is available to view on Edulink under the "Noticeboard" tab.

Mrs Thomson

Year 9 *Blood Brothers* Trip

Last Thursday, the Drama Department took 49 Year 9 students to see *Blood Brothers* at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham. Year 9 students studied the text during their Drama lessons in Year 8, so it was lovely for them to see a professional performance of the show. Their conduct in and around the theatre was exemplary.

Sophia Lorentzen has kindly provided the following review: “The *Blood Brothers* Theatre Trip was absolutely amazing! *Blood Brothers* revolves around twin boys (Mickey and Edward) who are separated at birth and brought up in completely different environments in the city. Mickey is brought up with seven older siblings by his struggling mother Mrs Johnstone. His twin brother, Edward, is brought up as an only child of the wealthy Lyons family. (This is because Mrs Lyons persuaded Mrs Johnstone to give up one of her twins at birth.) The show had an astonishing atmosphere from the lights, the backdrop and the overall theatre design. The characters were portrayed perfectly with a clear societal contrast between Mickey and Eddie. From the beginning line to the final gunshot, it had us intrigued the whole way through! An experience I'll never forget and I'd highly recommend to anyone who gets the chance to see it!”



Mrs Fraser

Culture Day – Save the Date !

One of the best aspects of our school is how we are enriched by the breadth of cultures amongst students, parents and staff. After the enormous success of Culture Days last year in October and in Super Curricular week, we are excited to hold another cultural celebration on **Friday 24 October**.



Students will be encouraged to wear an outfit, item of clothing or an accessory which symbolises and represents an aspect of their identity:

- their cultural heritage;
- their religious identity;
- a sports team or club they belong to or support;
- their Bishop Stopford School House colours (Norths – Yellow, Souths – Red, Easts – Blue, Wests – Green);
- a uniform of a group they belong to outside school such as guides or cadets;
- colours which represent an aspect of their identity such as a Pride flag;
- their full school uniform.

If students would like to wear something which does not appear on the list above, please speak to form tutors or to Mrs N Smith in the first instance.

We will also be running an event at lunchtime where parents or carers come into school to talk about their own culture. We will be contacting families about this very soon.

Mrs Smith

PE Congratulations

Congratulation to Evgenii Bates (8C) who ran the Northampton half marathon last Sunday. At only 12, Evgenii completed the 13.1 mile course in an amazing 2hr 20mins. Needless to say, Monday saw Evgenii shuffling around school! Great work and very impressive at such a young age.

Congratulations to Samuel Howes (11W) and James Rahman (11E) who have been selected for the Saints U16 Foundation Phase for this season. This will involve regular coaching sessions and opportunities to play for the Northampton Centre against the other Saints Foundation centres across the Eastern region.

And congratulations, too, to William Webster has been selected for the U16 Player Development Programme with Coventry Rugby for this season.

Mr Young

Second Hand Uniform

As you know we stock and sell good quality items of second-hand uniform.

We are always grateful for donations, but currently have enough stock of most items, except for black sweatshirts. Should you have any of these please drop them into the Octagon office. All items are checked, washed and resold for £3.00 each. Funds raised benefit all students. We recently donated £250 to the Stopford Student Fund.

Please visit us at Reception on Friday 10th October between **10am and 11am** when we will be open and you can browse and buy stock.

Alternatively, should you want to place an order please use the order form at: [Bishop Stopford School - School Uniform](#)

Mrs Kilborn



Year 9 Curriculum – Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2	
Art	<u>Art with a Message</u> Focus on Picasso's <i>Guernica</i> and a visual response to a news event using Symbolism.			
Computer Science	Cyber Security		Python Programming	
DT	<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
Drama	Rotation Project 1 – Too Much Punch for Judy			
English	<u>Play Study: <i>Noughts and Crosses</i></u>		<u>Literary Heritage: A Kestrel for a Knave</u>	
French (Dual Linguists)	Chez Moi		La Nourriture	
Geography	<u>Global Fashion</u> A study of the Trade roles between countries and the need for <i>Fair Trade</i> in the manufacturing of goods		<u>Topical Geography</u> An examination of a series of topical issues, ranging from censorship in China, the dark side of Tourism in Thailand and illegal migration to the USA.	
History	<u>Enquiry – What causes Conflict?</u> Specific focus on World War One		<u>Enquiry – How far did women's lives change after 1918?</u>	
Maths	Algebra Linear Equations Quadratic Equations Powers, roots and rules of Indices		Standard form conversion Rearranging formulae Fractions and Decimals	
Music	<u>Performance, Study and Context</u> Bach Toccata and Fugue, the Baroque period		<u>Listening and Performance</u> Composing with ostianati	
PE	Rugby and Basketball (Boys) Netball and Hockey (Girls)		Hockey and Parkour (Boys) Health Related Fitness and Basketball (Girls)	



Year 9 Curriculum – Autumn Term 2025 Contd...

PSHE	<u>Addiction and the Psychology of addiction</u>	<u>Staying Safe</u> Stimulant and Depressant Drugs
RE	<u>Enquiry Question 1</u> Is protesting the best action against Racism?	<u>Enquiry Question 2</u> Should we create a superintelligence?
Science	Topic 1: Genetics and Evolution (Biology) Topic 2: Forces and Motion (Physics) Topic 3: Reactivity (Chemistry)	Topic 4: Plant Growth (Biology) Topic 5: Force fields and Electromagnets (Physics)
Spanish (Core)	<u>Mi Trabajo</u>	<u>Mi Futuro</u>

Wider-Curricular	Blood Brothers Trip (11.09.25) Year 9 Communion (17.10.25) Culture Day (24.10.25)	Christmas Concert Winter House Games
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Other	School opens for Year 9 students (04.09.25) School Photographs (17.09.25) 60th Anniversary Celebration Service (26.09.25)	
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Music Extra-Curricular Timetable

All Music groups are now up and running, busy preparing for events such as the Peterborough Cathedral Schools' Service, our Carol Service and the Christmas Concert. All students are welcome to join.

	8:30	12:15-12.45	3:30-4.30
MON		<u>Set works help week B</u> <u>Mu2</u> Mrs Wilson	
TUE	<u>Senior choir Mu1</u> Mr A taylor Y9-13	<u>Ukulele Magic Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong All welcome. <u>String Orchestra week A</u> <u>Mu2</u> Mrs Wilson All string players Grade 3+	
WED	<u>Junior choir Mu1</u> Mr A taylor Y7-9 <u>Exam performance prep</u> Mr J Taylor PR		
THU	<u>Coursework help Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong Music GCSE/A level students	<u>Concert band Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong Wind, brass & percussion players players Grade 3+	<u>Brass Band Mu1</u> Mr Turnbull All brass players
FRI	<u>Worship group week A Mu1</u> Mrs Armstrong Singers, guitarists, pianists <u>Guitar Group Mu3</u> Mr Smith All guitar players welcome	<u>Bishop rocks Mu3</u> Mr Smith Anyone interested in singing or playing pop/rock music	

Mrs Armstrong





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Important Dates

16 SEPT Govilon Information Evening for Y7 Parents	17 SEPT Photographs	2 OCT Y7 Meet the Tutors Evening
6, 7 & 8 OCT Y6 into 7 Open Mornings	9 OCT Y6 into 7 Open Evening	9 OCT Y11 Reports issued
10 OCT Teacher CPD Day	14 OCT Flu Vaccinations Y7 - 11	24 OCT Y13 Reports issued

Half Term: Mon 27 October - Friday 7 November

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WEEK 1
Week Commencing: 25/08/2025 15/09/2025 06/10/2025 27/10/2025

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS	
MONDAY Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice	MONDAY Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)	TUESDAY Chicken Chow Mein	TUESDAY Hoisin Tofu Chow Mein (VE)
WEDNESDAY Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Veg(V)	THURSDAY Mexican Style Beef & Tortilla Lasagne	THURSDAY Smokey Plant Based Chilli, Served with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Friday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY BBQ Bean Burger with Chunky Chips & Peas (V)		

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sliced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla Sauce	Apple Strudel & Custard	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Cookie Dough Fruit Dumble	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



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Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

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

