



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**NEWSLETTER**



**Canterbury Cathedral**

**Monday 5 May 2025**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 6 May 2025**

Year 10 Collective Worship

**Wednesday 7 May 2025**

Year 8 Stem Day (Band 1)  
Year 10 & 11 Athletics District Championships

**Thursday 8 May 2025**

Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 8 Stem Day (Band 2)  
Europe Day Trip to Europe House

**Friday 9 May 2025**

Year 12 Collective Worship  
DofE Silver Practice Expedition  
Year 7 Reports issued  
GCSE Exam period begins

## Exam Period

*#BestOfBishop*

GCSE and A Level examinations start in earnest on Thursday 8th May. All students sitting exams and parents have received copies of timetables and the exam regulations and guidelines. The regulations are given by the JCQ which governs all public exams and have to be adhered to absolutely. It is important, therefore, that students read these important documents to ensure they all have the same, fair and equal opportunity to do their best in each examination. These also tell them what to do if they are running late or have an emergency absence.

Many exams finish after the end of the school day, so students who use school transport will need alternatives on those days. Having a calendar for the family to note these times can be really helpful in making alternative arrangements.

Students have shown real commitment to their revision, and they have been attending intervention sessions with staff as well as revising in lessons. Previous Newsletters have also explained the importance of breaks and good planning to maximise revision time. Staff at school are always available to support students with their revision.

### Vital Regulations

- Stationery must be in a clear pencil case
- Calculators must be without lids if required for an examination.
- Water must be in a clear/transparent bottle with label(s) removed
- No mobile phones, watches or electronic storage devices are allowed in the exam venue, even if they are switched off
- Should a student bring an electronic storage device to the venue, it must be handed to an invigilator on entry
- Students must be outside the venue 15 minutes before the start

And even more vitally, students should eat and drink well, have a good night's sleep and speak with someone if they have any concerns.

We wish all our students the very best in their forthcoming exams: their best is good enough.

**Mrs Thompson**



**Next week:**

**Week A**

**Assembly Theme:**

**Spirituality:>Something More**

## Chapel News

Read all about it!



Good News: Free & Everyday: Jesus Loves YOU!

Here's a lovely message students wrote on the Chapel board this week:

*God loves you sooo much He sent Jesus to live a perfect life and die on a cross to FORGIVE your sins. Now we can all have a relationship with GOD. Read more about it here: Bible*

There isn't a lot more to say! What a joy to have students writing these truths on the whiteboards in Chapel. Their faith is so affirming and vibrant. If anyone needs any encouragement on their personal faith journey, do talk to the young people and teens in your church family. I guarantee that they would love to engage with you and will be a source of delight!

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Alice England (7C) had the pleasure of attending the Easter service at Canterbury Cathedral (front page photos), just as she was studying the death of Thomas Beckett in History.

*Alice said, "The cathedral I visited on Easter weekend was a memorable trip. Canterbury Cathedral was a big, grand, impressive building, and was heaving for the Easter Sunday service! I received a blessing and got sprinkled with holy water. I enjoyed Bishop Rose's sermon and the nice smelling candles. We spent the weekend exploring Canterbury and the Cathedral, as well as attending the Easter Service. It was a great experience and I would love to go again!"*

**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 student receives CViA award this week:

Kirsty Macpherson (7E) helped with litter picking and planting at St Giles Church, Northampton.

If you know of any student who you think is eligible for a Core Values in Action award, please email [newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com)



**Mrs Peach**



## Safe Space – Water Safety

It has been a joy to enjoy in the sunshine this week. Our field is open and students are enjoying spending time together outside. As temperatures rise, swimming in open water becomes popular. Unfortunately, we do read of tragic circumstances where young people get into trouble especially in areas not established for wild swimming.

The Fire Service has issued: [Be Water Aware 2025: Staying Safe Around Water Still as Crucial as Ever - NFCC](#). The RNLI and National Water Safety Forum have produced helpful advice to keep safe near, and in, water: [RNLI Open Water Swimming Safety Advice And Tips](#) ; [Open water swimming | National Water Safety Forum](#)

Mrs Smith

## Mathswatch

It is always encouraging to see students working independently to develop their Maths skills. There are a number of platforms for our students to access. Mathswatch is an easy to navigate, straight forward platform which we use. It gives the opportunity to work through questions and get support via help videos.

Usage is recorded. Miles De Barros in Year 7 has totalled a massive **1302 minutes** using Mathswatch – that is almost 22 hours! Well done Miles!

Mr. Lewis

## Thank you from Books4Home

The President of Kettering Rotary Club has expressed his thanks for the books collected for Books4Home appeal.

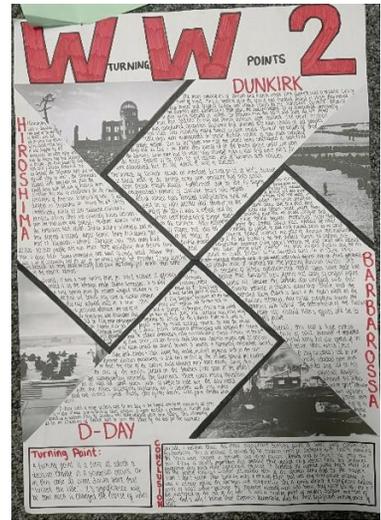


# World War Two 'Turning Points':

## History Poster Competition

During last half term, we challenged Year 9 historians to create a poster answering the question, 'What was the most important turning point of World War Two?'. This was an inter-house competition. We spent several weeks investigating significant events including the Dunkirk evacuation, the Blitz, Operation Barbarossa, Pearl Harbour, D-Day, and the use of atomic bombs in Japan. Students chose three of these events, as well as any they had researched, to assess the most significant turning point.

We were blown away by the quality of work produced: judging was highly contentious! We agreed the winner on the basis of quality of research and evaluation, as well as attention to presentation, and would like to congratulate Alana Hollwey for her superb work!



We also awarded prizes to each of the following in the Celebration Assembly before Easter:

Norths (York & Durham): Chloe Goodman, Josh Proctor and Oliver Baker

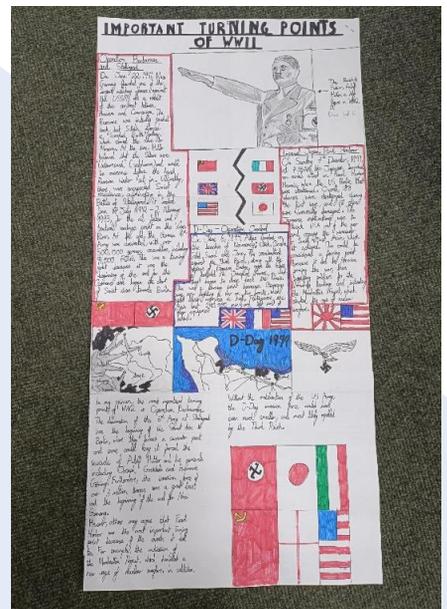
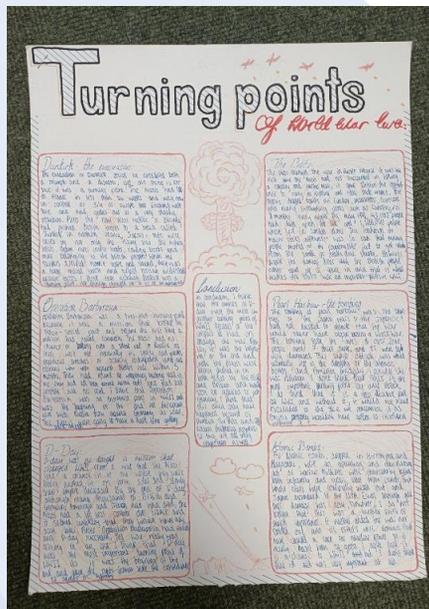
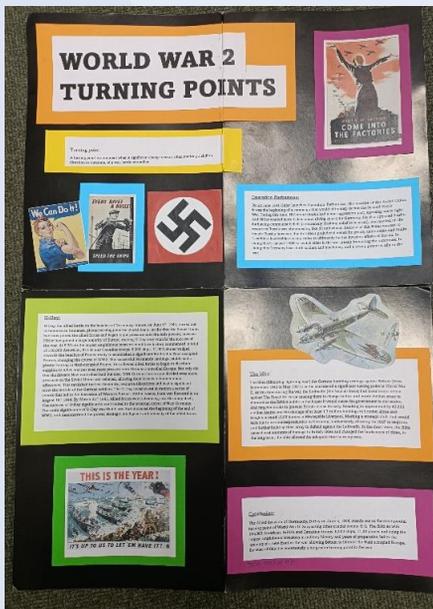
Souths (Canterbury & Winchester): Alfie Westley, Darius Ionel and Olivia May

Easts (Ely & Peterborough): Alana Hollwey, Alexandra Mitchell and Jai Singh

Wests (Gloucester & Salisbury): Amelia Persaud, Elliana Kusogbo and Isla Gray

Overall House winners: Chloe Goodman, Alfie Westley, Alana Hollwey, Amelia Persaud

We recognise the exceptional hard work put in by our Year 9 historians – well done!!



Mrs Hainsworth and the History Department

## Economics Students of the Spring Term

Elisa Mayes, Tom Rochester, George Gray, Olivia Weineck

Mrs Lilley



## Northampton Saints U18

Huge congratulation to Will Howes who has recently been reselected on the talent pathway at Northampton Saints after featuring for the U17 squad this season. Next season he will be involved in the U18 academy and is relishing the challenge to be competing in the Premiership Academy U18 League, where Saints are current champions! So, watch this space...

Will: *"I have had a review tonight regarding my progression with the Academy at Saints. I have been selected to continue in the programme through to U18s Academy! I had some extremely good feedback from my coach and can't wait to start again in the summer. I just need to get my shoulder sorted and go back firing for the Academy in August!"*



## Year 7 Rugby

Well done to the Year 7 squad who competed at the County Schools Finals at Northampton Saints last week. They qualified due to finishing runners up in the District Tournament. Invaluable experience was gained which we look forward to building upon next season.

## Kettering Hockey Club

Recently KHC held it's end of seasons awards. Many of our students attended and were recognised in their achievements both in the senior men's and women's sections. Well done to all the students below and to all the other students who have played this year. The partnership between the school and club goes from strength to strength.

Congratulations to:

- Emerging U15 Young Player- Aman Singh (10G)
- Men's 4th Team Player of Year - Jack York (9C)
- Ladies' 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Most improved Player - Georgia Thompson (10Y)
- Ladies' 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Player of Year - Evie Thubron (10Y)
- Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Most Improved Player - Kethan Singodia (10C)
- Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Most Improved Player- Jared Brooks (11W)
- Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Most Improved Player- Haydn Young (11G)
- U18 Boy of the Year - Ellis Grant (11E)
- Goalkeeper of the Year - Nate Stilwell (10D)

**Mr Flannigan**

## Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Rose Clark (12Y) for achieving an amazing 94/100 for her piano diploma.

**Mrs Armstrong**

# Year 8 Curriculum – Summer Term

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<b>Art</b>	<b>Masks</b> Complete work on this. <b>Composite Faces</b> Creative Portrait design.	<b>Painting</b> Watercolour response to compositional design
<b>Computer Science</b>	Introduction to image manipulation	Developing for the Web
<b>DT</b>	<b>Food (Unit 1)</b> Staple Foods Environmental Issues	<b>Food (Unit 2)</b> Healthy Eating Modifying Recipes
		<b>Textiles</b> Developing sewing machine skills Constructing a pattern
		<b>Product Design</b> Shaping metals Heating forming plastics. Target markets
<b>Drama</b>	Rotation Project 2 – Blood Brothers	Rotation Project 2 – Blood Brothers
<b>English</b>	<b>The Writer's Studio (Dystopian writing and Ballads)</b>	<b>Literary non-fiction: Exploring other worlds</b>
<b>Foundation Learning</b>	Applying, across the subjects studied in school, what we know about our learning habits	
<b>French</b>	"Ou habites tu?"	
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Physical Geography: Coasts</b> A topic focussing on the coasts systems. Erosion, transportation and deposition is covered alongside hard and soft engineering, Different case studies are included throughout.	
<b>History</b>	<b>The Transatlantic Slave Trade and British Empire</b>	<b>The Industrial Revolution</b>
<b>Maths</b>	Drawing cubic, reciprocal and exponential graphs Sequences Area	Scatter Graphs Prisms Volume and Surface Area of Cuboids and Compound Measures: Density Preparing for GCSE Performance
<b>Music</b>	<b>Structure</b> Ground Bass arrangement. Performance Challenge and Review of Key words from the year	
<b>PE</b>	Athletics and Rounders (Girls) Tennis and Athletics (Boys)	Tennis and Softball (Girls) Cricket and Softball (Boys)
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Staying Safe</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>
<b>RE</b>	Sikhism – Can equality make a difference?	Christianity – How do we know what is right and what is wrong?
<b>Science</b>	Topic 11: Fluids (Physics)	Topic 12: Heat Transfers (Physics) Topic 13: Making Materials (Year 9 Chemistry Topic)
<b>Spanish</b>	"La <u>Tecnologia</u> "	"Fiestas en el <u>undo hispanico</u> "
<b>Wider-Curricular</b>	<b>Junior Maths Challenge (01.05.25)</b> <b>Year 8 STEM Day – Band 1 (07.05.25)</b> <b>Year 8 STEM Day – Band 2 (08.05.25)</b>	<b>Scilly Isles Visits (June 2025)</b> <b>Super Curricular Week / School Walk</b> <b>Sports Day (22.07.25)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>HPV Vaccinations (15.05.25)</b> <b>Scilly Isles – Parental Information Evening (15.05.25)</b>	<b>Year 8 Report Issued (06.06.25)</b> <b>Celebration Assemblies (24.07.25)</b>



# 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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# Important Dates

**22 APR-  
1 MAY**

*Yr 10 Mocks*

**23 APR-  
2 MAY**

*Yr 11 MFL Speaking Assessments*

**8 MAY**

*GCSE Exam Period Begins*

**9 MAY**

*Yr 7 Reports Issued*

**12 MAY**

*A Level Exam Period Begins*

**12 MAY**

*Praying Parents 2pm - 3pm*

**13 MAY**

*Yr 7 Progress Review*

**20 MAY**

*GCSE Music Ensemble Evening*

**23 MAY**

*School closes for Half Term*



# Recruitment

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

- Teacher of RE
- Teacher of History
- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
- 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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# Cucina

**WEEK 3** Cucina

Week Commencing: 14/04/25, 05/05/25, 26/05/25, 16/06/25, 07/07/25

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY	
CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<b>MONDAY</b> Creamy Tuscan Chicken with Smoked Paprika Wedges <b>TUESDAY</b> Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta & House Salad <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy <b>THURSDAY</b> Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice <b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce	<b>MONDAY</b> Baked Courgette & Tomato Gratin with Smoked Paprika Wedges (V) <b>TUESDAY</b> Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta and House Salad (V) <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Vegan Sausage Turnover, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy (VE) <b>THURSDAY</b> Chana Masala Served with Pilau Rice (V) <b>FRIDAY</b> Vegan Quorn & Ranch Burger Served with Chips & Peas (VE)

**STREET VIBES** **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 (V)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Garlic & Chili Noodles (VE)

**TRATTORIA**

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

DESSERTS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Gravy Apple Dumpling & Custard	Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard	Baked Cheesecake with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit, Jelly & Vegetarian Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

<b>HOMEMADE SOUP &amp; FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily</b>	<b>JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily</b>
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