



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 21 March 2025

NEWSLETTER



## Bishop Stopford School Represents the UK

#BestOfBishop

### Monday 24 March

Year 11 Collective Worship  
Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip

### Tuesday 25 March

Year 10 Collective Worship  
Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip  
Guys and Dolls Celebration

### Wednesday 26 March

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship  
Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip  
Year 11 English Lecture

### Thursday 27 March

Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 10 History Trip  
A Level Music Recital Recordings

### Friday 28 March

Year 7 Eucharist  
Year 10 History Trip  
Year 12 Collective Worship  
U14 Hockey State School Finals

Next week:  
Week A

Assembly Theme:  
Easter

As you may know from a previous Newsletter, Esther Hobbs was selected to represent the UK at the 'Your Europe, Your Say' (YEYS) conference in Brussels. Each country was represented by only one school, and Esther was selected because of her impressive application and engagement in politics. (She is currently the National Under-18s Officer for the Green Party.)

The conference was a European flagship youth engagement event. National student reps worked firstly on effective communication in a multi-lingual setting so that they could advocate for the issues they identified as affecting young people in their countries.

There was also a day of collaboration and workshops, with recommendations agreed between the representatives to present to the European Economic and Social Committee President, Oliver Röpkke. He will now take these to the European Commission on behalf of the young people of Europe.

Esther was accompanied by Miss Graziano and they had an amazing experience,

Esther said, *'The YEYS conference was a truly eye-opening and empowering experience, which has left me inspired to continue driving positive change on a local, national and international level, and hopefully encourage others to do the same! It was amazing to learn so much about the vast array of European culture from the other delegates, as well as hearing the myriad of languages everyone spoke - a very humbling experience.'*

Teachers had a parallel stream to students. Miss Graziano, said, *'It was an amazing privilege to accompany Esther. I was beaming with pride at her contributions and the incredible, widespread connections she has made with other delegates, and important leaders in different European organisations, NGOs and Civil Society Groups.'*

*'Personally, I am coming back filled with ideas of how Bishop Stopford School can be even more involved and make the most out of the opportunities there are.'*

Thanks to Esther for representing not only our school, but the whole of the UK – an incredibly impressive first for us!

Miss Silverthorne



## Year 7s go on a journey through Easter

A Bible reading each day from each of the 4 Gospels take us from Palm Sunday through to the Resurrection and the Ascension in Acts



***"I thought you might like to see 7P's Easter colouring display! They loved it"***

It was a joyful moment when this email pinged into my Inbox. Each of our Year 7 forms received a set of 18 postcards, charting the Easter story along with a New Testament. To know that they have engaged with this activity positively and are reading some of the linked Scriptures each day is wonderful!

In the Chapel, we too are reading these same Scriptures aloud at 8am every morning, travelling the Easter road together. This morning, we read Matthew 27:24 – 'When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"'

What a big verse! We had a great conversation about whether Pilate was innocent or guilty and how we felt about him. That is what is so good about the Bible: 'the word of God is alive and active' – so let's get talking about it!

**Mrs Hutchinson**

## Core Values in Action

The following students receive CViA awards this week:

Alice England (7C) helped at a fundraising event doing glitter tattoos and face paints. The event in Burton Latimer raised £7,500 for MacMillan Cancer Support and Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Daisy Stirzaker (7C) hosted a fabulous bake sale and raised £454 for the Never Alone Project. This is a small Wellingborough based bereavement charity supporting children and families across Northamptonshire.

Ollie Povey (7G) for reading at All Saints Church, Kettering for the service with Bishop Debbie.

Harriet Bond (11Y) was one of over 40 volunteers who helped Kettering Nature Group plant over 500 trees to form a new hedge at Wicksteed Park. This forms a new wildlife corridor, planted in memory of John and Brenda Ward.

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 - Attendance

There has been much written in the news about attendance since the pandemic. Changing work patterns, the cost of living and the complexities of navigating family time are all impacting children's attendance at school.

We're very grateful for the support that you give to ensure your children attend and for reinforcing the importance of good attendance. Research shows just how critical it is: exam results are higher for groups with higher attendance, as are reported levels of safety, belonging and happiness. Stronger peer relationships also lead to a positive impact on wellbeing and regular routines can lead to better physical health.

We're very proud that our average school attendance figures stand at over 95%, significantly above the national average of 91.8%. Behind these figures, however, are individuals and we recognise that complexities outside school can impact on attendance. Heads of Year and our SEND department work closely with families to offer support to ensure every child can attend well.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact their form tutor or Head of Year.

**Mrs Smith**

## Rotary Books4Home Donation

Thank you for collating and encouraging the donations for this worthy cause. We are a school that reads – and like to share that with others! 1 in 14 children in the UK do not own a book, so we asked for donations from our Year 7 students for the "Read for Good" charity.

The boxes below show the amazing collection we made, and the Rotary Club picking them up. Peter Whitehead, President of Kettering Rotary Club, said *"A very big thank you to everyone involved, please be rest assured that these books will go to children who do not have their own books to read."*

**Mrs Glue**



## Hockey Success

On 9<sup>th</sup> March, Rachel Hicks (11G) represented Northamptonshire u17s at the Midlands end of season hockey tournament.

Northamptonshire played 6 other counties and ended the tournament undefeated with 3 wins and 3 draws. They were overall winners and took the trophy for the second year in a row.

Rachel played in all the matches scoring once and setting up a critical assist in the final minute of the first match to kick the tournament off with a much needed draw. It's Rachel's 3rd full season playing hockey and the first time she has put herself forward for County trials. We wish Rachel the best of luck as she continues with the u17s squad for next season.



**Ms Patrick**

# Library News

## Book Week

Books and reading really are magical; Book Week gave our students and staff a chance to unlock their unique potential. Be that by making a costume or collaborating on a display, the love of books and reading really did shine. Plans are already afoot to make 2026 better than ever. Student voice is crucial, so a questionnaire will be sent to students to find out “what went well” and “even better if”, for next time!

## Competition and quiz winners

Well done to Booky Bonanza quiz winners Isaac and Alexa, who beat over twenty teams to score maximum points, and to Logan, Jerome Joachim and Alvin for also scoring maximum points on the ‘Batman or The Bard?’ quiz. Sophia’s 50 Word Review of “One dog and His Boy” by Eva Ibbotson won the review competition, with Florrie and Rebecca runners up, well done all.

*“Hal, a lonely boy who resides in a grandiose home with his shopaholic mother and workaholic father. All he ever yearned for was a dog. His parents give in, but only for a weekend. When the dog leaves, Hal does everything in his power to reunite with Fleck. Adventure ensues.”*

‘Design a Display’ entries from Ruth and Ikamnoor also earned them a prize, with plans to combine their wonderful ideas into a library display for all to enjoy.

All winners and runners up won an Easter egg and they also have Book Tokens to spend as part of their prizes.

Book Week could be conveyed in numbers; well over 200 books issued, more than 50 books shared by staff as recommended reads, 180+ students participating in quizzes and competitions and about 50 staff dressed up as a multitude of literary characters on World Book Day. But it is probably better expressed as a feeling – the joy of sharing books and what they mean to us, strengthening and forging relationships by recommending books to others, community coming together in the library to be part of a team where knowledge of books and literature shines, creative writing is put to very good use, expressing in art form the love of books and reading.



Miss Wood

## Music Success

Congratulations to Benjamin Hodges (8S), winner of the Rotary Intermediate Musician of the Year! A fabulous achievement, well done Benjamin!

Well done also to James Phan (8C) for passing his grade 3 music performance in Classical Guitar.



Mrs Armstrong

## Alumni Corner



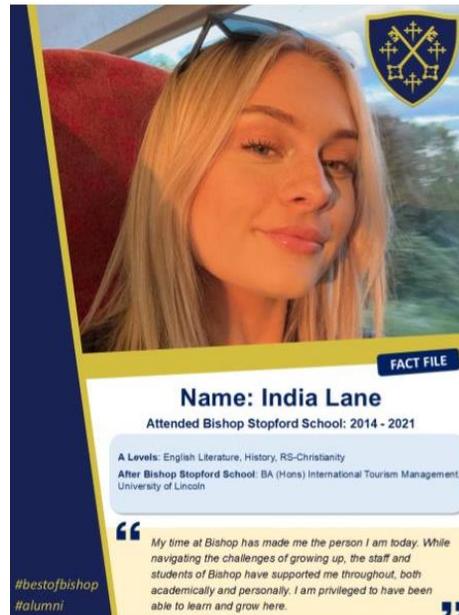
**BISHOP ALUMNI**

**CELEBRATE 60 WITH US**

**SIGN UP TODAY**

- We're excited to stay connected with our amazing former students and invite you to join our official alumni network as we celebrate our 60th Year!
- As a proud alumna/alumnus, you're part of a global network of talented individuals.
- Connect with like-minded professionals, explore new opportunities, and make a lasting impact by helping our current students.

**FOLLOW THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION TO SIGN UP**



**Name: India Lane**

Attended Bishop Stopford School: 2014 - 2021

A Levels: English Literature, History, RS-Christianity  
After Bishop Stopford School: BA (Hons) International Tourism Management, University of Lincoln

**“** My time at Bishop has made me the person I am today. While navigating the challenges of growing up, the staff and students of Bishop have supported me throughout, both academically and personally. I am privileged to have been able to learn and grow here. **”**

#bestofbishop  
#alumni

Our Alumni network continues to grow. Many former students have volunteered to provide 'pen portraits' like the one above from India. These will be displayed around the school to inspire our current students.

We continue to receive some lovely feedback from our alumni, including *“Bishop helped me to be a well-rounded, curious and empathetic individual with a strong work ethic and solid values by which I continue to live my life.”* and *“Bishop is a great school and has been for a long time - your time there will be over before you know it so make the most of every opportunity.”*

Inspired? Reconnect with Bishop Stopford and fellow alumni by filling out this short form: [Alumni Application Form](#) or scan the QR code

#BSSAlumni #StayConnected #GlobalNetwork #60YearsOfBSS

Mr Harwood



## Mouthful of Advice Podcast

*Mouthful of Advice* is a podcast made by two of our students, Michaela and Maya in Year 12. They aim to guide those who are in similar positions through reflections on their own experiences. The podcasts are already gaining a following from those who aim to work in healthcare, with topics like work experience, subject choices, revision and choosing a course! New episodes are released every Tuesday. Search "Mouthful of Advice" on Spotify.



Miss Whitehead



**Did you know** that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?



- **Earache** (children aged 1-17)
- **Sore throat** (over 5s)
- **Infected insect bites** (over 1s)
- **Impetigo** (over 1s)

 **Think 'Pharmacy First'**

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



For more information, speak with your local community pharmacy.

To find your nearest pharmacy, see: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>

Or scan the QR code:



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

Teacher of Science  
IT Apprentice Technician

The successful candidates will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will contribute to unlocking students' unique potential in Science.

We hope you are excited by the opportunity to work with us. We look forward to hearing from you.



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**TRAIN WITH US**

## ARE YOU INSPIRED TO TEACH SCIENCE?

At Bishop Stopford we love nurturing new talent and encouraging new staff into the teaching profession.

We would be thrilled to chat with you if you are interested in finding out some further information.

**FULL TRAINING PROVIDED**

Find out more  
Contact Damien Keane:  
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WEEK 3

**WEEK COMMENCING** V - Vegetarian  
VE - Vegan  
20/01/2025 10/02/2025 03/03/2025 24/03/2025

## CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<p><b>MONDAY</b> Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta &amp; House Salad</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Creamy Garlic Chicken &amp; Mushroom Pasta with Garden Salad</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; House Gravy</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Chicken Makhani Curry with Pilau Rice</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake &amp; Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta &amp; House Salad (VE)</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Smokey Bean &amp; Vegetable Pasta Bake (VE)</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Leek &amp; Spinach Wellington, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables &amp; House Gravy (V)</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean &amp; Noodle Stir Fry (VE)</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> 1/4lb Quorn Burger with Ranch Slaw, Chips &amp; Peas (V)</p>

### DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Banana Pudding and Custard	Warm Blueberry Sponge	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce	Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce	Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY

**HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD**  
Available Daily

**JACKET POTATOES**  
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Loaded Mediterranean Street Cart Wedges	Chicken Yakitori with Vegetable Rice	Korean Fried Crispy Chicken	Chinese Style Vegan Noodle (VE)	

## 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 & Chilli Noodles (VE)

## TRATTORIA



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

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.

