Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 23rd October 2026

NEWSLETTER



Events all week w/c 9 November
Year 7: Govilon Trip 3

Monday 9th
School re-opens
Year 11 Collective Worship
Rugby U13 v Wellingborough

Tuesday 10th
Year 10 Collective Worship
Post 16 Options Evening
Year 13 Progress Review

Wednesday 11th
Sixth Form Collective Worship
Remembrance Service

Thursday 12th
Year 7 Collective Worship
Rugby U16 v Wellingborough

Friday 13th
Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship
Year 9 Communion
Year 12 & 13 London Gallery Visit
Children in Need Non-uniform Day

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
More About Me

New Headteacher

#BestOfBishop

As we come to the end of the half term, the trustees of Bishop Stopford School are delighted to announce that Mr Keane has been appointed to succeed Miss Silverthorne as Headteacher.

Mr Keane will take up the reins in January, but will use the remainder of this term to work with Miss Silverthorne so that there is a seamless hand-over when she retires in December.

This really is a significant moment in our school, and we wish both Miss Silverthorne and Mr Keane all the very best at this time.

Mrs Holden
Chair of Trustees

Half Term One

It has been a pleasure to see our Year 7 students and new Year 12 students settling in well to school and our routines. As we finish today on Culture Day, we are enjoying wonderful expressions of identity in clothing, food and cultural activities – the sense of community and belonging is palpable.

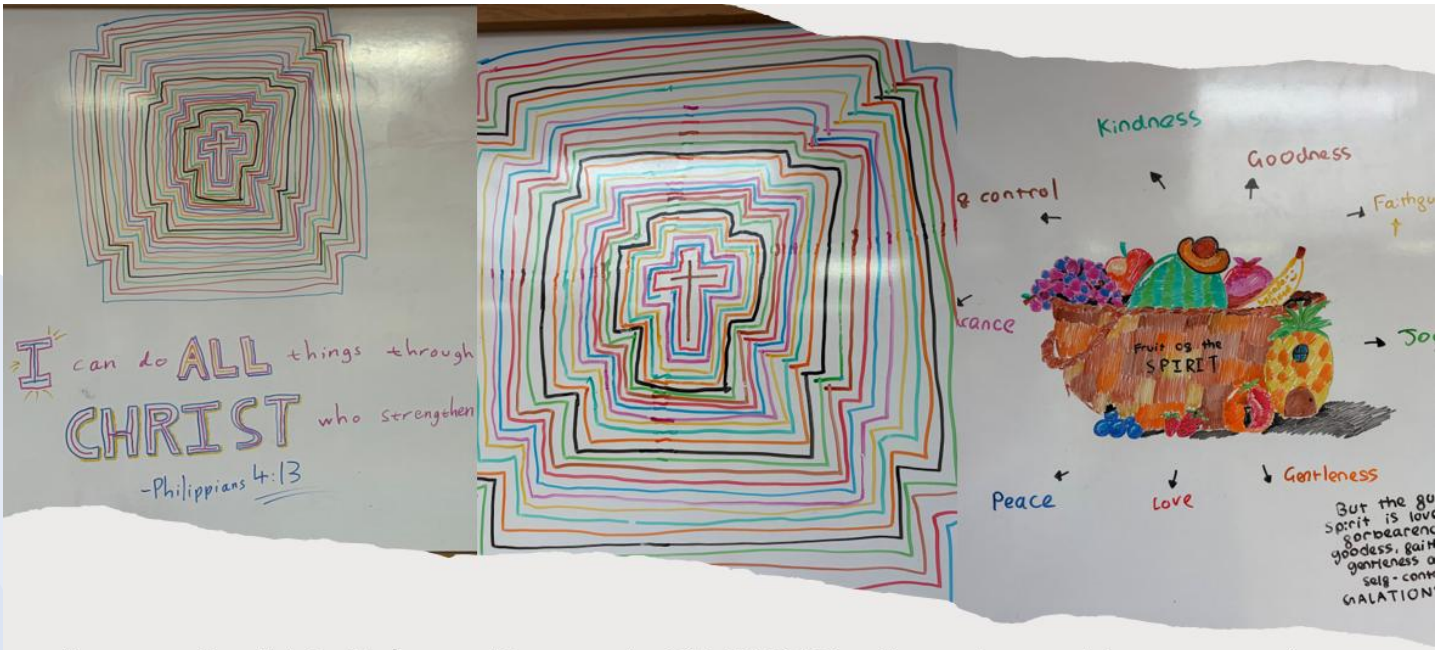
Our Sports Tour has headed off to Spain, Politics students go to Brussels on Monday and our second Govilon trip will return home today.

These are just a few of the incredible activities which our staff are so kindly leading to enable our students to unlock their unique potential.

We trust everyone will have a safe and enjoyable half term – whether away or at home – and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 9 November.

Miss Silverthorne

We are a Church of England School



‘I can do ALL things through CHRIST who strengthens me’

Philippians Chapter 4:13

Sometimes we just need to hear God speaking - and sometimes He says just the thing we need to hear! As we draw to the end of our first half term, it is good to remember the hand of God in our lives: the hand which carries and lifts us, takes hold of us and gives us strength.

What do we need strength for? To model godly character and display the Fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control: Galatians 5:22), which can be so very hard when we are tired and ready for a break.

Our Chapel whiteboards allow for creative expressions of faith and the Bible verses written on them by students offer true sustenance - and strength!

Wishing everyone a wonderful rest over half term.

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values in Action Awards

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 students receive awards this week for representing our school impressively on two Headteacher Recruitment Panels, and showing kindness and generosity to the candidates and trustees through the unexpected lockdown:
Nate Stilwell, Beatrice Cooper, Miya Philip, Emily Chadwick, William Howard, Noah McNab, Arjan Modi, Lola Marshall, Nella Adu, Sienna Sedani, Hugo Funy Soares Da Gama, Sophie Howard, Dhruv Bakrania and Amrita Johal.

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

Keeping Safe During The Holidays

This week, we look forward to the half-term break. Many of our young people will enjoy more free time, especially when parents continue to work. While technology offers fantastic opportunities for learning, creativity and connection, it is also important to remain aware of potential risks.

Criminals and other harmful individuals increasingly use social media, gaming platforms and messaging apps to contact young people. And they are all too aware of when school holidays fall. They are often skilled at building trust and often disguise their intentions through friendship, offers of support, or exciting opportunities that can be very appealing during an otherwise conventional break.

One of the most effective safeguarding measures is maintaining open and regular conversations with your child about their online experiences. Ask them what apps they are using, who they are talking to, and what they enjoy doing online. Creating an environment where young people feel comfortable discussing concerns without fear of judgment can make a significant difference.

We encourage families to:

- review privacy settings on devices and apps and set screen time limits or family agreements for device use;
- remind children never to share personal or banking information online;
- discuss how to spot scams, suspicious messages and "too good to be true" offers;
- wherever possible, maintain a balance between screen time, physical activity and time with family and friends;
- encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried and ensure they know who to speak to if they are not at school or with a parent.

I trust you have a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Mrs Smith

Exam Certificates

Exam certificates are available to collect from the Exams Office from Monday 14th December. If students are unable to collect certificates in person and would like a family member or friend to collect on their behalf, please send written permission to awilson@bishopstopford.com including the name of the person who will be collecting.

JCQ rules allow centres to keep unclaimed exam certificates for 12 months from the date of issue before destroying them securely. We keep certificates for longer than 12 months, but not indefinitely. To avoid incurring awarding body fees when ordering replacement certificates, please collect certificates at your earliest convenience.

Mrs A Wilson

Children in Need

A non-uniform Day for ***Children in Need*** is being held on Friday 13th November. A donation of £1.00 per student is suggested from each student to go to Children in Need and can be made by cash or via ParentPay.

Mrs Peach

Music News

On Wednesday 7th October, our brass band had the privilege of leading the hymns in Peterborough Cathedral for the annual schools' service. It is always an inspiring occasion, and wonderful for our students to perform in such a magnificent building. Thirteen students, ranging from Years 8 to 13, represented the school and played beautifully. It was a real honour for them to accompany the congregation and huge thanks to Mr Turnbull for preparing for this special event.

Mrs J Wilson



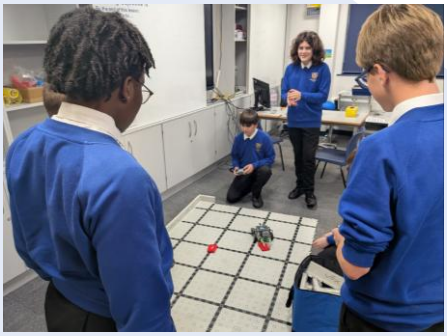
Bishop Robotics Club

Last week, a group of ten Year 9 students joined our Bishop Robotics Club. The club provides students with hands-on experience in building and programming their own robots, as well as refining their designs to solve a variety of complex engineering challenges. It has been inspiring to observe the strong collaboration within both teams and their unique approaches to robot design. Although the club is still in its early stages, we eagerly anticipate seeing their final designs and assessing their readiness for upcoming competitions.

Mr Reilly







Barclays Northampton Campus Work Experience Programme

The Barclays Northampton Campus work experience programme gave young people a unique opportunity to experience life inside one of the UK's leading financial institutions. During the summer, five groups of students from local schools took part in week-long placements, working together to develop innovative ideas that could benefit Barclays, its colleagues and its customers.
We are particularly proud of two Bishop Stopford students - Alex Farrow and Dhruv Bakrania who represented the school with distinction throughout the programme. As part of their placement, their team ideated a mobile app focused on improving financial health and wellbeing, then developed a business case and presentation to demonstrate the value of their idea.

Last week, the students returned to Barclays Northampton Campus for a formal graduation celebration, where they presented their proposal to an audience of senior leaders, fellow students, educators and parents. Their idea on how technology can be used to make financial education more engaging and accessible to young people was warmly received. The quality, creativity and professionalism displayed by all the students was inspirational and highlighted the exciting opportunities that exist within technology and financial services.

Their achievements reflect not only their hard work and enthusiasm, but also the talent, confidence and ambition of Bishop Stopford students. We congratulate them on their success in this scheme and look forward to following their future achievements.

Mrs Taylor



Staff Farewells

Today we say goodbye – and thank you - to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Watt.
Mrs Thompson has been our Exams officer. This role has grown in schools and levels of compliance required are high. She has led the team superbly and enabled all students to have a good exams experience. We wish her all the very best for a good retirement.
Mrs Watt has undertaken various roles at school, latterly supporting in the Library. We wish her all the very best as she takes on a new career challenge within Citizens' Advice.

Miss Silverthorne

Sixth Form Open Events

BISHOP STOPFORD SCHOOL
Sixth Form
faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion



Sixth Form Open Events

Open Evening

Tuesday 17 November, 5:30 – 8:00pm
Presentation: 5.45pm, repeated at 6.30pm.
No booking required
Limited parking available on school site.
Alternative Free Parking *at Cornmarket Hall, London Road, Kettering, NN15 7QA*
(10-minute walk)

Are you new to Bishop Stopford School?

Join us for one of our Open Mornings:
Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 November
9:30 – 11:30am

Booking is essential.
Scan the QR code to book.

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Year 13 Curriculum

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
A-Level Art	Coursework Consolidation	
A-Level Biology	**Teacher A:** Complete M5 C13 Neurones **Teacher B:** Complete M6 C19 Genetics Start M6 C20 Inheritance	**Teacher A:** Complete M5 C14 Hormones Complete M5 C15 Homeostasis **Teacher B:** Complete M6 C20 Inheritance Start M6 C21 Manipulating Genomes
A-Level Business	Business Objectives and Strategy Business Growth, Marketing Distribution Channels Growing Economies	Business Growth Factors leading to increased Globalisation Protectionism and Trading Blocs
A-Level Chemistry	Rates and equilibrium Aromatic Chemistry Carbonyls and Carboxylic acids Acids, bases and pH	Buffers and Neutralisation Amines, Amino Acids and Proteins Organic Synthesis
A-Level Computer Science	**Compression, encryption and hashing** **Programming paradigms**	**System hardware and software** **Nea implementation**
A-Level Economics	Theory of the Firm **(MICRO)** Revenues and Costs, Perfect Competition **(MICRO)** Monetary, Fiscal, Demand-Side and Supply-Side Policies **(MACRO)**	Theory of the Firm **(MICRO)** Monopoly and Oligolopy **(MICRO)** The Financial Sector and The Role of the State in the Macroeconomy **(MACRO)**
A-Level English Language and Literature	Varieties in English and NEA	*Othello* and *The Great Gatsby*
A-Level English Literature	Unseen Poetry	*Othello* Revision
A-Level French	*Cinéma: le septième art* *La cyber société*	*Au revoir les enfants - film* *Le role du bénévolat*
A-Level Further Maths	Integration techniques Methods in Calculus Methods in differential equations Volumes of revolution Elastic Collisions in 2D	Methods in differential equations (ctd) Modelling with differential Equations Elastic Strings and Springs (Part 2)
A-Level Geography	NEA – Write Up Statistics and Contemporary Urban Environments	NEA – Write Up Statistics and Contemporary Urban Environments
A-Level History	**USA** – Women **Coursework** – Key Themes in Witch-Hunting	**USA** – African Americans **Coursework** – Question Research

Year 13 Curriculum

A-Level Maths	Conditional Probability Sequences and Series Differentiation Forces	Correlation, Regression and Hypothesis Testing Integration Functions, Modulus and Graphs
A-Level Music	Unit 1: Recital preparation (Recital in March) Unit 2: Free composition and Preparation towards the Chorale Exam Unit 3: Listening and appraising, set work study	
A-Level PE	Ex Phys – Preparation and Training Socio-cultural – Concepts and development of Elite Performers Sport Psychology –Psychological factors	Ex Phys – Injuries **Written NEA**
A-Level Physics	Ideal Gases Electric Fields	Circular Motion Gravitational Fields Magnetic Fields
A-Level Politics	**UK:** Political parties and UK Constitution **USA:** Supreme Court	**UK:** Executive and Parliament in the UK **USA:** Civil rights
A-Level Product Design	**Project:** NEA Development & Final Making **Theory:** Designing & Making Principles	**Project:** NEA Development & Final Making
Life and Ethics	Medical Ethics (RE Topic)	**Managing pressure** (PSHE Topic)
A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics)	Religious Language Attitudes towards Wealth Meta-Ethics	Religious Figures and Sacred Texts Migration and Feminist Theology The Nature of the God, the Trinity, the Atonement
Psychology	Research methods and Stats BioPsych Relationships	Research methods BioPsych Addictions
A-Level Sociology	Social Distribution of Crime and Deviance Social Construction of the News	Globalisation and Crime in contemporary Society Social Construction of Crime and Deviance
A-Level Spanish	*El ciberespacio* *IRP Preliminary work*	*El Franquismo, las Monarquias y las Dictaduras* *El patrimonio cultural*
A-Level Textiles	**Theory** : Maths **NEA** – Design and Development	Theory: Fashion in the working world **NEA** - Practical
A-Level Theatre Studies	Component 1 – *Focus on Our Country's Good* and *Death of an Anarchist* Component 2 – Devising Coursework Component 3 – Introduction to texts for scripted Exam and preparation of Reflective Report	
Wider-Curricular	**Clubs and Societies Fair (25.09.26)** **Culture Day (23.10.26)**	**Politics Trip – Belgium (Half Term)** **Elevate Session (04.12.26)** **Christmas Concert**
Other	**Year 13 Return to school (04.09.26)** **School Photographs (16.09.26)**	**Year 13 Reports Issued (22.10.26)** **Year 13 Progress Review (10.11.26)**

Students Of The Term

Drama

Year 7
Phoebe Hall 7G

Year 8
Hiba Fatima Javed 8C
Eli Keller 8C
Henry Smith 8C
Liam Crichton 8D
Jacob Johnson 8D
Lilly Witkiewicz 8D
Gabriel Adams 8E
Edith Hillman-Gamble 8E
Chris Popa 8E
Aaryun Kang 8G
Eva Prince 8G
Panchikaa Rajhbabu 8G
Jacob Williams 8P
Feza Zahid 8P
Isobel Chapman 8S
Levi Mukono 8S
Francesca Palmiero 8S
Georgie Dunne 8W
Tamiyah Nindi 8W
Olivia Tucker 8W
Esmae Hill 8Y
Sophia McIlvaney 8Y

Year 9
Jeremiah Borbor 9C
Jennifer Joy 9C
Alaric Willis 9C
Hannah Moreira 9D
Will Warren 9D
Jayden Amponsa-Dadzie 9E
Niya Maria Rebins Puthenpurayil 9E
Elsie Skipper 9E
Oscar Byatt 9G
Dhiya Karthik 9G
Ollie Povey 9G
Rose Davies 9P
Lilibeth Hunt 9P
Mayibongwe Thebe 9P
Ella Bagdonaviciute 9S
Alexandra Howes 9S
Angelica Perslow-Sefiani 9S
Benjamin Fernando 9W
Lilly Fletton 9W
Joseph Murrell 9Y
Eleanor Powell 9Y

Year 10
Sophia Lorentzen 10E
Chloe Mayes 10S
Barty Gardner 10D
Ankita Kanoor 10W
Mackenzie Wilson 10P

Year 11
Ben Horne 11D
Megan Noble 11W
Noah Gibbard 12 E1
Courtney Appiagyei 13S1

P.E.

Year 8
Mary Cullen 8W
Lola Jones 8G
Eliora Kumah 8G
Ridthwan Kitiibwa 8P
Anya Vidanage 8Y
Olivia Tucker 8W
Taro Mshhayavanhu 8C
Chloe Maisiri 8P
Robert Chowis 8C
Liam Crichton 8D
John Joseph 8W
Aiden Kangausaru 8C
Alfie Kean 8Y
Hasan Raza 8D
Sebastian Smith 8D
Devon Whitehead 8C
Harry Bullivant 8P
Jordan Hardy 8E
Ridthwan Kitiibwa 8P
Luke Mendoza 8P
Jack Munns 8S
Max Russell 8S
Austin Whatmore 8E

Year 9
Reona Xavier 9P
Ella Bagdonaviciute 9S
Eloise Cox 9W
Isatherese Prince 9Y
Gabriel Leatherland 9P
Max McHugh 9C
Noah Ward 9D
Aariz Khan 9Y
Max Sylvester 9W
Lloyd Brandon 9G
Nathaniel Fayose 9G
Alex Steel 9G
Alex Szymanowski 9P

Year 10
Akua Boateng 10S
Ava Balding 10W
Rosie Darby 10Y
Katie Hailes 10W
Ashaani Kamal 10G
Kayley Govier 10Y
Mackenzie Wilson 10P
Daniel Counsell 10E
Mitchell Large 10E
Sophia Lorentzen 10E
Ward Abu-Ali 10W
Caspian Adamczyk 10W
Eben Ariss 10C
Barty Gardner 10D
Dylan Gardner 10D
Anopaishe Nhariswa 10Y
Max Richards 10W
Hirun Patel 10W

Year 11
Lowri Robinson 11Y
Chloe Perkins 11E
Isaac Wilson 11D
Milo Bateman 11P
Noah King 11E
Hugo Funy Soared Da Gama 11W
Alfie Westley 11W
Ben Duggleby 11S

Sociology

Daisy Coles 13W1
Matilde Duarte 13W1

Students Of The Term Cont'd

Spanish

Year 8
Jacob Johnson 8D
Jessica Govier 8W
Pascal Chimimba 8G
Feza Zahid 8P
Sophia McIlvaney 8Y
Anna Raymond 8E
Orlaith Corkerry 8D
Laura Brown 8G

Year 9
Leah Dabo 9Y
Evgenii Bates 9C
Molly Westley 9E
Dara Abiona 9P

Year 10
Miya Philip 10W
Liberty Cobbold 10D
Stanley Nicholls 10Y
Beatrice Cooper 10E
Christa Bijumon 10G
Liam Adam 10E
Bethany Smith-Wilds 10C
Teo Khan 10G

French

Year 8
Albert Albertusiak 8C
Aviraj Walia 8S
Holly Gilray 8E

Year 9
Jennifer Joy 9C
Max McHugh 9C
Eloise Cox 9W
Annabelle Mitchell 9E
Elwin Joseph 9E
Callum Johnson 9S
Evelyn Templeman 9S

Year 11
Rutendo Kawodza 11W
Farron Vonhof-Small 11Y
Kundai Kanukamwe 11C
Kaia Dawson 11P
Lottie Singlehurst 11E
Sarah George 11C
Kadesha Edwards 11P

English

Year 8
Kaitlynn Ansah 8Y
Matthew Banham-Hall 8W
Hannah Francis 8C
Israel Ikekwuibe 8P
Sienna Mann 8P
Rosie Furness 8S
Aviraj Walia 8S

Year 9
Andrew Mlengandale 9C
Keisha David 9D
Jeremiah Borbor 9C
Ruth Jones 9D
Joshua Gates 9E
Dhiya Karthik 9G
Molly Westley 9E
Ronnie Thompson 9E

Year 10
Miya Philip 10W
Liberty Cobbold 10D
Aditi Kanoor 10C
Nebolisa Ezeani 10D
Ademide Alere 10E
Maria Mucaj 10G
Mackenzie Wilson 10P
Akua Boateng 10S
Elise Moore 10G

Year 11
Alfie Westley 11W
Celia Taylor 11Y
Chloe Goodman 11D
Jess Page 11D
Joshua Romy 11G
Zephyr Pearson 11P
Yuvraj Sahota 11G
Emmie Mullaney 11P

Year 12 & 13
Sean Kennedy 12 E1
Sophie Banks 13N2

Recruitment

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

Finance Officer
Administration Assistant

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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WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR SCHOOL RESTAURANT?

AUTUMN 2026

Our new menu lands after half term, with fresh dishes, familiar favourites and new flavours to try!



STAR DISH

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN KOFTA

WITH LEMON & HERB ROASTED POTATOES, SEASONAL VEG OR SALAD

We've listened to student feedback to bring more variety and exciting flavours to our menu. We're also making progress towards the proposed School Food Standards, with more fibre and less fat, sugar and salt. As we continue to develop our food offer in line with the new standards, we'll share further updates on our plans and what they mean for your school restaurant.

4 WAYS TO ENJOY LUNCH!

From freshly prepared meals to high-street favourites, there's something for everyone.

MAIN MEAL + DESSERT — COLD 4 ITEM MEAL DEAL — HOT / COLD DELI ITEMS — STREETVIBES (TUES - THURS)

Free School Meals? All 4 options have choices within the FSM allowance + much more. Eat in or take away!

NEW TO THE MENU!

YOU SAID, WE LISTENED

We trialled new dishes with some schools and have exciting additions to the menu! Look out for new desserts including:

- **Waffleberry Pudding**
- **Biscoff Swirl Cake**



COMING SOON...

SWEET HEAT

Hot Honey specials are landing alongside the new menu throughout November! Look out for **Hot Honey Wings**, **Grilled Cheese & Jalapeño Panini**, **Corn Ribs** and **Rainbow Slaw**.

KEEP TELLING US WHAT YOU THINK!

Your feedback helps us keep improving the food offer. Tell us what you're loving, what you'd like to see more of and where we can do better at hello@impactfood.co.uk.