

Week Ending: 3rd July 2026



Year 10 English Speaking and MFL Mock Speaking Exams

Year 9 Collective Worship
Yar 6 into 7 Induction Day
Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip

Year 10 Collective Worship
Year 6 into 7 Induction Day
Year 6 into 7 Parents Evening
Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip

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Year 8 Collective Worship
Year 10 Drama Devising Exam

Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 10 Art Mock Exam

Assembly Theme:
Learning from the past
(the > *Something More?* of
History)

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#BestOfBishop

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcome our new Bishop Stopford School students, with those from Year 6 attending our Induction Days. They have already attended for an assessment morning last Saturday, where they behaved in an exemplary manner. We cannot wait to see them again on Monday.

Throughout the Induction Days, the students will experience a range of lessons and activities, from making rainbows in Science, learning the layout of the school, or taking their first steps in secondary Geography. These two days are a great opportunity to become familiar with new surroundings, a chance to get to know other students and to allay any concerns about the transition between primary and secondary school.

Across both days there will be ample opportunity to experience life at Bishop Stopford School. At lunchtime students can take part in activities such as

- Sports on the Courts
- Games Club (UNO cards will be at the ready!)
- Library activities
- Chapel activities

The two days will allow each and every one of our new students to embody our core values in action. A key priority is that everyone feels they belong here because of the compassion shown to everyone. Being part of a large but inclusive culture is a hallmark of our school.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday 6th July, and welcoming students and parents in September as the Bishop Stopford School begins for a new generation.

Mr Darby (Head of Year 7)
Mr Stevenson (Key Stage 3 Pastoral Lead)



We are a Church of England School

Daily Worship

Each day in form time, we have a short opportunity to reflect on God's Word. As we approach Super Curricular week and our Faith in Action days for Year 8, our daily slides consider our Core Values as evidenced in these activities.



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.

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 – Cosmeticorexia

For a long time, skincare and beauty regimes have been part of daily life. The late 1990s and 2000s saw products directly targeted at men, and in the 2010s, there was an explosion of products directly marketed to teens. This went far beyond the response to spots and acne, and coincided with the rise of vlogging, as people shared their daily routines to a global audience.

The 2020s has seen another shift, with big brands targeting young people aged 10-14. Young TikTok users now have a peer following, with some accounts having as many as 300, 000 followers. While these influencers are predominantly girls, there is also significant pressure for boys to use beauty and skincare products.

For many families, what started as an enjoyable shared activity during the pandemic has become something which dominates, causing increased stress in the mornings before school or ahead of social activities.

A recent BBC article has outlined the risks and dangers of 'cosmeticorexia', the term coined by researchers to describe an unhealthy obsession with skincare, complex routines and multiple products

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx212x41evwo>

There is a distortion of what is 'normal', and a risk that young people create an unhealthy self-image based either on what they believe they should look like, or comments they receive from others as they post their looks.

In school, our aim is that young people can be fully themselves. Residential trips, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports Days and the School Walk all support this. However, we know that some students find it very difficult to be with peers without wearing some make up. If you are concerned about your child or the pressure they seem to be under from others, please don't hesitate to reach out to their form tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Day

On Monday 29th June, we were delighted to welcome over 250 prospective Year 12 students from a wide range of schools for our Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Day.

The day began with a welcome assembly before students took part in their taster lessons. At lunchtime, they enjoyed a lively community fair, discovering the many enrichment opportunities available beyond the classroom, alongside garden games on the patio and the chance to meet new friends in a relaxed setting.

Students experienced Sixth Form learning through engaging subject taster sessions, showcasing the excellent teaching and inspiring learning environment our students enjoy every day. With a choice of 24 A-Level subjects, students were able to explore a variety of lessons, meet passionate subject specialists and gain a real insight into the exciting opportunities available to them.

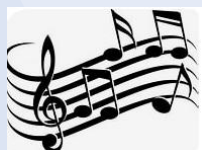
It was wonderful to see so many students embracing the experience with enthusiasm, curiosity, and confidence. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 cohort in September 2026 and are excited to support them as they begin the next stage of their academic journey.

Miss Whitehead

Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Alicia Menzies (10W) for achieving a high merit in Grade 5 clarinet.

Mrs Armstrong



Holocaust Awareness Day

Last Friday, our annual Holocaust Awareness Morning for Year 10 students took place. Students were given opportunities to reflect on both the atrocities committed by the Nazis during the 1930s and 40s and on the issue of genocide more widely.

The highlight of the morning was a talk delivered by Michelle Richman, whose father, Zigi Shipper, experienced Jewish persecution throughout his childhood and early teens. Her amazing story focused on her father's survival in the Łódź ghetto in Poland, his time at the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau, and his eventual liberation by British troops in May 1945.

This is the third time Mrs Richman has delivered her testimony to students at Bishop Stopford School and her story made an impact on all who attended.



(Zigi Shipper)

Mr Jennings

Sports News

U13 National Schools Handball Finals

The boys' U13 squad travelled to Nottingham University for the National Finals. This was the pinnacle their hard work in training and in several competitions which involved battling through the County Rounds then progressing to the Regional Finals where they finished runners-up.

16 schools across the country qualified from the 4 regional finals, so we are very proud that our boys were so outstanding to warrant a place.

The boys finished third in their group. While they were disappointed, they should all feel very proud of their achievements in what was for many their first year of competitive handball.

We look forward to the next few years as they move into the U15 age group.

County Schools Athletics

Congratulations to Matthew Olupitan who recently competed for Northamptonshire in the 100m (Junior Boys) at the Mason Trophy competition. This involves 10 counties from the Midlands & North West. He achieved an impressive fourth place.

This was on the back of Matthew winning the 100m at the County Schools competition a week earlier.



Mr Young



Graduation News

It is graduation season at university, and many of our former students are receiving degree results, We would love to hear of their successes and to celebrate them in our Newsletter too. Please send any news to newsletter@bishopstopford.com with the name of the student, their degree and the university from which it was awarded.

Congratulations to Alumni student Lilly York, class of 2020 who has graduated from University of Wales - Carmarthen with a 2:1 in Archaeology and Anthropology.

Miss Silverthorne

School Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Friday 17th July for students in Years 7-10, with Year 12 supporting.

To ensure everyone stays safe and well through the day, please ensure your child has:

- **Appropriate footwear.** We recommend walking shoes, walking boots or secure trainers. Students will not be able to walk in sandals, flip flops or sliders. Canvas pumps should be avoided.
- **Water and snacks.** Students should ensure they have plenty of water, as well as snacks and a packed lunch. There will be an opportunity to fill bottles at the lunch break.
- **Sun protection.** When it's overcast, the temperature can be deceptive. Students should wear sun lotion and ensure they have a hat.
- **Socks.** As healthy and active young people, the distance of the walk doesn't tend to faze students, but sometimes they don't consider the impact on their feet. Please ensure your child is wearing proper socks: walking or sports socks which tend to be a little thicker. Alternatively, we'd recommend wearing two pairs of regular socks. Trainer socks, which don't cover the heel, should be avoided.
- **Plasters.** There are checkpoints throughout the walk. Staff will be available for first aid. However, it can be very useful for students to carry a couple of plaster, just in case they feel a blister forming.

This year we are raising money for an additional covered outside area for students. Families can donate via the [JustGiving](#) page or by cash via the Finance Office. Sponsorship forms have been sent to parents. Paper copies are available from Reception.

We anticipate that every student will take part. If a student has a legitimate reason not to take part, please contact their Head of Year.



Mrs Smith



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Important Dates

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 1

Week Commencing;
13/04/26 04/05/26 25/06/26 06/07/26 27/07/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
MONDAY Beef & Lentil Bolognese with Pasta & House Salad	MONDAY Plant Based Bolognese with Pasta & House Salad (V)
TUESDAY Bang Bang Chicken with Soy & Mixed Rice	TUESDAY Bang Bang Eat Curious with Soy & Mixed Rice (V)
WEDNESDAY Glazed Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Vegetable 'Squashage' Roll with Crispy Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)
THURSDAY Chicken Tikka & Chickpea Masala, Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad	THURSDAY Cauliflower, Courgette & Chickpea Rosti with Braised Rice, Kachumber Salad & Minted Yoghurt Dressing (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Salmon Fishcake or Pizza with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Vegan Chickpea & Coriander Burger with Fries (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spiced Pineapple Cake	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Sticky Ginger Cake	Oaty Apple Crumble	Hot Chocolate Rocky Road

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES

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

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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
Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Roasted Butternut, Sweetcorn & Chipotle Pasta (VE)	Maple & Chilli Cauliflower Wings with Cajun Wedges (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

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

