



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 5th June 2026

NEWSLETTER



Events All Week

GCSE Examination Period
A Level Examination Period

Monday 8th June

Year 9 Collective Worship

Tuesday 9th June

Year 10 Collective Worship
Isle of Scillies Camp 2 Depart
Year 7 Author Visit
Year 7 & 8 Maths Challenge

Wednesday 10th June

Year 12 Collective Worship

Thursday 11th June

Year 8 Collective Worship
Isle of Scillies Camp 1 Return
Parents' Information evening
Cantabria

Friday 12th June

Year 7 Collective Worship

Bishop Stopford Alumni

#BestOfBishop

One of the joys at Bishop Stopford School is seeing how students' lives and careers develop after they leave. We know that our Alumni make a difference in many different organisations and communities worldwide, including as far away as Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean!

Former students are a valued part of our community. As our Alumni network grows, we continue to look for new ways to connect into school life. Alumni inspire our current students through career days, workshops, helping students with university applications, leading assemblies and sponsoring prizes. We are planning for Alumni stories to appear on our website and for Alumni to mentor some of our older students.

The network is also a great way to stay in touch with school friends and celebrate significant events together. Our Diamond Anniversary event last year was wonderful, and many connections were re-made. In 2027, some former students will be revisiting the Govilon Activity Centre as part of the Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation's celebrations. I've no doubt that this will bring back some great memories!

If you were a student, we would love you to join our Alumni. Click [here](#) and feel free to share the link with any schoolfriends you're in touch with.

We are so grateful for the significant contribution our Alumni make to supporting our current students and helping to unlock their unique potential.

Mr Steel (Community Partnerships Lead)

It is lovely to look back on our 60th Celebration where Mr Palmer was our Guest of Honour. It was a huge privilege to attend his funeral last week. The packed church in Irthlingborough with former staff and students attending from as far away as Dubai, was testament to his life and legacy. We continue to remember his family at this time.

Miss Silverthorne

Next week:

Week A

Assembly Theme:

Christianity in the Gym





Our Summer collection for The Kettering Food Bank

Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion



Faith in Action

On behalf of The Kettering Food Bank, we are grateful for any donations of:

- Tinned products (fruit, soup, rice pudding, baked beans, meals)
- Dried goods (rice, pasta, biscuits, powdered goods)
- Long-life goods
- Toiletries

Collection points: Main School foyer, Sixth Form Centre foyer, Octagon, Staffroom.

Launching Faith in Action 2026

Preparations are well under way for this year's Faith in Action days on July 14th and July 16th as part of Super Curricular Week. Our Year 8s will have the opportunity to visit local churches participating in groups and services, working in charities, visiting care and nursing homes, helping at food kitchens and our local Food Bank in the town centre.

Building relationships in this way is of great significance for our school, and we are thrilled that so many are happy to partner with us and our young people, enriching the lives of all involved.

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 – Choosing Respect

This week, Mr Stevenson has been talking to students in assembly about how we show compassion and responsibility. We are noticing that negative language used online – particularly in multi-player games or social media sites – is creeping into school. While students may recognise the language as inappropriate or taboo, there is sometimes a lack of understanding of the words and the impact they have on others.

We are proud of the 'upstander' culture within school; our students are quick to call out inappropriate behaviour and language and this is reported to staff. While the vast majority use their language carefully to uphold our core values, a minority do not. If racist and phobic language is used, we have a zero-tolerance approach.

We would appreciate parents being vigilant about language, particularly when students are online. Do have conversations around language use in the following areas:

- 1) Terms which refer negatively or stereotypically to a specific culture, race or ethnicity is not acceptable. This is true even when considered as a joke, or between students of the same race, culture or ethnicity.
- 2) While the *intention* matters, the impact matters even more. Students must think carefully about how others may respond to their words and actions – even if they were not the intended recipient.
- 3) Our Core Values frame our expectations for how our community operates best. Choosing to live these out will enable everyone to make positive choices which support and encourage one another.

Students can report any concerns by speaking to their form tutor, Head of Year, another trusted adult, or by speaking to a Student Ambassador. They can also email 'itsnotok@bishopstopford.com'.

Mrs Smith

Take a Child to Work Day

Year 8 and Year 10 Work Shadowing – it's not too late!

It is still not too late to secure a work placement for your child.

Year 8 Take A Child to Work Day

Take a Child to Work Days are:

- Tuesday 14th July 2026 - tutor groups CDWY
- Thursday 16th July 2026 - tutor groups EGPS

The consent form can be accessed [here](#)

Year 10 Day in Industry

The day takes place on Tuesday 14th July 2026. The Year 10 consent form can be accessed [here](#)

Please note that we contact all parents / carers automatically. If you have already completed the consent forms, or let us know that your child will be in school, you do not need to take any further action. Due to the volume, we are unable to respond to individual requests for confirmation.

Mr Smith



Volunteers' Week

You might know that it is National [Volunteers' Week](#). We know that many of you volunteer in all kinds of sectors: faith, sport, creative arts and many, many more.

We would like to say a huge thank you this week to some vital volunteers at our school – our trustees (governors).

Trustees are essential, holding us accountable for meeting all the standards required in a Church of England Secondary School. They give of their time selflessly, attending evening meetings throughout the year, visiting school and supporting a variety of other processes and events. Their skills are so important to us, and we value their expertise, insight and wisdom.

We would like to take time this week to recognise their enormous contribution and to thank them for their generosity.

Miss Silverthorne

Music News

Hot Gig in Wicksteed Park!

Well done to Ella Adu, Edward Hoadley and George Mears, aka 'A Kind of Blue', for a fabulous gig on Saturday 30th May 2026.

They played on the main stage in Wicksteed Park as part of the Midland Festival of Nature. They performed for an hour, in the sweltering heat, and they were amazing! Their set included jazz and bossa nova classics, such as 'Fly Me to the Moon' and 'Girl from Ipanema'.



Their superb stage presence and outstanding musicianship was enjoyed by all in the park. We will be seeing much more of 'A Kind of Blue', I'm very sure!

Mrs Armstrong

Ensemble Sessions

If your child has not attended a music ensemble previously and would like to join an ensemble, do express an interest by using the link below. No previous experience is required and all instruments will be provided by NMPAT and the school:

[BSS Music Ensembles 2026/2027](#)

Payment can be made by ParentPay or via bank transfer to Lloyds Bank, Bishop Stopford School Activities Account – 30 94 68, Account number 01007328. Please reference your child's name & 'Ensemble' if space permits.

You can also pay by cash or cheque directly to the Finance Office in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, form and 'Ensemble'. Cheques are to be made payable to Bishop Stopford School (please write your child's name, form, and 'Ensemble' on the back of the cheque)

Mrs Fletton

Year 12 Curriculum

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
A-Level Art	Project One – Development of ideas	Project One – Development of ideas and Mock Exam
A-Level Biology	<p>Teacher A Complete M2 C5 Plasma Membranes</p> <p>Teacher B Complete M4 C11 Biodiversity. Start M4 C12 Communicable diseases.</p>	<p>Teacher A Complete M2 C6 Cell division</p> <p>Teacher B Complete M4 C12 Communicable diseases. Complete M6 C19 Genetics (A2 topic)</p>
A-Level Business	1.3.2 Branding and Promotion 1.3.3 Pricing and Pricing strategies 1.3.4 Place - distribution 2.3.3 – Business Failure 2.4 - Resource Management 2.4.1 – Production and Productivity 2.4.2 Capacity Utilisation 2.4.3 – Stock Control 2.4.4 – Quality Management	1.3.5 Product Portfolio analysis and marketing strategies 2.5 - External Influences 2.5.2 - Legislation 2.5.3 Competitive Environment
A-Level Chemistry	Chapter 9: Enthalpy Chapter 10: Rates and equilibrium Chapter 17: Spectroscopy	Chapter 18: Rates Chapter 25: Aromatic chemistry
A-Level Computer Science	Datatypes Designing a Solution (NEA)	Compression, Encryption and Hashing Designing a Solution (NEA)
A-Level Economics	<p>Microeconomics: COSTS, Revenue, Production</p> <p>Macroeconomics: Inflation, Employment and Unemployment, Balance of Payments.</p>	<p>Microeconomics: Profit market structures.</p> <p>Macroeconomics: Demand-side policies, Supply-side policies and trade-offs between objectives and policies.</p>
A-Level English Language and Literature	<p style="text-align: center;">NEA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reading and analysing <i>The Kite Runner</i> and selected non-fiction texts from <i>Cupcakes</i> and <i>Kalashnikovs</i></p>	
A-Level English Literature	<p style="text-align: center;">Mock Revision</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Othello, A Streetcar named Desire</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Novel study of <i>A Picture of Dorian Gray</i> and NEA comparison skills</p>
A-Level French	Content Revision	IRP Preparation / Skills and Grammar Revision
A-Level Further Maths	AS Exam Preparation Critical Path Analysis Elastic Strings and Springs (Part One)	Differentiation and integration techniques Complex numbers Algorithms on Graphs Graphs and Networks Route inspection
A-Level Geography	<p style="text-align: center;">Water and Carbon Cycles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complete the unit started in the Spring Term</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEA Preparation and Fieldwork</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Students must undertake four days of fieldwork during their A-level course</p>
A-Level Geology	Structure and plate boundaries Metamorphic rocks Sedimentary processes Fossils	Structures- rock mechanics Geochronology Fossils



Year 12 Curriculum

A-Level History	Russia – The Rule of Stalin Tudors – Rebellion and unrest under Edward VI and Mary I	Russia – Complete the Rule of Stalin USA – Introduction to Civil Rights Early Modern Witchcraft – Introduction to NEA
A-Level Maths	Distributions Hypothesis Testing Radians Forces and Friction Algebraic Methods Moments	Trigonometric Functions Differentiation Radians Binomial Expression
A-Level Music	<u>Unit 2</u> Free Composition Preparation Chorale Harmonisation <u>Unit 3</u> Listening and Appraising	<u>Unit 1</u> Mock Recital Recording <u>Unit 3</u> Listening and Appraising
A-Level PE	The Energy Systems Information Processing Written NEA - Analysis	Diet and Nutrition Individual Psychological Factors Paper 2 Concepts
A-Level Physics	Subject specific catch up Practical skills PAG presentation	Year 13 transition content
A-Level Politics	<u>Ideologies</u> Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism, and Anarchism	Consolidation and Revision
A-Level Product Design	NEA and Theory Topics (e.g. Protecting Designs, Design for Manufacturing, Maintenance, Repair and Disposal, Feasibility Studies and Enterprise and Marketing)	
Life and Ethics	<u>Responsibility</u> Holocaust, Ring of Gyges, Justice	<u>New Experiences</u> Keeping safe whilst driving, <u>Keeping</u> safe at parties and festivals, keeping safe whilst travelling
A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics)	Component 2 – Religious Experience Component 3 – Free Will and Determinism / Natural Law	Component 2 – Religious Language Component 3 – Free Will and Determinism / Meta Ethics Introduction
A-Level Psychology	Psychopathology plus Psychodynamic and Humanistic approaches Attachments	Research Methods Relationships
A-Level Sociology	Research Methods and MIC Media – Ownership and Control	Education and Research Methods Factors affecting Media Production
A-Level Spanish	Content Revision	La casa de Bernada Alba / El laberino del Fauno / IRP Preparation
A-Level Textiles	NEA and Theory Topics (e.g. Protecting Designs, Design for Manufacturing, Maintenance, Repair and Disposal, Feasibility Studies and Enterprise and Marketing)	
A-Level Theatre Studies	Students prepare for the final written assessments of the year as well prepare and develop their devising coursework.	
Wider-Curricular	UCAS Exhibition (14.04.26)	Post-18 Options Event (04.06.26)
Other	Progress Review (14.05.26) Elevate Session (22.05.26)	Year 12 Mock Examinations (22.06.26 to 26.06.26) Year 12 Work Experience (13.07.26 to 17.07.26) Year 12 Mock results and Reports issued (21.07.26)





FREE Vaccinations for School Year's 8 to 13



Vaccinations help keep people healthy, safe, and protected from serious illnesses.

This free clinic is a quick, easy way to get up to date. No appointment needed.

Available vaccinations:

- MMR
- HPV
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio
- Meningitis ACWY

Meningitis ACWY vaccine only for years 9–13

Not sure if your child is up to date?

This will be checked on the day, or if you would like to check before, please call **0800 170 7055**



6th June from 10am – 2pm



**Beanfield Centre
Beanfield Ave, Corby NN18 0AX**

For more information about the vaccines available, please scan the QR code →

<https://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/childhood-immms>



To access translated materials, select the drop down at top of page



WEEK 3

Week Commencing;
27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<p>MONDAY Mexican Beef Nacho Pasta Bake</p> <p>TUESDAY BBQ Chicken with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden Peas</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy</p> <p>THURSDAY Fragrant Lemon & Herb Chicken with Spicy Rice</p> <p>FRIDAY Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce</p>	<p>MONDAY No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)</p> <p>TUESDAY Chipotle Quorn Dippers with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden Peas (V)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roasted Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry Roll with Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)</p> <p>THURSDAY Hot Maple & Cajun Quorn Fillet with Spicy Rice (V)</p> <p>FRIDAY Crispy Chickpea & Vegetable Pakora Burger with Mango Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)</p>

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sticky Lemon Sponge	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble	Chocolate & Whole Banana Puff Pastry Pinwheel	Nut Free Bakewell Sponge	Hot Chocolate Rocky Road & Custard

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES

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



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
Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Pesto Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes (VE)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

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

