Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 9th October 2026

NEWSLETTER





Events all week
Govilon Residential 1 (7D and 7Y)

Monday
Year 11 Collective Worship
Praying Parents

Tuesday
Year 10 Collective Worship

Wednesday
Sixth Form Collective Worship

Thursday
Year 7 Collective Worship
Year 10 Communion
Year 12 & 13 *Mamma Mia* Theatre Trip

Friday 4
Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
Core Value
Responsibility

Our Academic Curriculum

#BestOfBishop

The curriculum at our school is a progression model, where learning is planned to ensure growth over time. It is designed to enable every student to unlock their unique potential.

Underpinning our curriculum design is the ambition that schemes of work are academic, sequential and knowledge-driven; lessons have a rich language base and inherent intellectual rigour. Challenge is evident throughout.

Year 7 students begin their English course by studying an anthology of poems used to develop ambitious language analysis and knowledge of poetic features. Year 8 students' Science focus this half-term on the topic of Earth and Space, learning how to describe the movements of the planets within the solar system, and understanding how seasons happen. Year 9 students start their year in Maths by investigating algebra.

Year 11 Geographers will interrogate the changing economic world. They explore population pyramids and the Demographic Transition Model to make comparisons between different countries with high, low and emerging economies. A-Level Psychologists study a broad range of topics from biopsychology to social influence and schizophrenia.

Our curriculum evolves over time and is aligned to key national developments, such as the Curriculum and Assessment Review led by Professor Becky Francis and recent intentions from the Labour Government around vocational education. We are currently reviewing our curriculum at all key stages to ensure that change happens in a well-considered and strategically planned way.

More information about what your child is studying can be found in Curriculum Booklets issued before the summer holidays, updated Termly schedules (see p6 for the Year 11 Autumn schedule) or in the *Curriculum* sections of the website.

Mr Kirke

We are a Church of England School





Messages from Year 7 to Year 6

Our year 6 visitors to Open Events this week enjoyed the following messages – amongst many others – on postcards which Year 7 had written to them. Don't these just say it all!

Don't worry! The jump from primary to secondary isn't as overwhelming as you may think. Bishop is an amazing school!

I hope you will enjoy being here. It is an amazing place to be. Full of joy and happiness. If struggling the staff will always be there.

Hope to see you here in Year 7 at Bishop, where the learning is fun, the food is delicious and you are never alone.

All the teachers are so kind and caring. You will find them nice. Also the sports and clubs are extremely good fun.

I know it can be scary to think about leaving your friends and school, but I was too and I've learnt to embrace the change. So don't be afraid - you are supported. If you come to Bishop (or any school) I hope you have the best time!

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values

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

Open Events

This week, we have held our Open Events for prospective Year 7 students. Each day, parents who are new to the school have commented on how superb our students are. We are enormously proud of them and the way they foster a sense of belonging within the community. They celebrate difference and are hugely supportive of one another.

One of our Year 7 students shared a story of her first day when, not knowing quite where to go for lunch or who to spend it with, she was invited to join a group of older students and eat with them. This is just one example of the care which students demonstrate and the quality of relationships between the year groups. It is actions like this which make our students feel safe and settled in school, and we appreciate all that you do at home to foster this attitude.

Mrs Smith

Sports News

Supreme Success for Anastasia and Super Sonic!

Huge congratulations to Anastasia (8G) and her horse, Super Sonic, who had an incredible weekend of show-jumping at the Sunshine Tour Championships in the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead. After a confident clear round in Friday's warm-up, the pair went on to finish 2nd out of 53 competitors, before another fantastic 2nd place from an original field of 90, earning them the title of Reserve Supreme Champion in the 65cm/70cm show jumping on Saturday.

The success continued on Sunday, when Anastasia was placed 4th in the 70cm class, qualifying for the Supreme Championship jump off at 75cm. She and Super Sonic produced a brilliant performance to finish 1st from an original field of 80 competitors, becoming Supreme Champions!

An outstanding achievement for Anastasia and Super Sonic. Huge congratulations to them both!

UITF Taekwon-Do World Championships

Last weekend, Esmai (7G) travelled to Poland as part of the 80-strong GTUK Team GB squad to compete at the UITF Taekwon-Do World Championships. After nine months of dedicated training and preparation, all her hard work paid off as she achieved an outstanding Silver Medal in the Patterns event. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and the commitment she has shown throughout her journey to the world stage.

Mr Young





Year 11 Curriculum

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
GCSE Art	**Coursework Consolidation** Refinement of Year 10 coursework and the development of ideas towards a personal response	
GCSE Computer Science	**Algorithms**	**Programming Fundamentals**
GCSE Drama	**Devising Portfolio:** Preparation for the final coursework draft Introduction to the **Scripted Component**	**Scripted Pieces:** Staging and design
GCSE English	**English Language Paper 2**	***A Christmas Carol***
GCSE Food	**NEA 1** – Food Science	
GCSE French (Core)	**Holidays**	**Global Issues**
GCSE Geography	**Changing Economic World**	**Changing Economic World** **Mock Exam and Feedback**
BTEC Health and Social Care	**PSA 2**	**Complete PSA2** **Start Component 3**
GCSE History	**Hitler's Rise to Power: 1919-33** (Unit started in Year 10) **Nazi Control and Dictatorship: 1933-39**	**Life in Nazi Germany: 1933-39**
GCSE Maths (Topics in bold, higher only)	Forming and Solving Equations Inequalities Rearranging Formulae Scatter Graphs Graphs **Bearings** **SIne and Cosine Rules** **Product Rule for counting** **Non- linear and Graphical SImultaneous Equations** **CIrcle Theorems**	Quadratics Vectors Bounds **Quadratic sequences and sequences review** **Quadratic Inequalities** **Equation of a circle** **Iterations**
GCSE Music	**Coursework and Unit 3 Exam Prep** Solo Recording (October) Completion of Composition 1 / Start Composition 2	**Coursework and Unit 3 Exam Prep** Ensemble recording Composition 2 Completion of set work studies

Year 11 Curriculum

Core PE	**Rugby and Basketball (Boys)** **Netball and Hockey (Girls)**	**Hockey and Table Tennis (Boys)** **Health Related Fitness and Basketball (Girls)**
GCSE PE	**Written Coursework – Analysis** **Socio-Cultural Influences**	**Socio-Cultural Influences** (Complete)
GCSE Product Design	**NEA**	**NEA**
PSHE	**Media** Representation in the media and body image / Representation of drug culture / Sexualisation and the Media	**Careers – life at 16 and beyond** CV writing / Personal Statements / Interviews
GCSE RE	**Theme D – Religion, Peace and Conflict**	**Theme E – Crime and Punishment**
GCSE Science (Triple)	**Biology:** Complete Module 5: Responses **Chemistry:** Complete Module 5: Energy changes, Rates and Equilibrium. Start Module 6 **Physics:** Continue Module 5 Forces	**Biology:** Start Module 6 Genetics **Chemistry:** Continue Module 6: Crude oil, fuels and chemical analysis. **Physics:** Complete Module 5 Forces Start Module 6 Waves
GCSE Science (Trilogy)	**Teacher A:** Complete Biology Module 5: Response Start Biology Module 6: Genetics **Teacher B:** Complete Chemistry Module 5: Energy changes, Rates and Equilibrium. Start Chemistry Module 6: Crude oil, fuels and chemical analysis	**Teacher A:** Continue Biology Module 6: Genetics **Teacher B:** Complete Chemistry Module 6: Crude oil, fuels and chemical analysis Complete Chemistry Module 7: Earth's Atmosphere and resources Start Physics Module 5: Forces
GCSE Spanish (Option)	**Holidays**	**Global Issues**
GCSE Textiles	**NEA**	

Wider-Curricular	**Culture Day (23.10.26)**	**Christmas Concert** **Year 11 Winter House Games**

Other	**Year 11 return to school (04.09.26)** **School Photographs (16.09.26)** **Supporting your Year 11 Child Event (24.09.26)** **Year 11 Communion (25.09.26)** **Year 11 Reports issued (08.10.26)**	**Year 11 into 12 Open Evening (17.11.26)** **Year 11 Mocks (02.12.26 to 11.12.26)**

Recruitment

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

Vocational Studies Lead

The successful candidate 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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