

## Happy New Year

We've started our first week at school on a really high note after our A Level and GCSE students performed so well in their exams this summer. (If you haven't seen our press releases, do visit our website to read a little more about these successes.) We are so proud of them and their achievements in what was a very uncertain year. Our focus on enabling every student to reach their unique potential will continue to be a hallmark of all that we do in 2023-24.

It has been great to welcome all students in to school today, and those starting new key stages on Thursday. We were also pleased to host our first onsite parent event last evening, and it was great to see so many parents of students in Year 10 attending.

It is also a pleasure to welcome new staff to the Bishop Stopford School team. I am sure you will get to know them over time, and we wish them all the very best as they enrich us with their experiences and we support them in the next steps of their careers:

- Ms M Adamska (Maths)
- Miss K Blackburn (RE)
- Mrs R Graziano (Languages)
- Mrs L McNab (Head of Year 13)
- Ms L Middleton (English)
- Mrs S Smart (PE and Humanities)
- Mrs S Styles (Head of Year 12)

Joining our SEND Team, we have Ms Devlin, Dr Singodia and Ms Tysoe, and Mrs Gibbard joins us as a Cover Supervisor.

In addition, some of our staff will be in different roles this year:

Mrs J Bates (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mr R King (Head of Maths)

Mrs S Lane (Head of English)

Mrs B McGregor (SENDCo)

Mr S Smith (Assistant Head)

Mrs K Whitehead (Pupil Premium Co-ordinator)

We wish every family a very good year, and we look forward to continuing to deliver the highest standards in all that we do.



## Week B Assembly Theme "This is who we are"

### Monday 4 September

Year 11 Assembly  
Yr 11,12,13 Drama Trip

### Tuesday 5 September

Year 10 Assembly

### Wednesday 6 September

Year 8 and 9 Assembly

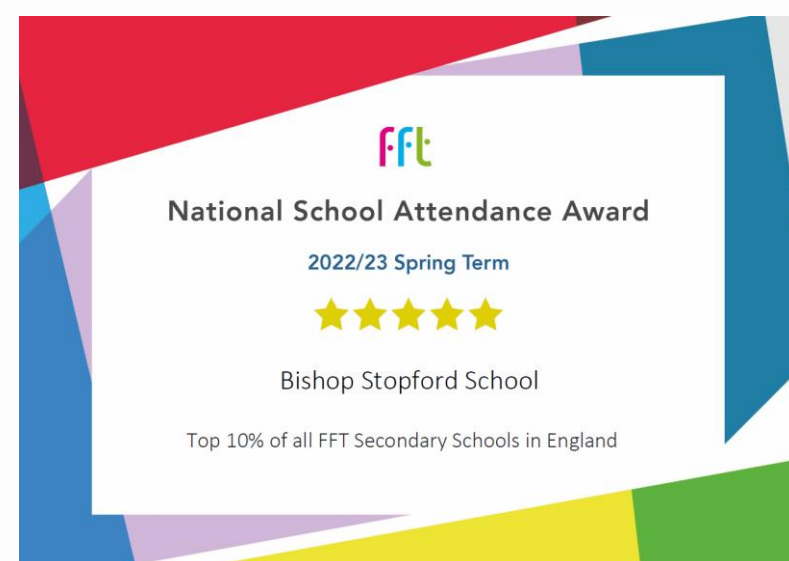
### Thursday 7 September

Year 7 Assembly

### Friday 8 September

Sixth Form Assembly

## Bishop is excellent because....



Miss Silverthorne



01536 503503



[office@bishopstopford.com](mailto:office@bishopstopford.com)

# We are a Church of England School



*Greetings  
from  
Buttermere!*

The grassy slopes were littered with Herdwick sheep, a breed native to the fells since the time of the early Norse settlers. We fell in love with these adorable, cuddly-looking yet highly resilient creatures, able to withstand the rough terrain and climate, as they sat in the shade of the trees and calmly watched us pass by. The four-hour walk was simply stunning. Breathtaking. Magnificent. Beautiful beyond measure. We walked along the shores of Crummock Water and saw the sky and clouds mirrored in its glassy surface. We climbed rocky pathways, lunched by an extraordinarily loud, babbling stream and stopped in wonder as we took in the views over The 'Secret' Valley. I need add no further explanation as to why it feels fitting to turn to Psalm 23.

As we return to school after the summer break, my prayer is that we all return, staff, students, and parents alike, having known something of the truth of this Psalm: of the Lord leading us to a place where our souls might be refreshed.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will  
follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.



## Key Stage 4 Study Space

We have decided to maintain an after-school study space for Years 10 and 11 students only, following a successful pilot last year.

This will be available on Tuesday to Friday from 3.15pm until 4.45pm, beginning on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

The venue will be C3. as it has IT facilities should students wish to use them.

As per the Sixth Form Study Centre it will be a silent space and will really benefit students who are finding it difficult to work at home in the evenings. It will be a particularly useful resource for students in the run-up to the calendared mock and public examinations.

Spaces are limited to 20 students each session. Bookings can be made by Priority 1 parents/guardians using the link <https://bishopstopford1.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If the study space is over-subscribed, then students can still book spaces in the main Homework Club in the Library.

**Mr Kirke**

## Success in Rio

Congratulations to Imogen Dodds (9Y) for her amazing success over the summer. She was swimming in the Under 15 World School Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, representing England. Not only did she swim personal bests, but she also secured an incredible Gold medal in 50m breaststroke and the Bronze in 50m butterfly,

Imogen said, "My heart is bursting with pride for not only competing but travelling in such heat, using Google Translate and moving between venues and airports."

What a fabulous way to start the school year! Congratulations Imogen: you are absolutely world class! We are so proud of you!



**Mrs Starr**


# Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

National headlines yesterday included the news that some schools have been forced to close parts of their buildings because they are at least partially composed of RAAC – a less durable concrete than the more traditional form.

Our School has been surveyed, and none of our buildings contain RAAC.

Ms Curchin

## Cucina

	WEEK 1	Classic Favourites	EASTERN	Great British	SOUTHERN STYLE	Fish & Chips
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL		BEEF BOLOGNAISE Garlic Bread	KUNG PAO CHICKEN 50/50 Egg Fried Rice	ROAST LOIN OF PORK Crackling, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	HOUSE RUBBED JERK CHICKEN Peas & Rice	FRESHLY BATTERED FISH/ SALMON FISHCAKES
VEGETARIAN MEAL		VEGAN BOLOGNAISE Garlic Bread	ASIAN VEGETABLE & NOODLE STIR FRY Soya Beans	BAKED MACARONI CHEESE WITH A CRUNCHY TOPPING	VEGAN JERK QUORN BURRITO Peas & Rice	SPICY BEAN ENCHILADA Tomato Sauce
VEGETABLES		PEAS GARDEN SALAD	SHREDDED GREENS CARROT & SESAME SALAD	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SWEET CHILLI SLAW	PEAS CHIPS
PASTA POTS		TOMATO & BASIL				
		PESTO PASTA	VEGAN BOLOGNAISE	CHEESE SAUCE	CARBONARA	ARRABIATA
JACKET POTATO		TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
HOT PUD		MIXED BERRY & APPLE CRUMBLE Ice Cream	AMERICAN STYLE PANCAKES Fruit Toppings	SYRUP SPONGE Custard	ETON MESS	CHOCOLATE SPONGE Chocolate Sauce
FRUIT POT		SELECTION OF FRUIT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
JELLY POTS		SELECTION OF JELLY POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS		SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUP WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD		LOOK OUT FOR AMAZING BLUE DOT MEAL DEALS	PIZZAS, WRAPS & PANINIS FRESH OPTIONS EVERY DAY	TAKE HOME A TAKEAWAY Collect Before You Go Home	LUNCH MEAL DEAL Check out what's on offer today!	WATCH OUT FOR OUR POP UP & STREET FOOD PROMOTIONS
		All of Our Deli Range, Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts are FRESHLY MADE HERE DAILY				