

Celebrating Who We Are

It's been a wonderful start to the new academic year. Students have come back ready to engage fully: lessons are purposeful and focused, uniform is worn with pride. Break and lunchtimes are relaxed opportunities to spend time with friends, new and old.

We're so proud of the way that students have welcomed one another back to school; older students are taking Year 7s to their lessons and answering their questions. Our new Year 12 students are being fully integrated into our Sixth Form too.

In this first week back, our assemblies have considered who we are. Miss Silverthorne has led us in thinking about the importance of our school badge. Its keys symbolise our values as a community.

While we're a large and diverse community, unity comes from what we have in common. Students have varied interests, come from different backgrounds and travel to school from a wide geographical area. The value of our social and cultural diversity cannot be underestimated; it enables students to think more broadly about societal issues while also creating greater empathy for those within, and beyond, the community.



When we know who we are, the Church of England asks its schools to consider the next important question: how, then, shall we live?

This half term, our form time activities focus on our five core values: faith, justice, responsibility, truth and compassion. These are central to everything we do, and we're looking together at their Biblical basis and how we can live them out each day.

Our rewards system recognises and celebrates students living out our core values: taking responsibility, giving opportunities to uphold themselves and others in their faith journey, and showing compassion by caring for those around them.

We're off to an excellent start – **over 1200 reward points** are testament to our students living out our core values daily.

Mrs Smith



Week A Assembly Theme TAYLORing your Compassion

Monday 11 September

Year 11 Assembly

Tuesday 12 September

Year 10 Assembly

Govilon Parents' Information Evening

Wednesday 13 September

Year 8 and 9 Assembly

Year 12 Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 14 September

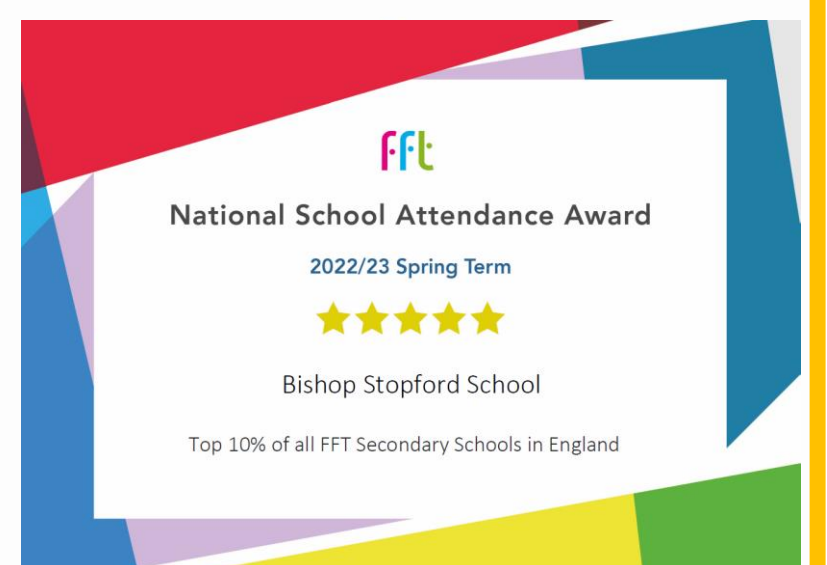
Year 7 Assembly

School Photographs

Friday 15 September

Year 11 Communion

Bishop is excellent because....



And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God..

Micah 6:8, The Bible

**Direct your children onto
the right path, and when
they are older, they will
not leave it.**

Proverbs 22:6, The Bible



Whilst waiting for my drinks this summer, I held a brief conversation with the young man who was serving me. On discovering that I worked at Bishop Stopford School, his immediate response was, 'Oh, I went there. I flippin' loved that school!' I saw his eyes light up as he asked after a couple of teachers and repeated his appreciation of his time here.

As a viticulturist will know, the nurturing of young vines throughout the various seasons is both labour-intensive and requires great skill and care. The RHS website writes: *Grapevines are fast-growing climbing plants that need plenty of space. They will happily scramble over pergolas or can be trained along horizontal wires attached to sunny walls. To get the best crop, vines need regular attention throughout the growing season, including careful pruning, training and fruit thinning.*

Our young people too are changing and maturing rapidly, seeking the freedoms to develop whilst needing frameworks to provide them with support. They are looking to the outside world, to their families and friends and to teachers and staff, for the attention and the 'careful pruning' and training that they require.

Everything that we do or say will have an impact. How we treat our students, or how they see us treating one another will all be part of the training, teaching and directing that we give, and which they receive.

It was clear to me that the impact for this young man had been precious. There was a fondness and a respect in his voice, which led me to conclude that he too had been treated with both fondness and respect.

Mrs Hutchinson

Key Stage 4 Study Space

We are maintaining 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 12th September 2023**.

We have selected C3 as the study space as it has IT facilities, should the students wish to use them.

As per the Sixth Form Study Centre it will be a silent space and will, hopefully, really benefit students who are finding it difficult to work at home in the evenings. We are hoping that 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 and bookings can be made by Priority 1 parents/guardians using the link below:

<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

RSE, RE & Worship

Relationships & Sex Education

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is delivered to all year groups within the Christian context of Bishop Stopford School. It is an important subject, and we aim to work in partnership with parents to build knowledge, and to establish appropriate attitudes and values surrounding personal relationships, sexual development and behaviour.

RSE consists of three strands:

- the biological aspects of reproduction, taught within Science as a requirement of the National Curriculum.
- social aspects of RSE, which are covered in programmes of Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE), including information about HIV, Aids and other sexually transmitted infections.
- the moral aspects of RSE covered in the RE curriculum, including marriage, contraception, termination and family life.

We liaise closely with specialists in health education throughout the country to construct the programme. The School Nurse Service is involved in both the planning and delivery.

If you have any queries relating to this course, or would welcome the opportunity to view materials used in delivering the course, please contact Mrs Wilson: pwilson@bishopstopford.com

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from SRE taught in School, except that which is taught within the requirements of the National Curriculum.

Please send any request for withdrawal from RSE to gkirke@bishopstopford.com (Mr Kirke - Assistant Head: Curriculum).

Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from Religious Education and Collective Worship. Please send any request for withdrawal to Mr Kirke on gkirke@bishopstopford.com.

Mr Smith

GOLD for Personal Development!



We are delighted to announce that Bishop Stopford School has been awarded the prestigious School Games GOLD Mark Award.

School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. It rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. It also rewards high levels of student participation, the number of sporting opportunities both at an intra and inter school level and the depth and variety of the PE Curriculum. You will recall some of the fantastic achievements last year at national, county and district levels.

What makes this **even more special** is that Bishop Stopford School is the only school in North Northamptonshire to achieve it!

We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

This award is for the whole school community, and we look forward to continuing to work with students to develop their sporting and all-round potential over the coming year.

PE Faculty

Safe Space

As we return to school, it's important that students know where to go, and who to speak to, for help or advice.

We encourage students to speak to their:

- Form Tutor
- Head of Year
- Trusted Adult
- Teachers

Some students prefer to email rather than talk to someone. Our itsnotok@bishopstopford.com email goes to the Safeguarding Team who can then respond.

We also know that many of them prefer to speak to their parents, who can then pass on any concerns. Parents can call (01536 503503) or email safeguarding@bishopstopford.com

Outside school, there are lots of places to look for support. Critical ones for students to know are:

1. Childline. [Childline | Childline](https://www.childline.gov.uk) 0800 1111. This charity was established to respond to the needs of children and young people. Their website has a wealth of resources to support young people in all aspects of life.
2. CEOP. [CEOP Safety Centre](https://www.ceop.gov.uk) This is a police run organisation established to support safety online.

Mrs Smith

A Parent Guide to Ofsted Inspections

Since our inspection last year, a number of parents have suggested it would be helpful to explain a little more about the framework Ofsted uses to inspect schools. Over the next few weeks, we will update you on the four key areas for inspection:

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Leadership and Management
- Personal Development

Quality of Education

Ofsted inspection teams reach a decision about the Quality of Education which schools provide by focusing on 4 key questions:

- Is the curriculum (ie all that's taught) ambitious and challenging for all students?
- Do teachers teach in a way that helps students to make good progress and remember well?
- Do students perform well in public exams?
- Are students well prepared for the next stage of education, employment or training?

At our school, we respond in these ways:

Curriculum

- All of our students have the full National Curriculum experience for Key Stage 3 for 3 years.
- Our GCSE subjects are available to all students – we do not narrow or restrict the curriculum for any students.
- Our curriculum is broad and ambitious for all students.

Teaching

- We are fully staffed with qualified subject specialists.
- We provide comprehensive training to enable teachers to develop their expertise.
- We engage with national research and collaborate locally to enhance the quality of teaching.

Public exam performance

- Over the past 5 years, our academic performance has always been in the top 10% nationally.
- Last year performance placed us in the top 5% nationally; this year looks to be the same.
- All groups of students make great progress: those with Special Needs, disadvantaged, boys, girls, students of all abilities.

Next stage of education, training or employment

- 100% of students at the end of Year 11 and Year 13 progressed into employment, education or training. A growing number have been successful in securing places on high-status apprenticeship programmes.
- All students have access to 1:1 on-demand independent careers advice and guidance.
- Year 13 students regularly attain places at prestigious universities, including Oxford & Cambridge as well as places to study very competitive courses such as Medicine, Law and Engineering

Want to know more? Please visit our website:

[Click here](#) to view Curriculum Booklets

[Click here](#) to view Exam Performance Measures

Homework tasks are now on Edulink!

This year, homework is set on Edulink rather than Firefly.

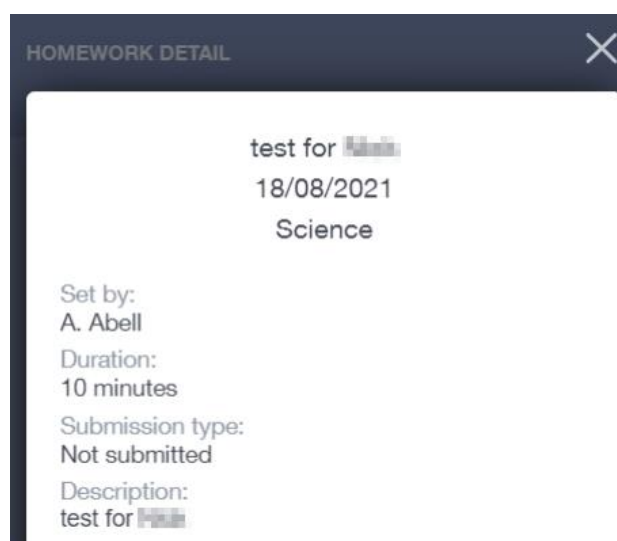
Parents can see all the current and past work set, dates and submissions, and students can see the same too. The main difference is that students can add homework themselves in Edulink. To access the homework set, parents and students must log in to the Edulink One app or website with their credentials. Once they have logged in, they need to locate the Homework icon and click it.



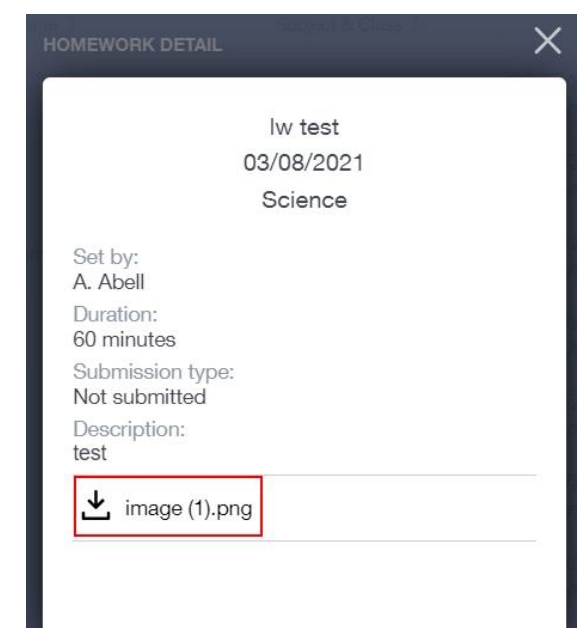
Once the Homework window opens, there are two tabs visible at the top. The first tab displays *current* and the second, *past* homework.

Due Date	Name	Subject & Class	Available	Submission	Received
In 7 days 18/08/2021	test for Nick	Science	09/08/2021 15:25 yesterday	Not submitted	
In 9 days 20/08/2021	Test for the future	Science	07/07/2021 14:50 34 days ago	Not submitted	
In 3185 days 01/05/2030	A future Assignment	edulink class 1	21/07/2021 11:36 20 days ago	Not submitted	

To view details, click on the homework you would like to view. Click the X to shut the window. This is the same for current and past homework.



Downloads are also available to view in the Homework Detail window. Underneath Description, if the teacher has included a file or a link, clicking on it will download the detail.



For more explanation, please view the video:

<https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/learners-and-parents-view-of-homework/#homework-video>

Mr Harwood



Huge congratulations to the following students:

- **William Baker 11G** for achieving his grade 8 organ exam with the Royal College of Organists. A fantastic achievement!
- **Arabelle Lloyd Warner 8C** for passing her Grade 5 piano exam with merit.

Extra-curricular Music

	8:30	12:30-1	3:30-4.30
MON	Exam composition AC1 Mrs Armstrong Music GCSE/A level students	Exam composition AC1 Mrs Armstrong Priority to exam students	
TUE	Senior choir AC1 Mr A Taylor Y9-13 and staff	Ukulele Magic AC1 Mrs Armstrong All welcome, beginners to pro! Showtime! AC2 Come and sing show tunes Mr A Taylor Open to all	
WED		String Orchestra AC2 Mrs Wilson AC2 All string players Grade 3+	
THU		Concert Band AC1 Mrs Armstrong Woodwind & Brass players Grade 3+	Brass Band AC1 Mr Turnbull All brass players
FRI	Worship group AC1 Mrs Hutchinson/Mrs Armstrong Singers, guitarists, pianists Guitar Group AC3 Mr Smith All guitar players, electric and acoustic	Bishop Rocks! AC3 Mr Smith Anyone interested in singing or playing pop/rock music	

Mrs Armstrong

Microsoft Office Applications

Great news! Bishop Stopford students can now download Microsoft Office free of charge on up to five devices.

Microsoft Office includes Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, OneNote and Publisher. It is available for **personal devices** running Microsoft Windows, MacOSX, Android and iOS (iPads and iPhones).



Microsoft®
Office

Access to the applications is available for the duration of your studies at Bishop Stopford School.

To download and register Microsoft Office, [click here](#) to download a guide from Firefly.

If you haven't yet registered for Firefly please follow the instructions on this page:

[Bishop Stopford School - Firefly Parent Portal](#)

Mr Harwood

RECRUITMENT



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

Successful candidates will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will play an integral part within the school.

Please visit our website vacancy page, where you will be able to view additional information regarding the role.

FACILITIES MANAGER

We hope you are excited by the opportunity to work with us. We look forward to hearing from you.



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	WEEK 2	Classic Favourites MONDAY	EASTERN TUESDAY	Great British WEDNESDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL		TRADITIONAL SAUSAGE & MASH Gravy	THAI RED CHICKEN CURRY Rice	ROAST TURKEY Roast Potatoes & Gravy	MONGOLIAN GROUND BEEF CURRY Vegetable Fried Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH, PIZZA, SAUSAGE OR FISHCAKE Chips & Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL		VEGAN SAUSAGE & MASH Gravy	GOAN SWEET POTATO & CHICKPEA CURRY Rice	CHEDDAR, BROCCOLI & LEEK QUICHE	EDAMAME BEAN & VEGETABLE SPRING ROLL Vegetable Fried Rice	CRISPY ONION PAKORA BURGER WITH MANGO CHUTNEY
VEGETABLES		PEAS CARROTS	STIR FRIED GREENS	SEASONAL VEGETABLES SEASONAL SALAD	ASIAN SLAW	PEAS CHIPS
PASTA POTS		TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO		TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT		CLASSIC APPLE PIE Custard	APPLE & BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE	JAM SPONGE Custard	PEAR & GINGER CRUMBLE Cinnamon Custard	BOSTON BROWNIE 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**