

Black History Month

Black History Month takes place in October to recognise and celebrate the achievements, art, history and excellence of African and African Caribbean communities. It brings hidden histories to light and helps us to consider biases in making history and to evaluate the importance of multifaceted perspectives.

Our History curriculum has embedded Black history, raising awareness of the contributions that communities and individuals have made over centuries in shaping our dynamic and diverse country. In Year 7, we consider the significance of local Kettering and Northamptonshire individuals. Lilian Bader was one of the first Black women to join the British armed forces and Walter Tull, who joined Northampton Town F.C in 1911, was the second person of African-Caribbean mixed heritage to play in the top division of the football league. Tull went on to serve as the first African-Caribbean mixed heritage man to be commissioned as an infantry officer in the British Army during WW1.

In Year 8, we consider some of the 200 black people living in Tudor England, the most notable being John Blanke - trumpeter for Henry VII and Henry VIII. We also look at the West African kingdom of Benin and the Songhai Empire before the arrival of European slave traders, before exploring the impact of the transatlantic slave trade and the experiences of African people in this shameful aspect of the British Empire. In Year 9, we reinforce this learning through exploration of civil rights as part of a unit on protest. We study civil rights protests in the UK as well as the US, considering prominent activists such as Paul Stephenson, Guy Bailey and Roy Hackett and the Bristol Bus Boycott.

This year, the theme of Black History Month is 'Saluting our Sisters'. It focuses on the role black women play in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities. We are encouraging all students to enter a [National Poetry Competition](#) (deadline 15th November) and are asking them to share their entries with us. Please encourage your children to [email](#) us a copy of their entries for a chance to win the Bishop Black History Month poetry competition.

Mr Jennings

End of the Half Term

There has been an excellent start to the year. It's wonderful to see Year 7 and 12 students settled, Year 10 students making a great commitment to their GCSE studies and over 300 students supporting our Open Evening.

Superb news! Provisional data from the Department for Education places our school **89th in the country for progress and 72nd for attainment. This places us in the top 2.5% of schools.**

We wish everyone a wonderful half term break.

Miss Silverthorne



Week A
Assembly Theme
Remembrance and
Truth
Events all week
Govilon (7E & 7P)

Monday 6 November
Year 11 Assembly

Tuesday 7 November
Year 10 Assembly

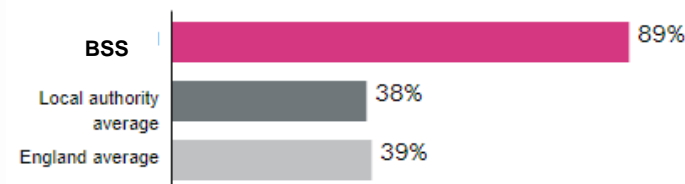
Wednesday 8 November
Year 8 & 9 Assembly
Year 11 English Trip (Band A)

Thursday 9 November
Year 7 Assembly
Year 11 English Trip (Band B)

Friday 10 November
Year 12 & 13 Assembly
Year 9 Communion
Remembrance Day Observation

Bishop is excellent because...
GCSE 2023
Entering EBacc

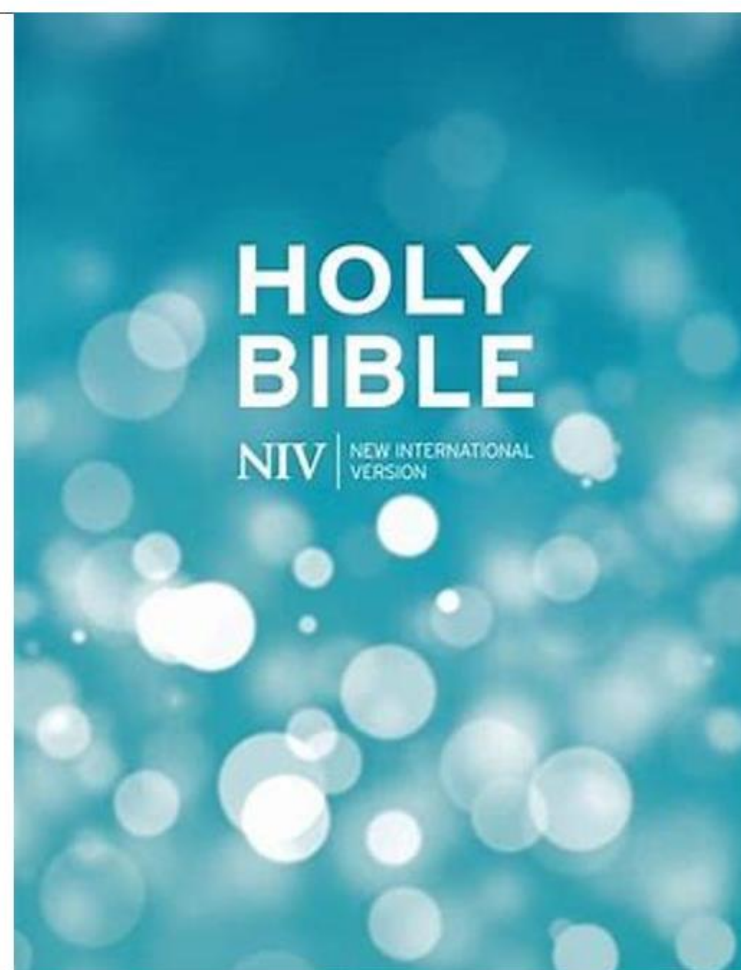
A pupil is considered to have entered for the English Baccalaureate if they entered for qualifications in English, maths, sciences, a language and either history or geography.



We are a Church of England School

YOUR WORD IS A
LAMP FOR MY FEET,
A LIGHT ON MY PATH.

Psalm 119
Verse 105
The Bible



With a weekly Christian Union of 50 students, we have been delighted to have to invest in brand-new Bibles! We wanted every young person to be able to hold, handle, open and read from a good quality Bible and, very practically, the same version, so we can find the place quickly!

This has meant considerable investment, and we approached local churches regarding sponsoring some of our Bibles. Our heartfelt thanks go to Open Door Church, Kettering, Hope Church, Corby, St Botolph's Church, Barton Seagrave and Broughton Baptist Church for their generosity. Ordering the Bibles before writing to local churches was a step of faith, but their rich generosity has allowed us to increase our initial order of 40 bibles to 50, as well as helping to finance another exciting Word of God project.

This represents a precious and vital coming together of local churches with our School community.

As a school we benefit greatly from the willing and committed input and teaching by so many clergy, pastors and youth workers from our diocese. These relationships and acts of service throughout the school calendar year are deeply significant to Bishop Stopford.

As we enjoy our new Bibles, we give thanks for the vision and generosity of local churches and look forward to being taught, corrected, trained and ultimately equipped for every good work, by God's Word.

Thank you

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values in Action Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will both receive Core Values in Action Awards:

Ruby Arthur (9Y) and Lyra Harker (8S) who both volunteered on Saturday evening to sing at the annual Geddington Volunteer Fire Brigade's Senior Citizen Dinner and stayed to chat to the guests afterwards.



Miss Adams

Safe Space

Following my letter home last week, we've been focused on ensuring all students are on time to school and to their lessons. Thank you for all of your support with this. Our families have a strong belief in the power and importance of education and our school culture reflects this ambition for all students. We have high attendance and punctuality across all year groups but we recognise that this requires continued focus.

In *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023*, (the document issued to all those working with children and young people by the Department for Education) there is explicit attention to the risks to students with low attendance and punctuality. This can be a sign that young people are being drawn into criminal activity. A critical role is to safeguard against this risk and we will continue to work with all families to support the highest possible levels of attendance. One of the important benefits of our new pastoral structure, now in its third year, is that Heads of Year work closely with families to identify reasons for absence and offer support.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, or would like to make us aware of something that might be impacting their punctuality, please don't hesitate to be in touch with their Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Mrs Smith

Music News

Huge congratulations to Charlotte Foster (Year 13) for making it through to the finals of the prestigious Gordon Robinson fellowship awards. There were outstanding performances from the top 12 young musicians from across the county.

Mrs Armstrong

Science Club

Science Club is held on Monday lunchtimes 12.45-1.15pm, with a different experiment underway each week. This half term's theme has been 'asteroid attacks'. Here, our students are determining how asteroid size and distance impacts the size of a crater. All students are welcome to join.

Mrs Redding & Miss Clarke

Sports News

A big well done to Barty Gardner (7D) who won Barton Seagrave Under 11s Bowler of the year last week for his efforts and improvement

Mr Drew.

Metamorphosis Review

Erratum: Last week's *Metamorphosis* Review was written by Justin Udo (Yr 13), not Mrs Fraser as published. Thank you to Justin for his review.



Students of the Half Term

Health and Social Care

10C Abigail Coe
10C Ava Noble
10Y Ava Rimmer
10Y Millie Seago
11E Bea Dent
11E Olivia Weineck
11G Ella Brookes
11W Connie Harvey

Mrs Martin

Psychology

12W Joseph Brading
12W Emily Maltby Smith
12Y Ariana Haria
12Y Sophie Rainbow
12Z William Bello
12Z Fajar Virk
13Y Amber Manning
13Y Aleena Vazhappily Siby
13X Elena Beradi Ross
13X Blessing Odiavwoya
13W Maria Plesinka
13W Jay Scholtz

Mrs Martin

Business

12C Georgia Knight
12P Yasemin Ciftci
12W Oliver Martin
12W William Bello
13C Charlotte Whaites
13D Antony Miller
13G Max Jeffs
13W Georgina Pow

Miss Campbell

MFL Linguists

7C Mohamed Helal
7D Daanveer Basra
7E Jovan Basra
7G Megan Turner
7P Nathan Olajiga
7S Betsy Flannigan
7W Anaiah Boateng
7Y Will Millam
8D Elijah Borbor
8W Arjan Mann
8G Josh Romy
8C Liam Ling
8G Genna Long
8W Eli Verity
8P Seb Belliere-Wilson
8P Matthias Leatherland
8C Darius Ionel
8C Eshal Khan
8P Alexandra Mitchell
8E Eliana Sowah-Adjetey
10G Bethan Clark
10D Alfie Rimmer
10D Aswita Premathasan
10E Edward Sim-Jones
10Y Oak Gilbert
10W Jonah Goldsmith
10P Joseph Wood
10S Matthew Hopkins
10D Thomas Murrell





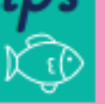
Mrs Rogers-Hussey



9E George Mears
9W Matthew Clark
9E Georgia Maisiri
9S Eva Winson
9E James Rahman
9D Rebecca Brooking
9S Samuel Tomlin
9S Euan Templeman
9D Sophie Howard
9E Noah Gibbard
9Y Vanshi Patel
9Y Ruby Arthur
11D Amelia Mann
11C Hayley Ndlovu
11G Toby Lorentzen
11E Jess Foley
11S Tom Rochester
11Y Walanyo Dacosta
11Y Rodney Badger
11Y Taishif Mohammad
11E Iona Smith



WEEK 3

	Classic Favourites MONDAY 	EASTERN TUESDAY 	Great British WEDNESDAY 	SOUTHERN STYLE THURSDAY 	Fish & Chips FRIDAY 
MAIN MEAL	MAC N CHEESE BAR Variety of Toppings	JAPANESE CHICKEN CURRY 50/50 Rice	ROAST TURKEY Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	BEEF CHILLI CON CARNE Nachos, Rice, Sour Cream	FRESHLY BATTERED FISH/ SALMON FISHCAKES
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MAC BAR Variety of Toppings	GOAN SWEET POTATO & CHICK PEA CURRY 50/50 Rice	BUTTERNUT SQUASH, BRIE & ROASTED ONION WELLINGTON Gravy	MIXED BEAN CHILLI Nachos, Rice, Sour Cream	CHICKPEA & CORIANDER BURGER Wedges, Coleslaw
VEGETABLES	GARDEN SALAD	STIR FRIED GREENS	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SWEETCORN	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	WAFFLE BAR Fruit Compote	CHOCOLATE ORANGE MOUSSE	STICKY LEMON SPONGE Custard	BANANA BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING Custard	APPLE & PEAR CRUMBLE Ice Cream
FRUIT POT	SELECTION OF FRUIT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
JELLY POTS	SELECTION OF JELLY POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

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