

Celebrating Excellence

On Monday 18 December, we will be holding our Celebration of Achievement for students who completed A Levels and GCSEs last summer. We are expecting 600 visitors and look forward to presenting examination certificates and prizes to those who made the most progress in each subject.

It is wonderful to be able to welcome our students – current and former – and their families into school to celebrate their many successes in person. We are immensely proud of how hard our students worked to gain the excellent results that they so rightly deserved.

This year, the Progress 8 score (the national method to measure progress made from key stage 2 to key stage 4) means that last year's Year 11 performance places our school 89th – in the top 1.5% of schools nationally.

Former Year 13 students also did amazingly well. While there are no progress measures for them, their average achievement of a grade B outperforms previous success in non-Covid affected years.

But the evening is about far more than academic excellence: it will celebrate the all round excellence of the Bishop Stopford experience, seen, not least in the character and values our young people have developed.

We are delighted our guest speaker is travelling all the way from Dubai for our Celebration of Achievement. Sunil Mashari left us in 2009, and will be joined by Mayor Emily Fedorowycz in presenting certificates and prizes. Both Sunil and Emily are wonderful role models for the evening – both have taken the values from our school and lived them out in different ways.

While the academic achievements of our students are certainly to be celebrated, the evening will be a celebration of the culture of our school and the community to which we all belong and contribute.



Mr Harwood



Week A Assembly Theme

The Christmas Message

Monday 18 December

Praying Parents 2pm Chapel

Tuesday 19 December

Student Festive Activities 12.15pm

Main Hall & Gym

Year 8 Rugby County Tournament

Wednesday 20 December

Year 11 Winter House Games

Christian Union on Tour 12.15pm

Main Hall

Thursday 21 December

Non Uniform Morning

Assembly Yr 7,8,9 Sports Hall

Assembly Yr 10,11 Main Hall

School closes at 12.15pm

Friday 22 December

Christmas Holidays

Bishop is excellent because...

GCSE 2023

Attainment 8

Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to 8 qualifications.



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We are a Church of England School



It isn't often that I wish that I were a teenager again, but the prospect of our *Christian Union on Tour* event next week 'Christmas Light' fills me with joy, anticipation, and energy. I find myself wondering how my own school life might have been different had I been part of something like this!

And so our invitation to all students is a generous and warm one. They will be able to join us on Wednesday 20th at lunchtime in the Main Hall to enjoy craft, music and mince pies, prayer opportunities, Bible verse reflections, Oreos and an unmissable Christmas Quiz. Questions we'll consider are, 'Have you ever wondered what the fuss is all about?' 'Is Christmas a custom that makes life busy but makes little sense?'

Staff and students will share their responses to the question: How does Jesus' statement '**I am the light of the world**' impact your life?

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'
John 1: 5 The Bible

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values in Action Awards

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

Alfie Westley (8W) and Jack Bullivant (8C) for helping at the Christmas fair In St Andrew's Church, Kettering.

Isabella Freeman (7W) for her reading from Isaiah at St Mary Magdalene in Geddington and raising money from Her bake sale, cleaning the Church and helping at the Christmas Tree Festival.

Alexander Powell (9P) attended a cadets' presentation evening and won best recruit for the year.

Matthias (8P) and Cyprian (7P) Leatherland had the honour of serving a Pontifical Low Mass with Bishop Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of Astana in Kazakhstan. He was visiting the UK for one weekend and celebrated Mass in Bletchley.



Miss Silverthorne



Safe Space

Christmas can be a time for new gadgets and devices, with many receiving new games, consoles, phones and smart devices.

It's good to be aware of the parental controls which are available and websites and apps which can support parents navigating the world of e-safety. The infographic below shares some helpful resources. It has been developed in partnership with the Home Office and local policing.



Mrs Smith

Congratulations

Dhyan Patel (11P) has been awarded an Orwell Scholarship and has been offered a place at Eton College from September 2024.

The following students formed a junior team at Kettering Chess Club playing an all adult Market Harborough Chess Club. The visiting team were very complimentary about both the high standard of chess and also the polite and sportsmanlike manner in which the Kettering Juniors conducted themselves:
Vanik Singh (yr 12), Thomas Schloesser (11E), Darius Ionel (8C) and Jacob Batchelor (7D).

Elina Patel (7C) picked up 7 awards at the Northants County Awards Ceremony for her cricket ,x5 for each 50, Batsman of the year and the youngest player ever to be awarded the Girls' Pathway of the Year 2023



Miss Silverthorne

Parent Governor Election

In the above election, we received 61 ballot papers, of which 49 were valid. 10 were void because the stated procedure was not followed and 2 were late.

We are pleased to confirm that Sarah Bertram and Chris Davis have been nominated to stand as parent governors. Thank you to all those who participated.

Mrs Wood

End Of term Closure and School Transport

A non-uniform day is being held on the 21st December, with Christmas jumpers being the theme. A voluntary donation of £1 is requested. All proceeds will go to Save the Children.

School closes at 12.30pm.

Students will be dismissed at the following times:

- Year 13 at 12.15pm
- Year 8 and 10 at 12.25pm
- Year 7, 9 and 11 at 12.30pm

RB Travel buses will collect students at 12.45pm.

If your son or daughter does not use school transport, please ensure arrangements are in place for them to get home.

Miss Curchin

Festive Lunchtimes

Student Leaders are running a Christmas event on the 19th December. There will be free activities at lunchtime including a live band, Christmas card-making and Beat the Santa Goalie.

There will also be a bake sale and a candy cane stall. Proceeds raised will go to Shelter and Save the Children.

As per p2, on the 20th December, the Christian Union will host their 'On Tour' in the Main Hall.

Miss Curchin

Science Club

Science Club made Christmas tree decorations this week out of petri dishes.



Miss Redding

Library News

There has been lots going on in the Library this term – work on a complete move around and refresh of the non-fiction area is nearing the end of its first phase. This work would not have been possible without the continued assistance of Student Helpers, so thank you to those who have worked tirelessly on this project.

Reading Partners has been ongoing since September. We are delighted to be sending home literacy recognition postcards from our Year 12 volunteers to their Year 7 partner families. We look forward to celebrating next week with a Christmas Breakfast and prize draw for all students involved.

The Christmas Quiz saw 35 teams and over 120 students from Years 7 to 13 taking part to wrestle with such questions as “When do the 12 days of Christmas start?” and “How many reindeer drive Santa’s sleigh, including Rudolph?” Here is a link to the questions and answers if anyone would like to have a go at home!

[Christmas Quiz 2023 — Bishop Stopford School \(fireflycloud.net\)](https://www.fireflycloud.net/Christmas-Quiz-2023-Bishop-Stopford-School)

Sixth Form teams, “Sleigh Belles”, “Belle’s Elves” and “The Sixth Formers who Stole Christmas” scored very highly on the quiz but graciously accepted tubs of sweets instead of the First Prize which went to “The Christmas Turkeys”, Josh, Nathan, Zach and Joel.

Two teams were only one point behind, so joint second place went to “Santa’s Little Helpers” and “Rob the Reindeer”.

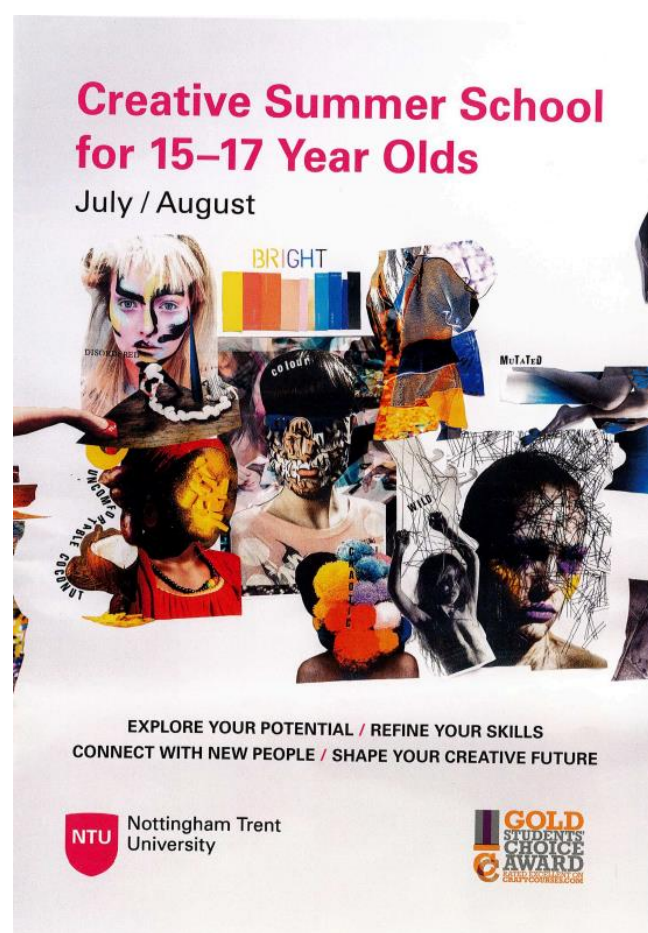
Best Team Name was awarded to “The Quizzical Christmas Crackers”, Helena, Lilly-Mae, Elena and Amelia. Well done to everyone who took part to make this such a great event!

Miss Wood



Creative Summer School July and August 2024

Nottingham Trent University’s Summer School 2024 is now open for bookings!



Last summer over 200 15-17 year olds from the UK and abroad attended this summer school. It’s a lively week (or two) where students can take a deep dive into a favourite subject, add work to their portfolio and experience university life.

Students can choose from: 3D digital technologies, animation architecture, car design, digital fine art, graphic design portfolio, graphic novels, photography portfolio, product design, textile design, and many more

For those aged 16 and 17 who stay on campus, it’s also a taste of independent living. Single room accommodation with private bathroom is available. And all courses are accredited by the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme and can be used to gain the residential element of the gold award.

For more information,
please visit www.ntu.ac.uk/15-17shortcourses

Mr Sidgwick

WEEK 1

WEEK COMMENCING
6/11/2023 27/11/2023 18/12/2023 06/01/2024 29/01/2024 19/02/2024
11/03/2024 01/04/2024 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 03/06/2024
24/06/2024 15/07/2024

V – Vegetarian
VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

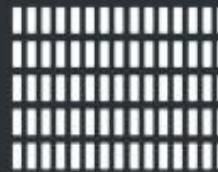
CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
MONDAY Beef & Tomato Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad	MONDAY Plant Based Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)
TUESDAY Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice with Carrot & Sesame Salad	TUESDAY Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean & noodle Stir Fry with Carrot & Sesame Salad (V)
WEDNESDAY Glazed British Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Roasted Roots & Gravy	WEDNESDAY Baked Macaroni in our Cheesy Sauce with a Crunchy Topping (V)
THURSDAY Authentic Chicken Biryani with Tomato, Red Onion & Coriander Salad	THURSDAY Authentic Vegetable Biryani with Tomato, Red onion & Coriander Salad(VE)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Jamaican Squash Pasty, Sweet Chilli Sauce & Chunky Chips (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Cream	American Style Pancake Bar with Fruit Toppings	Pineapple Upside Down Pudding with Vanilla Custard	Banoffee Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard	Manager's Special
FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD
Available Daily

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



MONDAY

Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (V)

TUESDAY

Greek Souvlaki Chicken

WEDNESDAY

Korean Crispy Fried Chicken

THURSDAY

Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles (V)

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

NATURally

MONDAY

Moroccan Cous Cous & Falafel Bowl (V)

TUESDAY

Vegan Bean & Jalapeno Burrito (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA



MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Manager's Special Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Spicy Sausage Pizza

THURSDAY

Manager's Special Pasta

FRIDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Piri Piri Chicken Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.

