



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**NEWSLETTER**



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

### Monday 15 January

Yr 11 Assembly  
Yr 11 Geography Field Trip

### Tuesday 16 January

Yr 10 Assembly

### Wednesday 17 January

Yr 8 & 9 Assembly  
Yr 9 Immunisations  
Yr 11 Geography Field Trip

### Thursday 18 January

Yr 7 Assembly  
Yr 9 Immunisations  
Yr 11 Geography Field Trip

### Friday 19 January

Yr 12 & 13 Assembly  
Yr 7 Communion

### Events all week

Year 11 into 12 Open Afternoons  
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### Next week:

**Week A**

### Assembly Theme:

*Lives in God's Hands*

## The Term Ahead

Happy New Year – and welcome to our 'new look' Newsletter!

As a staff team, we were privileged to start 2024 with an address from Dame Alison Peacock, CEO of the Chartered College of Teaching. She brought a wonderful sense of optimism, reminding us about our incredible role and purpose as educators. She encouraged us to make learning irresistible and to continue dialogue with all in our community to make this collective endeavour of education a joyful one too. We were inspired by her positivity and taken back once more to consider why ours is such an incredible profession.

It has been good, therefore, to review our first week and all that has taken place alongside timetabled lessons: GCSE and A Level moderation for PE, making a podcast for the Church of England, and a residential trip for DT going to London today. It is the incredible menu of activities which are documented weekly through our Newsletters which result in our students being able to fulfil their potential.

Our school logo really does symbolise what Dame Alison challenged us to do: unlock the potential for every young person. Our collective new year's resolution is to find and use the right keys to do exactly that.

**Miss Silverthorne**



*#BestOfBishop*

JOYLESS

JANUARY

JOY-FILLED

*Would you describe yourself as joyful?*



We read in Nehemiah 8:10 in The Bible:  
'The joy of the LORD is your strength'

At Christmas we sang, 'JOY to the world'. Surrounded by pretty lights and tinsel and sparkling things, this felt easier than now launching into January and the 31 long days of a month which seems to offer little beyond grey skies. Or is that just me?!

I always claim that January is my most joyless month although our three children all celebrate a January birthday! So it is with a sense of expectation and hope, that I opened the first pages of a 30-day devotional this week, entitled JOY. The blurb on the back asks, 'Would you describe yourself as joyful?' Well, you all know my answer to that nugget of a question!

This half term, I invite students and staff, who are at school by 8am, to join me on this discovery of January JOY for 10 minutes each morning. I know the truth of other encouraging words in that devotional: 'Joy in the Bible is far greater, far deeper, much more robust than happiness. It can bubble away in the hard times – don't let anything rob you of your joy'. But the reality of humanity means that we do allow 'life' so often to rob us of this precious joy.

I am so grateful that this book exists, and to the contributors who have written the guided reflections so that I, along with those who can join me, can remember this truth: the joy of the LORD is my strength.

**Mrs Hutchinson**

## Core Values

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

Sam Tomlin (9S) for helping at his local church preparing and serving afternoon tea to 40 members of the community.

Rocco Rowett (7Y) has attended a new church youth group in Wellingborough since September. He led prayer at All Saints Festival of Nine Carols and also played a part in narrating the All Saints' Christmas Eve Nativity.

**Miss Silverthorne**

## Safe Space

As you may be aware, three teenagers from Kettering have been charged with attempted murder following a stabbing in Barton Seagrave in the early hours of New Year's Day. In tutor times and assemblies this week, we have provided an opportunity to discuss knives and knife crime. Using resources from the Local Authority, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Police, students have discussed:

- why people might carry knives;
- laws surrounding knives and knife crime;
- case studies;
- advice on how to report concerns.

Crucially, we have reassured students that the number of young people who carry or use knives is very small. Police estimate that 99% of young people will never carry a knife.

If students are concerned about someone carrying a knife or being involved in criminal activity, they can speak to a trusted adult in school or report via Fearless: [Give information about crime 100% anonymously | Fearless | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#).

We will continue to hold all those impacted in our thoughts and prayers and would encourage any student to speak to their Form Tutor, Head of Year or our Chaplain if they would value additional support.

**Mrs Smith**

## Do you know what your children are studying?

In the recent Parental Survey, it was evident that not all parents knew where to find up-to-date curriculum information. To address this, and to help parents to support their children with their ongoing learning, we have put the following together:

### Yearly Plans

We produce an annual Curriculum Booklet for Years 7-11. These outline topics students will study across individual subjects and other lessons.

These booklets can be found in the Curriculum section of our website and are also accessible via [Years 7-11 Subject Content](#)

We do not provide a booklet for Years 12 and 13, but detailed information on individual subject content is provided on the Curriculum pages of the Sixth Form section of our website: [Sixth Form Subject Content](#)

### Termly Plans

A new development from your feedback is a set of overviews of specific subject topics students will be studying this term. There are versions for each year group and the plan is to update these for the start of each new term.

The Spring plan for Year 7 is included in this newsletter on page 6 and we will include the Spring plans for other year groups in future newsletters.

**Mr Kirke**

## Thank you

We have received a lovely thank you from Emily Federowycz (Mayor of Kettering) for our donation of £275.00 for her chosen charity [Accommodation Concern Big Sleep](#).

Emily said *"This is incredibly generous and I am so grateful for the kindness of the school to support this cause and my chosen charity in such a huge way. It really means a lot, so thank you - and please pass on my thanks to those that raised this through the Carol Service."*

**Miss Silverthorne**

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Over 50 Year 10 and 11 students received their DofE bronze awards in December. All of these students have undertaken volunteering in the local community, learnt a new skill or developed an existing one and taken part in physical activity for an hour a week for between 3 and 6 months.

They have also taken part in a practice and a qualifying expedition. This is a huge achievement for them and we are all incredibly proud of what they have achieved!

**Mrs Smith**



## Sports Congratulations

Congratulations once again go to Imogen Dodds (9Y), who competed at the Swim England Winter National Short Course Championship in Sheffield in December.

This was the first time that Imogen has competed at this level. Being a Paralympic athlete, the competition was 'open age', and Imogen was one of the youngest competitors. Despite this and many other challenges during the weekend, Imogen competed in six events, achieving four pbs and reaching four finals where she swam alongside World Paralympic Champion Jessica-Jane Applegate. Imogen's greatest success of the weekend came in the 50m Freestyle where she was placed an amazing 4<sup>th</sup>.



We look forward to following Imogen's success at the British Para Swimming International Meet in Aberdeen in February.

Well done Imogen!

**Mrs Glue**

## Music News

Congratulations to Harriet Bond (10Y) for achieving grade 5 violin with Merit.

### BSS Orchestra has Returned!

String players are invited to come and join our fabulous concert band to bring back BSS orchestra! Rehearsals are Tuesdays in AC1 – students should arrive by 12.25 to start playing from 12.30-1. All brass, woodwind (flute, clarinet, oboe, sax) and string (violin, viola, cello, double bass) players are welcome. Recommended starting level is approximately Grade 3. Mrs Armstrong is available to give more information.

**Mrs Armstrong**



# Sixth Form Open Afternoons



Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

## Open Afternoons 2024

### 1:00 – 3:00pm

Monday 15 - Friday 19 January daily

Please book your place at [www.bishopstopford.com](http://www.bishopstopford.com)

#### September 2024 Admissions

Applications open: Tuesday 21 November 2023

Applications close: Wednesday 31 January 2024 3:30pm

### Key Stage 5 Programme of Study



2023 Average A Level Grade

# B

(200 students)

**A student:** "Enjoy and appreciate your time at Bishop Stopford. Make the most of the opportunities offered. It is a unique school with a family atmosphere. You will cherish the memories and friends you make for the rest of your life."

**A parent:** "The values that all of our children have learnt at Bishop have held them in good stead throughout their early adult years, and I am sure that they will continue to prosper."

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Mrs Coe

## Parking

At the start of the year, we wish to draw everyone's attention once more to the need for respectful, courteous and safe driving and parking.

We ask that you behave in a courteous manner towards local residents.

#### **Please do not:**

- park across residents' driveway or grass verges (particularly the area around Thurston Drive);
- turn around or park in the school driveway;
- drive on to the school site in the mornings or afternoons;
- block the fire station's access.

Thank you

Miss Curchin



## Year 7 Curriculum (see page 3)

Subject	Spring Term 1		Spring Term 2		
Art		Colour Project	Compositional Designs – Based on the work of William Morris and Mathematical Islamic patterns		
Computer Science		Educational Blocks (Unit 2)	Educational Blocks (Unit 2) Using Media (Unit 3)		
DT		<u>Food (Unit 1)</u> Food Hygiene Using small kitchen equipment	<u>Food (Unit 2)</u> Designing food products for others Food Packaging	<u>Textiles</u> Sewing machine basics Hand Embroidery	<u>Product Design</u> Marking out materials Shaping wood C.A.D basics
Drama		Rotation Project 2 (Greek Theatre)	Rotation Project 2 (Greek Theatre)		
English		Frankenstein by Mary Shelley Everyone a Writer (Fiction and Voices about us)	Animal Farm by George Orwell		
Foundation Learning		Creating a Business Letter	Creating a Business Letter		
Geography		Why are Rivers important? (Focus on Floods in UK and Bangladesh)	Settlements (Focus on Kettering)		
GRIT		Core Values Matter How the school’s core values influence our lives and relationships every day			
History		Medieval Religion – Why was the Church so important in people’s lives?	The Crusades – what were the consequences of the first Crusade?		
Maths		Factors, Multiples and Primes Angle Facts Order of Operations Powers and Roots Fractions, Decimals and Percentages	Angle Rules Averages Division		
Music		Minor Moods – D Minor Composition	Minor Moods – D Minor Composition		
PE		Making positive choices Choosing the right skill at the right time	Showing creativity		
PSHE		Staying safe On and Offline Gangs and gang related behaviour Online safety Harmful substances	Staying safe On and Offline Harmful substances – focus on alcohol, smoking and vaping		
RE		Judaism – A promise keeper	Islam – Did not begot or be begotten.		
Science		Atoms and Elements (Chemistry) Muscles and Bones (Biology) Forces (Physics)	Acids and Alkalis (Chemistry) Current Electricity (Physics)		
Spanish		Free time and Leisure	School		

<b>Wider-Curricular</b>	<b>Year 7 Communion (21.01.24)</b> <b>Safer Internet Day (05.2.24)</b>	<b>Bishop Book Week (including Readathon)</b> <b>NMPAT Performance (12.03.24)</b>
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## Recruitment

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

## Exam Invigilator

## Teacher of Drama

## Teacher of Mathematics

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.

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



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WEEK 1

WEEK COMMENCING

16/12/2023 22/11/2023 06/01/2024 20/01/2024 19/02/2024  
11/03/2024 01/04/2024 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 03/06/2024  
24/06/2024 05/07/2024

V – Vegetarian  
VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Beef & Tomato Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad

TUESDAY

Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice with Carrot & Sesame Salad

WEDNESDAY

Glazed British Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Roasted Roots & Gravy

THURSDAY

Authentic Chicken Biryani with Tomato, Red Onion & Coriander Salad

FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Friday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Plant Based Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)

TUESDAY

Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean & noodle Stir Fry with Carrot & Sesame Salad (V)

WEDNESDAY

Baked Macaroni in our Cheesy Sauce with a Crunchy Topping (V)

THURSDAY

Authentic Vegetable Biryani with Tomato, Red onion & Coriander Salad(VE)

FRIDAY

Jamaican Squash Patty, Sweet Chili Sauce & Chunky Chips (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Cream

TUESDAY

American Style Pancake Bar with Fruit Toppings

WEDNESDAY

Pineapple Upside Down Pudding with Vanilla Custard

THURSDAY

Banoffee Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard

FRIDAY

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

street VIBES

MONDAY

Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (V)

TUESDAY

Greek Souvlaki Chicken

WEDNESDAY

Korean Crispy Fried Chicken

THURSDAY

Mel 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 Nisan (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 Pizzas Or Spicy Sausage Pizza

THURSDAY

Manager's Special Pasta

FRIDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato Pizzas Or Piri Piri Chicken Pizzas

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