



Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 9th February 2024

NEWSLETTER



The Pit Monkeys

Monday 12th February
Yr 11 Assembly

Tuesday 13th February
Yr 10 Assembly

Wednesday 14th February
Yr 8 & 9 Assembly
U13s Rugby Regional 7s Final

Thursday 15th February
Yr 7 Assembly
Year 12 Reports Online
Recruitment Event 16:30pm

Friday 16th February
Yr 12 & 13 Assembly
Yr 12 & 13 Spanish Trip
Year 10 Communion
Licensing of Mrs Hutchinson
as Lay Chaplain
School Closes for Half Term

A Level Mock Exams

#BestOfBishop

Year 13 students have been sitting their mock exams over the last eight days. These exams are always important, helping students to experience and understand what to expect when they take their actual A Levels exams in the summer. They will, of course, also identify any learning gaps which may require additional revision and intervention.

Most students have specific grades they want to achieve to gain entry to an apprenticeship, university course, or school leaver programme, and these exams are an important staging post in that journey to achieving those grades.

Teachers will give students feedback and individual paper marks from the week beginning 26th February. More importantly will be the work students then do with this feedback to make the improvements and fine tuning needed for the summer.

There is still plenty of time for revision plans to be put in place and for students to ensure that they have a good depth of understanding, practise the skills required and can apply, evaluate, and analyse this knowledge.

We have organised an additional session to help students with their revision for the summer exams. Next Friday, Year 13 students will attend an hour's session led by Mrs Kirke on 'How the Brain Works'. This will develop their understanding of how learning takes place (also known as metacognition), what will work for them and why as they plan their revision programme for the next few months.

Mrs Coe – Head of Sixth Form

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
The start of Lent



We are a Church of England School



John 21:12 The Bible

**‘Jesus said,
“Come and eat
breakfast!” ’**

WEEK B IN THE CHAPEL
8:35am
Year 10 Mondays (Tea & Toast)
Year 9 Tuesdays (Tea & Toast)
Year 11 Thursdays (Chocolate in
the Chapel)

Hebrews Chapter 13 verse 12 tells us, ‘Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it’.

What a beautiful thought! Our Bible teems with meals and food and welcome. It is impossible to know where to stop once you begin to look! In Exodus 2:20 Reuel asks his daughters about a visitor, “Where is he? Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat!”.

Jesus is ‘welcomed’ by Martha into her home in Luke 10:38 as she busily prepares food in the kitchen. We see Boaz in the Old Testament showing favour and compassion on Ruth inviting her to eat: “Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar”: a foreign woman in a foreign land, alone and vulnerable receiving the kindness of Boaz as he provides her with employment and food: ‘She ate all she wanted and had some left over’ (Ruth 2:14)

The prodigal son is welcomed home: ‘Bring the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate! For this my son was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate’ (Luke 15:23-24).

The pages of Scripture are littered with scenes of food and feasting, of those sharing supper, of miraculous provision, fish and manna and wedding banquets, cooking over a fire and Passover. I love that God’s word feeds and nourishes our souls and grows our faith as we meet Jesus, the bread of life.

And so it is with joy that we invite and welcome students into the Chapel to “Come and eat”.

Mrs Hutchinson

National Podcast

We were thrilled to be invited to produce a podcast for the Growing Faith Foundation – a Church of England movement which exists to put children, young people and families at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church.

Matthew and Hirun (Year 7), Lottie (Year 8), George (Year 10) and Ngaire (Year 13) took part superbly, reflecting on themes such as spirituality and how our school supports students’ faith journeys.

We are delighted to share with you the podcast which is now available on the Church of England website: do have a listen! [The Growing Faith Foundation | The Church of England](#). It is being used for training nationally, and we are delighted to have received incredibly positive feedback already. Well done to all involved!

Miss Silverthorne

FIRST in All Headline Measures in North Northants

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at end of key stage 4	Progress 8		Entering EBacc	Staying in education or entering employment (2021 leavers)	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs	Attainment 8	EBacc average point score
			Number of pupils included in this measure	Score & description					
Bishop Stopford School	Academy	213	210	WELL ABOVE AVERAGE 0.88	89%	99% (212 of 214 pupils)	71%	60.7	5.77

[All schools and colleges in North Northamptonshire - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK \(compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/compare-school-performance-service)

Miss Silverthorne

Safe Space

This week marks the annual celebration of Safer Internet Day and Childrens Mental Health Week. Ms Page, our Head of IT, has been leading a group of students through their Digital Leader accreditation and it has been wonderful to see them delivering assemblies and lunchtime activities. This year, the theme of Safer Internet Day is 'Inspiring Change', and we're asking students to consider how their actions online can make a positive impact on the world. We're very proud to have been one of a handful of schools chosen to film the campaign videos for Safer Internet Day. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 spoke to leaders from the UK Safer Internet Centre and you can see their film here: [Safer Internet Day 2024 - Key Stage 5 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, students have received a special card with details of external agencies which can support them with their mental health. We've been talking in PSHE lessons about this and we had visitors at lunchtime from YouthWorks, a local charity which provides counselling services to young people in the community, to answer students' questions. In school, students can talk to any trusted adult. Our non-teaching Heads of Year are available throughout the day and we also work with YouthWorks, Souster Youth and Think for the Future to provide counselling and mentoring for those who would benefit from some extra support.

TALK OUT LOUD
ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

COMFORT CARD
Giving you comfort in times of need

Here are some **NHS-approved** apps to help reduce anxiety, improve sleep, lower stress and boost your mood:

Approved by **NHS**

Scan me:

If you are feeling like you can't cope, there are people you can talk to:

Useful numbers free to contact: **CONFIDENTIAL**

SHOUT 24/7
Text SHOUT to 85258

SCHOOL NURSE Mon - Fri
Text: 07507 329 600

CHILDLINE 24/7
Call: 0800 1111

SAMARITANS 24/7
Call: 116 123
Email: jo@samaritans.org

CAMHS CONNECT 9am - 7pm
Call: 0300 111 022

Mrs Smith

Strep A Guidance

There has been a case of Strep A in our school community. Strep A has common symptoms such as flu-like symptoms, high temperature etc. It can easily be treated with antibiotics and more information found on [this link Strep A - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you or your child has a Strep A infection, you should stay away from school or work for 24 hours after you start taking antibiotics. This will help stop the infection spreading to other people. Please call the academy to notify any absences in the usual way.

Miss Curchin



Music News

Huge congratulations to our very own band, the Pit Monkeys; Alex Duggleby (11W), Freddy Fawcett, Will Betts (12G) and Oliver Haseldine (11P), for an incredible 2 hour set in Kettering's Shire Horse last Saturday 4th Feb. The venue was full to bursting, and the band delighted everyone as they delivered professional and energetic renditions of classics including, *Park Life*, *Sit Down*, *Come Together*, *Don't Look Back in Anger*. They also wowed the room with their very own song, debuted last year in our own hall, *Back of the Queue*. One attendee called them "absolutely epic", as they played her request for *Mr Brightside*. Look out for their next gig on the 24th Feb at The Fox in Wilbarston at 19:30pm - a guaranteed night of great music.

Congratulations also to the Lorentzen family, for organising a marvellous night of music in St Mary's church, Burton Latimer, on Friday 26th January.

The evening was packed with fabulous music, from pop and rock classics to Chopin, and showcased some extra-ordinary local talent from musicians of all ages. Special congratulations go to;

Toby Lorentzen (11G), for his awesome drumming

Sophia Lorentzen (7E), for her gorgeous vocal solos,

Alana Hollwey (8E), who performed a delightful vocal solo with ukulele.

It was an inspiring evening and raised £1,350 for church funds!

Mrs Armstrong

Year 10 Scholars – Brilliant Club Final

The Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme final took place on Monday 5th February. Congratulations to all 14 students who took part for all their hard work!



Mrs Hainsworth

National Apprenticeship Week 2024

The aim of the week is to continue to raise awareness of Apprenticeships. Events were held all week and were well attended.



Mrs Castle



Year 11 Curriculum Schedule – Spring Term

Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
GCSE Art	Preparation towards External Exam	
GCSE Computer Science	Boolean Logic Producing Robust Programs	Programming Languages and Integrated Development Environments
GCSE Drama	Mock Scripted Exam Preparation	Final Scripted Exam Preparation
GCSE English	<u>English Literature</u> A Christmas Carol Unseen Poetry and Power and Conflict	
GCSE Food	NEA 2	
GCSE French	<u>School</u>	<u>The World of Work</u>
GCSE Geography	<u>The Living World</u> Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts Fieldwork Preparation	<u>Unfamiliar Fieldwork and Issue Evaluation Preparation</u>
GCSE Health and Social Care	Component 3 (exam unit) LAB Health indicators for health and wellbeing	LAC Health and wellbeing plan and application to case studies.
GCSE History	<u>The End of the Cold War: 1970-91</u> <u>Elizabeth I - Queen, Government and Religion (1558-69)</u>	<u>Elizabeth I - Queen, Government and Religion (1558-69)</u>
GCSE iMedia	NEA	NEA
GCSE Maths	Trigonometric Graphs and Equations Transforming Graphs Algebraic Fractions Proof	Exam Preparation
GCSE Music	<u>Composition 1</u> Exam Preparation	<u>Compositions 1 and 2</u> Exam Preparation
Core PE	Commitment to Progress Producing Effective Outcomes	Innovation in PE
GCSE PE	Health, Fitness and Well-being	Written Coursework - Evaluation

Mr Kirke



Year 11 Curriculum Schedule – Spring Term contd

GCSE Product Design	NEA Final Making & Testing / Evaluating	
PSHE	<u>Safety On and Offline</u> Reality and Livestreaming Drugs Education Staying safe at Festivals	<u>Safety On and Offline</u> Cosmetic Surgery Online Reputations
GCSE RE	Theme E – Crime and Punishment	Students will use this time to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of Christianity and Buddhism, in relations to their key beliefs, teachings and practices. The focus will be on exam skills and strengthening knowledge.
GCSE Science (Triple)	Module 6 – Genetics	Module 7 - Ecology
GCSE Science (Trilogy)	Biology Module 7 - Ecology	
GCSE Spanish	<u>School</u>	<u>The World of Work</u>
GCSE Textiles	NEA Final Making & Testing / Evaluating	

Wider-Curricular	DT Textiles Trip (12.01.24 to 13.01.24) Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Year 11 Communion (29.01.24) Safer Internet Day (05.02.24)	Bishop Book Week (including Readathon) Year 11 Spring House Games (12.03.24)
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Other	Mock Grades and Scripts returned to students (w/b 15.01.24) Year 11 Mock Results and Reports Issued (02.02.24)	Additional English Literature and Maths Mock (11.03.24)
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Mr Kirke

Sports News

Congratulations to Samuel Howes (9W) for taking part in the Old Scouts U14 Rugby and won the 2023-2024 East Midlands Plate Final held at Kettering Rugby Football Club.

Congratulations to Imogen Dodds (9Y) for competing in the World Series International Swim Meet in Aberdeen. Imogen made finals on all days across the competition and achieved an incredible 1st place 50m butterfly and 3rd in the 100m butterfly. She has also been awarded two gold medals for being the highest scoring British junior swimmer in the butterfly events – the first time Imogen has achieved this milestone. Well done Imogen on your continued success.



Mr Flannigan



Recruitment

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

Expressive Arts Technician

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 3

WEEK COMMENCING
 30/10/2024 20/11/2024 11/12/2024 01/01/2025 22/01/2025 12/02/2025
 04/03/2024 25/03/2024 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 27/05/2024
 17/06/2024 08/07/2024

V – Vegetarian
 VE - Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Pasta Bar – Your Choice of Tomato & Pesto, Pepperoni or Alfredo Sauce with Crunchy Toppings

TUESDAY

Lebanese Chicken & Tomato Curry, Pilau Rice & Fattoush Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Roasted Roots & Gravy

THURSDAY

Mexican Birria Beef Stew with Cilantro Lime Rice

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

Roast Stuffed Peppers filled with Quinoa Roasted Tomatoes & Feta Cheese (V)

TUESDAY

Aubergine & Chickpea Curry, Pilau Rice & Fattoush Salad (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Roasted Butternut Squash & Edamame Beans Wellington, Crisp Roasties & Gravy (VE)

THURSDAY

Mexican Style Vegetarian Chimichanga & Black Bean Salad (V)

FRIDAY

Beetroot Bhaji & Wilted Spinach Flatbread, Harissa Houmous & Minted Yoghurt(V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Blackberry & Apple Crumble

TUESDAY

Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Spiced Apple Sponge & Cinnamon Custard

THURSDAY

Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce

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

Cucina



MONDAY

Louisiana Dirty Rice (VE)

TUESDAY

Mozambique Peri Peri Chicken

WEDNESDAY

Yaroa Dominican - Minced Beef & Pepper Loaded Wedges

THURSDAY

Gnocchi with Mushrooms, Spinach & Pest topped with Crispy Onions & Shaved Cheese (V)

FRIDAY

Manager's Special

NATURALLY

MONDAY

Moroccan Cous Cous & Falafel Bowl (V)

TUESDAY

Vegan Bean & Jalapeno Burrito (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Indian Spiced Rice & Paneer Bowl (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.

