Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 1 March 2024

NEWSLETTER

St Johann, Austria

Events all week
Bishop Book Week
National Careers Week

Monday 4 March
Yr 11 Assembly

Tuesday 5 March
Yr 10 Assembly
Yr 10 Geography Fieldtrip

Wednesday 6 March
Yr 8 & 9 Assembly
Yr 10 Geography Fieldtrip

Thursday 7 March
Yr 7 Assembly
World Book Day
Geography Field Trip

Friday
Yr 12 & 13 Assembly
Yr 9 Communion

Next week:
Week A

Assembly Theme:
Faith stories

#BestOfBishop

Bishop Book Week

This term is a busy one for the Library, beginning with Book Week and the start of shadowing the Yoto Carnegie Award for children's writing. Students interested in shadowing the Award should submit their expression of interest to Miss Wood in the Library by Friday 8th March. The group meets once a week to discuss the books and takes part in a regional event on the day the winner of the Award is announced. This year, we are delighted to be hosting this event and we look forward to lots of book chat, quizzing and a chance to meet with other schools and share our love of reading.

Book week competitions and quizzes are open to all year groups. All entries are to be submitted in the Library by Thursday 7th March. Judging and presentation of prizes will take place on 8th March. There will be a book sale in the Library Monday to Wednesday and books will be priced at 20p each. Students are reminded to ensure they have a book with them each day to read throughout the week, as we celebrate our whole school reading culture.

Later this term, we have our annual "Get Caught Reading" competition, where we celebrate reading in the most unusual place. Over the years there have been some fantastic entries showing students "caught reading" in wild and wonderful ways.

Miss Wood

For further details on Reading Week Activities, please see page 9.

We are a Church of England School

What is beauty? Even our dictionary definitions are wishy-washy and none too helpful. The Cambridge dictionary states beauty as the quality of being pleasing and attractive, especially to look at.

But what does this mean? What appears pleasing to me might be unattractive to you. Yet our world and media have so much to say to us about what beauty is: fashions and fabrics and the 'in' colours; eyebrows, ear-piercings, lips and lashes.

We are so intently focussed on our smart screens that we walk past snowdrops and daffodils with barely a shrug. We are so indoctrinated to see what we can SEE that we fail to give high regard to the 'inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight'. (1 Peter 3:4)

With a sigh of relief, I hear you call out: '*But Beauty is in the eye of the beholder'.* And what a relief!

Next Thursday lunchtime, with a group of year 12 Student Chaplains, we are coming together to explore what the Bible tells us about beauty. And to ask the fantastic question:

What if God is the Beholder?

All welcome!

Mrs Hutchinson

Licencing Service for Mrs Hutchinson

"Just before half term, we were blessed to host members from the Diocese of Peterborough, including The Right Reverend Jonathan Meyrick, to conduct the licensing of our School Chaplain, Mrs Victoria Hutchinson.

"The service took place in the afternoon and involved sermons and prayers, hymns and, of course, the licensing ceremony itself. What really struck me was just what a unique place Bishop Stopford is… where students, staff and the school community were able to come together to be part of something so special.

"We are very grateful for all of the work Mrs Hutchinson does in our school and our community – and we were humbled to share this day with her."

Mr Smith

National Careers Week

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

#NCW2024
4TH–9TH MARCH

National Careers Week 4th – 9th March (NCW) is a celebration and promotion of good careers guidance in education across the UK. As a school recognised to be at "Gold" level by the careers sector, we are delighted to take part.

The week aims to increase awareness of job information and career pathways for young people thereby developing awareness and excitement about their future pathways.

Research indicates that where students make connections between what they learn at school and the world of work, and there is a positive impact on motivation, aspiration and longer-term academic performance.

Did you know that we have extensive career research resources on the Careers Education hub on Firefly? It is updated regularly. Through these resources we aim to:

Empower students – students can find resources that will help them explore career ideas and link education with the world of employment. They can also access information and advice websites, videos, interactive charts, e-books and specialist career sites.

Empower parents – a dedicated parent section including guides and website links to help you support your child's aspirations.

Empower our educators – resources to help our teachers link their lessons to the world of work. These resources support our achievement of the Gatsby Benchmarks, enhancing and supporting quality teaching.

If you have not yet explored the Careers Education hub, please do take a look: Careers Education — Bishop Stopford School (fireflycloud.net)

Specific events planned for NCW:

During National Careers Week, students in all year groups will take part in tutor time and lesson focused activities. We will welcome Ross Montgomery back into school to talk to Year 7 about life as a writer and Year 9 students will hear from Barratt Developments. All students are also welcome at our Careers Café on Thursday 7th March during lunchtime and Year 12 students are exploring future options at the "What Career Live" event at the NEC Birmingham on 1 March.

Mrs Castle

Safe Space

There has been much in the news recently about the government's view that mobile phones in school can be an unhelpful and unnecessary distraction. At the end of last half term, they released guidance for schools which you can read here: Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Like many schools, we have had a Mobile Device Policy in place for a number of years. While there are enormous benefits to mobile phones and other smart devices, they are a distraction during the school day. Our policy is simple. We have a 'gate-to-gate' approach. Students in Years 7 – 11 are expected to turn off their phone at the gate and place it in their bag for the school day and only take it out again once they have left the school gate at the end of the day. For Sixth Formers, there are designated areas where they are allowed to use their phones for study purposes.

If any student has a mobile phone out during the school day, or it is seen in a place that is not designated, it will be confiscated.

If you do need to contact your child during the school day, please do call Reception on 01536 503503 who will be able to relay a message to them.

Mrs Smith

Book Week: Key Stage 3 Readathon 4-8 March 2024

Next week will see the return of the Readathon!

Students will read for 10 minutes in every lesson so will need to have a book (or books!) with them.

This is a sponsored event that raises money for the Read for Good, a programme which supports children in hospital and provides brand new book and resident storytellers to comfort children during challenging times. More can be found about this great cause here: Read for Good: motivating kids to love reading and helping disadvantaged children.

The easiest way to submit sponsorship money is via Parent Pay, but we will also accept cash and cheques. Cheques can be made payable to Bishop Stopford School and posted in the red box at the Finance Office. Any cash or cheques must be in a sealed envelope with name and form of student with the words 'KS3 Readathon'.

Author Visit

It is a pleasure to welcome back award-winning children's author, Ross Montgomery, next week to celebrate World Book Day and promote a love of reading.

Year 7 students will enjoy a reading of his novel, *The Midnight Guardians,* and hear the fascinating history behind the plot. Students will also given the opportunity to ask the author questions about his career as part of National Careers Week.

The Midnight Guardians, published in 2020, has been selected as the Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and has also been chosen as one of The Guardian's Children's Books of the Year. If students ordered a copy of this text, they will be handed out in the morning of the author visit.

Mr Montgomery will also sign books.

Should anyone wish to read more of Ross' books in eager anticipation of his visit, please see Mrs Wood in the Library.

Miss Thurlby

Year 10 Ski Trip to St Johann in Austria

Over half term, 62 students were accompanied by 8 staff on the annual ski trip. The journey to St Johann in Austria was always going to be a long one, but we hadn't bargained for road closures in Belgium and a 2 hour wait for a new bus tyre to be fitted, which ramped the total journey time up to 26 hours. Luckily, the ski hire shop stayed open especially for us and after fitting everyone with skis, boots and helmets, it was soon dinner and an evening of unpacking, ready for the 6 days of skiing ahead.

The weather over the week can only be described as typically British – ranging from t-shirt weather, a day of constant rain then followed by days of light drizzle. In fact we didn't see a flake of snow until Friday, when it came down incessantly. The mild conditions meant that the skiing conditions were challenging to say the least, but this didn't stop the enthusiasm and perseverance of what was mainly a group of beginners. As is always our aim, all students progressed from the nursery slopes up the mountain by the end of the week, where they were greeted by blue runs that resembled mogul fields rather than the smooth pistes we would have liked.

If the skiing wasn't enough, evening activities included ten pin bowling, swimming (which everyone enjoyed so much, we went twice!), a visit to Kitzbuhel and an ice hockey match, where the local team were unfortunately soundly beaten 4-1. The week flew by and it wasn't long before we were packing up the coach for the return journey, which thankfully was a mere 19 hours.

The success of a school ski trip is often measured by the injury count! Despite a slight scare on the last day, which thankfully turned out to be a slightly sprained ankle, everyone returned fully intact. Throughout the week, the behaviour and attitudes of the students was exemplary and so I would like to thank them for this. A trip like this doesn't happen without the staff who volunteer to give up their half term, so I would like to personally thank the following who made the whole trip possible; Mrs Burke, Mrs Glue, Mrs Goswell, Miss Reynolds, Mr N Smith, Mrs Wilson and particularly Mrs Smith, who put so much time and effort into organising the whole trip.

Mr White

A Level Spanish Theatre Trip

"*Hola! On the 16th February, my A level Spanish class, Mrs Smith and Ms Graziano ventured into London to see the Cervantes Theatre's interpretation of our set work, 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' by Frederico Garcia Lorca. We took the train to St Pancras, then the Underground to Victoria Station, and set off to the highly anticipated restaurant for lunch. On the way we saw many of London's key attractions.*
Once at the restaurant, we were greeted and ordered in Spanish. We enjoyed various Spanish tapas from paella to gambas to fried chicken livers. Next was the show. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching what we had been reading in class. We were surprised by the personality changes in some characters, but especially the inclusion of throat singing? The relevance is still a mystery to us!"

Isabelle Dunn (Yr 12)

Music News

Congratulations to Sophia Lorentzen (7E) who passed her musical theatre award with honours.

We have a number of students performing this weekend in the Seussical Kids organised by NMPAT at the Masque Theatre .

Tickets are available from [The Masque Theatre]

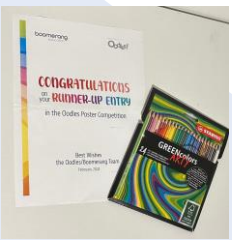
Mrs Armstrong

Psychology Students of the Term

Year 12
Cerella Davies, Anjith Abi Jose, Ethan Lee, Joseph Zachariah, Amber Houghton

Year 13
Ellie Eke, Victoria Francis, Anna Hill, Harriet Casey, Rebecca Patterson, Paula Silva, Isabelle Tao, Justin Udo, Erin Grant, Will Louiseon.

Boomerang Education



Congratulations to Mohamed Helal (7C) who won a runner up prize in the Oodles/Boomerang Poster Competition for the 11 – 14 age category.

Mr Darby

Science Club

During Science club this half term, we are carrying out dissections of different organs each week. Today we dissected eyeballs as shown in the photos. All students in Years 7-9 are welcome to join.

Mrs Redding & Miss Clarke

Geography Intervention Sessions

GCSE Geography intervention is starting on Monday 4th March during lunchtime and will continue for the next 6 weeks. This is an open invite to all students where there will be a chance to revisit key topic concepts and explore exam technique. There is a different theme for each session, so please encourage and remind your child to attend the sessions.

GEOGRAPHY INTERVENTION SESSIONS

When: Monday 12.45 – 1.10 pm

Where: H1

Date	Topic
Monday 4th March	The Challenge of Natural Hazards
Monday 11th March	Urban Challenges and Issues
Monday 18th March	Physical Landscapes in the UK
Monday 25th March	The Challenge of Resource Management
Monday 15th April	The Changing Economic World
Monday 22nd April	The Living World

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's Geography teacher.

Mrs Harvey

Work Experience Opportunity

NEWS JUST IN! We wanted to let you know about an exciting opportunity coming up as part of the DRAX project exclusively for Northampton students.

We have learned of a 5 day in-person work experience with Freefoam Building Products. This experience will give students an understanding of the ever-evolving working environment.

Students will work with Freefoam's Production and Engineering, QSHE, Customer Service, Marketing and Sustainability departments.

Opportunity details:

- Age: 14 - 16
- Application deadline: 06/05/2024
- Dates: 03/06/2024 - 07/06/2024
- Timings: 09:00 - 16:30
- Organisational website: www.freefoam.com

Students can read more about and apply for the opportunity here:
https://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=106FF93C-89EF-4620-C2B7-08DC2979CB6F

Mr Smith

Year 13 Curriculum Spring Term 2024

Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
A-Level Art	Preparation for final Exam (issued 01.02.24)	Preparation for final Exam
A-Level Biology	Biological Molecules (Complete) Transport in plants (Complete) Classification and Evolution (Start).	Enzymes (Complete) Classification and Evolution (Complete) Biodiversity (Start)
A-Level Business	Influences on business decisions (including corporate influences) Corporate culture Shareholders vs stakeholders Business ethics Impact of and controlling MNCs	Ratio analysis Human resources Managing change Scenario planning Ethics Paper 3
A-Level Chemistry	Enthalpy and entropy Organic synthesis Chromatography and spectroscopy	Redox and electrode potentials Transition elements
A-Level Computer Science	Evaluation (Coursework)	**Exam preparation/Revision and consolidation**
A-Level Economics	Theory of the Firm Financial Markets and Monetary Policy	Contestable Markets Labour Markets Fiscal and Supply Side Policy
A-Level English Language and Literature	**English Revision and Consolidation** Unseen non-fiction texts Final draft of NEA (19.01.24)	Othello & The Great Gatsby comparison
A-Level English Literature	Atonement and Poetry Revision	Paper 1 - Revision and Consolidation
A-Level French	Comment traitons-nous les marginaux? La politique et l'immigration	Une culture fière de son patrimoine No et moi (Novel)
A-Level Further Maths	Methods in Calculus Hyperbolic Functions Elastic Collisions in 2D (part 2)	Polar Coordinates
A-Level Geography	**Coastal Systems and Landscapes** Coasts as natural systems / Coastal processes / Coastal Management etc **Contemporary Urban Environments** Urban Climate / Urban drainage / Urban Environmental issues / Sustainable Urban Development	
A-Level Geology	Geotechnics Mining geology Applied engineering geology Metamorphic petrology	Plate tectonics Plate boundaries and igneous processes Sedimentary processes
A-Level History	**(USA Topic)** Native American Civil Rights **(NEA)** Research and Write Up	**(USA Topic)** Women and Civil Rights **(NEA)** Research and Write Up
A-Level Maths	Integration Parametric Equations Projectiles Vectors Normal Distribution	Parametric Equations Further Kinematics
A-Level Music	Appraisal	Unit 3 Exam Preparation

Year 13 Curriculum Spring Term 2024 contd…

A-Level PE	Biomechanics – Biomechanical Principles Ethics in Sport Commercialisation Psychological Factors which influence group / team processes	Angular motion/projectile motion Goal Setting Leadership Attribution Theory Self Efficacy & Confidence NEA
A-Level Physics	Capacitance Electric Fields Nuclear Physics	Magnetic Fields Medical Imaging
A-Level Politics	The UK Judiciary The US Supreme Court and Rights	Comparative Questions
A-Level Product Design	Maths – Number, Percentage & Ratio Maths – Area, Volume & Trigonometry Maths - Co-ordinates, Geometry, Anthropometrics and Probability	NEA
PSHE	**Relationships and Sex Education** Impact of pornography on healthy relationships / Issues around Fertility / Revisiting issues concerning Sexual Health, Contraception and STIs	
A-Level RE (Philosophy and Ethics)	Religious Figures and Sacred Texts Religious Practices that shape religious identity	Significant Social Developments in Religious thought. Religious Concepts
Psychology	BioPsychology (Complete) Schizophrenia (Start) Addictions start	Schizophrenia (complete) Addictions (complete) Issues and Debates (start)
A-Level Sociology	**Crime and Deviance** Theory and Methods	
A-Level Spanish	El Laberinto del Fauno La Convivencia	Movimientos sociales La Casa de Bernarda Alba
A-Level Textiles	Maths – Number, Percentage & Ratio Maths – Area, Volume & Trigonometry Maths - Co-ordinates, Geometry, Anthropometrics and Probability	NEA
A-Level Theatre Studies	Our Country's Good Death of an Anarchist Exploration of Text 3	Our Country's Good Death of an Anarchist **Preparation for Text 3 examination and final Reflective Report**

Wider-Curricular	**Religious Studies Conference (26.02.24)** **What Career and What University Exhibition – NEC Birmingham (01.03.24)** **Politics Trip - Houses of Parliament (13.03.24)** **Recital Evening (20.03.24)**

Other	**Year 13 Mocks (31.01.24 to 09.02.24)** **Mock Grades and Reports issued (15.03.24)**

Bishop Book Week Activities

Bishop Book Week

March 4th – 8th 2024
IN THE LIBRARY

Monday - Weds Book Sale @ Break & Lunch
Tuesday - Quiz – "Music & Lyrics or Chapter and Verse?" Lunchtime Drop-in
Wednesday - Game – "Famous First Lines" Lunchtime Drop-in
Friday – Winners announced @ Lunch 12:40pm

Plus – Competitions "6-word story" & "Most creative use of an old book

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Bishop Book Week

March 4th – 8th 2024

QUIZ

In the Library Tuesday 5th March. Drop-in @Lunch

"Music and Lyrics OR Chapter & Verse?"

Do you know your Shakespeare from your Sheeran? Is it Rhianna or JK Rowling?

Max. 4 per team
PRIZES and goodies for the WINNERS!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Bishop Book Week

March 4th – 8th 2024
IN THE LIBRARY

Competition

Six Word Story

Write an original 6-word story or memoir on a post-it note!
Post-it notes available in the Library

Hand in your entries (Max. 3) before the end of the day on Thursday 7th March

£10 Amazon voucher for the WINNER!
PLUS Runner Up PRIZES!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Bishop Book Week

March 4th – 8th 2024

GAME

"Famous First Lines"
In the Library Wednesday 6th March. Drop-in @Lunch

Match the book cover to the first line of the book
Most correct answers in the time limit WINS!

BOOK TOKEN and goodies for the WINNER
PLUS Runner Up Prizes!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Bishop Book Week

March 4th – 8th 2024

Competition

Most creative thing to do with an old book

- Collect an old book from Miss. Wood in the Library
- Do something amazingly creative with it
- Bring your transformed book into the Library before the end of the day on Thursday 7th March

£10 Amazon voucher for the WINNER!
PLUS Runner Up PRIZES!

The yoto Carnegies

If you enjoy discovering new authors and talking about books - shadow the Yoto Carnegie Award!

What's involved?

March to May
Read the 8 shortlisted books
Meet once a week* to discuss them
Watch Q&A's with the authors
Try the Shadower activities
Write reviews for the Shadower's website

7th May to 4th June
Vote for the book you think should WIN!

20th June
WINNER ANNOUNCED
Meet with other Shadower groups to quiz on the books, eat cake, talk about the books, find out the Shadower's Choice and which book the judges picked to WIN!
Will we agree?!

Interested?
Talk to Miss. Wood!
Closing date for sign up Fri 8th March

Miss Wood

Recruitment

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

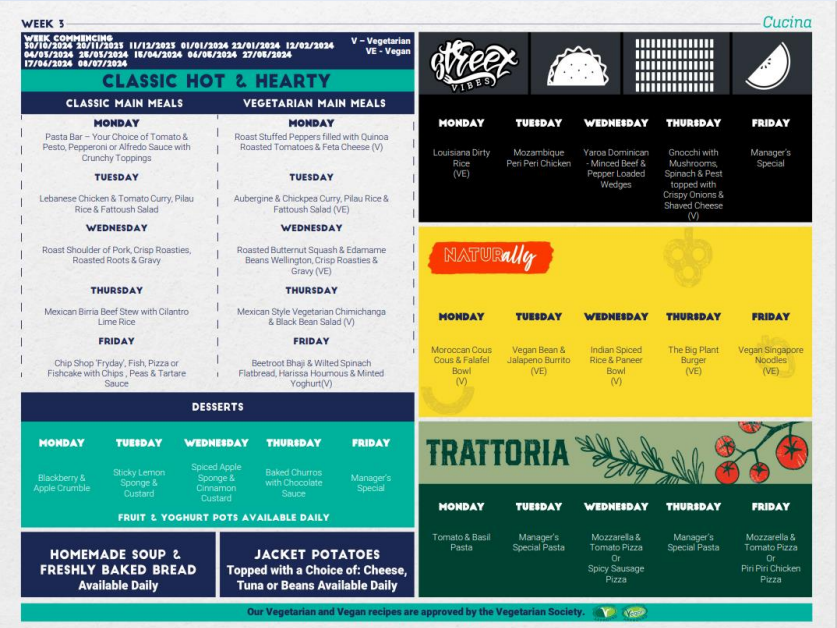
Head of Mathematics
Teacher of Mathematics
Teacher of Design Technology (Maternity Leave)
Head of Computer Science

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.

Cucina



WEEK 3 — Cucina

WEEK COMMENCING
30/10/2024 20/11/2023 11/12/2023 01/01/2024 22/01/2024 12/02/2024
04/03/2024 25/03/2024 18/04/2024 06/08/2024 27/08/2024
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	**MONDAY** Roast Stuffed Peppers filled with Quinoa Roasted Tomatoes & Feta Cheese (V)
TUESDAY Lebanese Chicken & Tomato Curry, Pilau Rice & Fattoush Salad	**TUESDAY** Aubergine & Chickpea Curry, Pilau Rice & Fattoush Salad (VE)
WEDNESDAY Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Roasted Roots & Gravy	**WEDNESDAY** Roasted Butternut Squash & Edamame Beans Wellington, Crisp Roasties & Gravy (VE)
THURSDAY Mexican Birria Beef Stew with Cilantro Lime Rice	**THURSDAY** Mexican Style Vegetarian Chimichanga & Black Bean Salad (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips , Peas & Tartare Sauce	**FRIDAY** Beetroot Bhaji & Wilted Spinach Flatbread, Harissa Houmous & Minted Yoghurt(V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Blackberry & Apple Crumble	Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard	Spiced Apple Sponge & Cinnamon Custard	Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce	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

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

Street Vibes

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Louisiana Dirty Rice (VE)	Mozambique Peri Peri Chicken	Yaroa Dominican - Minced Beef & Pepper Loaded Wedges	Gnocchi with Mushrooms, Spinach & Pest topped with Crispy Onions & Shaved Cheese (V)	Manager's Special

NATURally

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Moroccan Cous Cous & Falafel Bowl (V)	Vegan Bean & Jalapeno Burrito (VE)	Indian Spiced Rice & Paneer Bowl (V)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Manager's Special Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Spicy Sausage Pizza	Manager's Special Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Piri Piri Chicken Pizza

British Pie Week

Menu

Apple Pie & Custard
Curried Cauliflower Cheese Filo Pie
Cottage Pie
Key Lime Pie
Chicken and Mushroom Pie