



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 22 March 2024

**NEWSLETTER**



**Westminster Hall**

**Monday 25 March**  
***Easter Unlocked***  
Yr 11 Collective Worship

**Tuesday 26 March**  
***Easter Unlocked***  
Yr 10 Collective Worship

**Wednesday 27 March**  
Yr 8 & 9 Collective Worship  
Spring Concert 7pm Main Hall

**Thursday 28 March**  
Yr 7 Collective Worship  
Yr 11 English Lecture 3.30pm  
School closes for Easter Holidays

**Friday 29 March**  
Good Friday

Summer Term starts 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Next week:**  
***Week B***

**Assembly Theme:**  
**Celebration and rewards**

## Student Council

**#BestOfBishop**

The Student Council is a group of students elected by their peers to represent them and their views. It is yet another meaningful way in which students can voice their opinions about school and have their views considered in decisions which impact them.

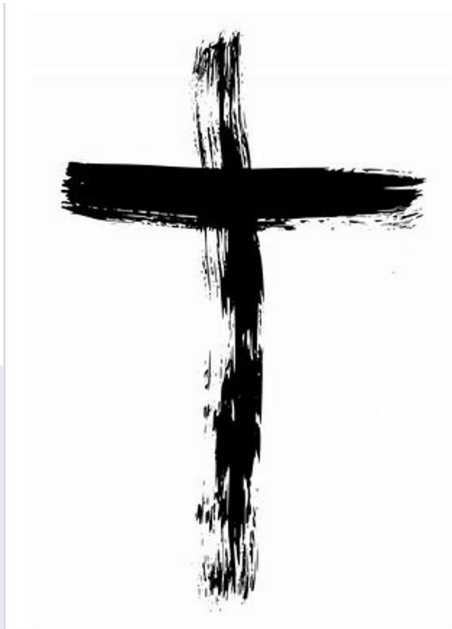
Last week, I had the pleasure of holding my first meeting with Year 12 students Molly Robson and Githu Geo. Molly and Githu have recently been appointed to the Student Leadership Team and are the new Student Council leaders. They have an important role to ensure that the Student Council is well run, and really does speak into the important issues which matter to everyone through their regular half termly meetings.

The Student Council is an excellent way of upholding British Values, enabling Personal Development, teaching our students about how democracy works and how they have an influence in local and global citizenship. It also teaches about being accountable within our community. This work complements our Personal Development curriculum, particularly in PSHE and tutorial. In Key Stage 3 this term, for example, students have been studying Rights, Responsibilities and British Values, and have been focusing on the role of Parliament in the UK. And just last week, a group of our Year 12 and 13 Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament (see page 3).

If students understand and participate in democratic processes now, they will be able to contribute well to in society in the future.

**Mr Harwood**





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Sunday marks the start of Holy Week and our Key Stage 3 students will be reflecting deeply during the week on the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ through our immersive Easter Unlocked experience: The Pain of Betrayal, The Voice of the Crowd, The Last Breath of Jesus, The Hope of the Resurrection and The Me God wants Me to Be.

Students from all year groups are warmly welcome to visit our Contemplation Zone in The Chapel at lunchtime to spend time in reflection as part of Easter Unlocked during Holy Week.

Personally, I find there is no better way to start this time of contemplation and prayer and worship than immersed in the words of Isaac Watt's 1707 hymn: *When I survey the wondrous cross*. We will sing it in Chapel with students early in the morning and with our Praying Parents in the evening and it will be playing at Easter Unlocked.

*When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the Death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his Blood.*

*See from his Head, his Hands, his Feet,  
Sorrow and Love flow mingled down!  
Did ever such Love and Sorrow meet?  
Or Thorns compose so rich a Crown?*

*Were the whole Realm of Nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my Soul, my Life, my All.*

**Mrs Hutchinson**

# Safe Space

## Road Safety

Over the last fortnight, we have been reminding our students of the importance of road safety, especially on their walk to school. The Headlands and the surrounding area is incredibly busy at the beginning and end of the school day and students have been reminded to:

1. ensure they are walking on the pavement;
2. avoid playing games, especially with balls, in and around the road;
3. ensure that they can hear the traffic, or other pedestrians, if they are wearing headphones;
4. ensure they can see others if they are using their phone while walking.

We'd appreciate these discussions continuing at home in order to ensure everyone has a safe journey to and from school.

Mrs Smith

## A Level Politics Visit Parliament

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, A Level Politics students went to Parliament. They had a guided tour of Parliament and were able to secure places in the public gallery in the House of Commons. The visit ended with a workshop in the Education Unit on the legislative process and a Q&A session with our MP Philip Hollobone.

*'We got to experience the history of Westminster Hall, walked past familiar faces such as Kier Starmer, George Galloway and Baroness Warsi. We enjoyed and experienced a debate in the House of Commons, witnessing issues that are currently in the news. We ended the day with a Q&A with our constituency MP, Philip Hollobone, who answered our pressing questions about his line of work.'* Maleea King (Yr.13)

*'It was inspiring to be in such a historical and influential place.'* (Yr.13)

*'Really great and educational trip, sitting in the House of Commons was really cool.'* (Yr.13)

*'Being able to see how our country's democratic centre worked was very exciting. The best moment of the day was probably seeing Mrs Wilson and Mr Shardlow have their photo taken with Andrew Marr.'* (Yr.13)

*'The trip to Parliament helped with my understanding of how Parliament functions and seeing the layout helped me to visualise the individual houses.'* (Yr.12)

*'I thought it was a fantastic trip and thoroughly enjoyed it. My favourite part was sitting in the public gallery during a parliamentary debate. It was fascinating to discuss with our local constituency with our MP, Philip Hollobone.'*

Mrs Wilson

## Future Medics Seminar

Last week, we were able to offer Year 12 and Year 11 students a brilliant opportunity to hear from our very own Victoria Francis in Year 13. Victoria gave up her lunch time to deliver a seminar on her experiences exploring the world of medicine, the work experience opportunities she has found, and some really helpful hints and tip around applying for Medicine at university. The students who attended came away with lots of helpful information and Victoria's passion for medicine really shone through. It is always a privilege to see our Bishop students giving back to the community and Victoria did a fabulous job.

Mrs McNab



## Key Stage 4 Study Club

Just a reminder that we are still operating an after-school study space for Years 10 and 11 students only.

This is available on Tuesdays to Fridays from 3.15pm until 4.45pm.

We have selected C3 as the study space as it has IT facilities, should the students wish to use them.

As per the Sixth Form Study Centre, it is a silent space and will really benefit students who are finding it difficult to work at home in the evenings. We are hoping that it will be a particularly useful resource for Year 10 students in the run-up to their mock exams (starting on 22.04.24) and Year 11 students as they prepare for their public examinations (starting in May 2024).

Spaces are limited to 20 students each session and bookings can be made by Priority 1 parents/carers using the link below:

<https://bishopstopford1.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If the study space is over-subscribed, then students can still book spaces in the main Homework Club in the Library.

**Mr Kirke**

## Youth Voice Census

Youth Voice Census 2024 is now open for young people aged 11-30 across the UK to share how they feel about issues related to education, employment, training, work and where they live in this year's census. The survey is open until the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, please click [here](#) to complete the survey.

**Mrs Castle**

## Music Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students:

Maya Clark (7E) for being awarded Merit for her grade 4 piano exam.

Miya Philip (7W) distinction for grade 2 theory.

Daniel Counsell (7E) for completing his quarter peal for bell ringing.

George Mears (9E) for achieving distinction for his grade 1 piano.

Chloe Partridge (9C) has passed her grade 5 piano exam with distinction.



Particular congratulations to all the performers who wowed the audiences on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Derngate Theatre for NMPAT's concert band spectacular. It was a fantastic event of high quality musicianship and also a huge congratulations to all our students who were involved in NMPAT's production of Seussical kids - fantastic experiences for all involved.

And finally to our A level Musicians for their superb recital evening Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March. They put on a fabulous performance, after a day of recording for their exams. The audience were treated to an evening of sublime music, talent and joy. Huge thanks go to Mr Taylor for his masterful piano accompaniments.



**Mrs Armstrong**



## Library News

It is time for our annual "Get Caught Reading" competition! Students should take a selfie or have a photo taken of them reading in a strange and unusual place or way. Please ensure that only the student is identifiable in the photograph. Use of pets, wildlife and props are encouraged as are unusual locations but please stay safe.

The competition is now open and entries can be printed, no larger than A5 size, and handed in to the Library or emailed to: [library@bishopstopford.com](mailto:library@bishopstopford.com) by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Names and form group must be included with entries.

The WINNER will receive a £10 Amazon voucher, runners-up a £5 book token.

Here are some ideas to inspire you.

**Miss Wood**



## Readathon for Read for Good

Thank you to all those in Key Stage 3 who raised money for the Read For Good charity. We have raised an incredible £1223.50!

This money will go towards purchasing books and story tellers for children's hospitals.

**Miss Thurlby**

## Exam Certificates

Exam certificates from last summer are available for collection from the Exams Office and can be collected during school hours. We also have certificates from previous years which can be collected by siblings who are still at the school.

**Ms Wilson**

## Sporting Success

Last weekend, Imogen Dodds (9Y) competed in across 98 races over 2 days in Coventry. She achieved 2 personal bests, 3 medals (gold breaststroke, silver butterfly and bronze backstroke) and 1 school games national record in the breaststroke the highest. She achieved the highest ever score in this championships – of which there have been 73 – amazing!

Congratulations also to Harry Gillett (7E) for competing at the amateur Judo Association National Closed Competition and won a silver medal.



**Mrs Glue/Mr Darby**



# Recruitment

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

## Key Stage 5 Lead (Sixth Form)

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 12/02/2024 04/03/2024 25/03/2024 16/04/2024 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

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STREET VIBES



MONDAY

Louisiana Dirty Rice (VE)

TUESDAY

Mozambique Peri Peri Chicken

WEDNESDAY

Yarac Dominican - Minced Beef & Pepper Loaded Wedges

THURSDAY

Gnocchi with Mushrooms, Salsinoh & Peas 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.

