

# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 20 December 2024

NEWSLETTER



## Ending on the Positives

#BestOfBishop

**Monday 6 January**  
Year 11 Collective Worship

**Tuesday 7 January**  
Year 10 Collective Worship  
"Guys and Dolls" Rehearsals

**Wednesday 8 January**  
Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship

**Thursday 9 January**  
Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 10 & 11 DT Trip

**Friday 10 January**  
Year 7 Communion  
Year 12 & 13 Collective Worship  
Year 13 Elevate Session

This term has been one of new beginnings, discoveries and achievements. I cannot thank students or staff enough for their engagement which makes this school so special. Parents will have received an end of term letter with more detail on the staggering number of opportunities provided.

A very special thank you today to Mr Shardlow, who leaves us after 12 years teaching Economics and Politics. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

On Monday evening, the Bishop of Peterborough brought us a wonderful and worshipful reflection as we celebrated the successes of students in Years 11 and 13 2024. Yes, we are ecstatic that we are in the top 1% schools in the country because of progress, but we are more deeply moved by the character our students are developing as they engage in our provision in so many ways. Our school is truly very precious.

As we break for the holiday, may I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas? Let's not neglect its true meaning: the astonishing incarnation of the Creator into his creation. Christina Rossetti captures it beautifully in her poem:

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.*



Miss Silverthorne

Next week:  
Week A

Assembly Theme:  
EPIPHANY





Lord, we stop and let these words sink in.

Thank you that your word breathes life and hope and truth into a world which seems to be spinning out of control. But You are in control and of the greatness of Your government there will be no end.

Wonderful Counsellor: give wisdom to all in positions of leadership and authority and help us all to seek your will and to follow your teaching.

Mighty God: reveal yourself to those in power in our world. For we know that only when rulers fall in worship before you will we see change and healing and restoration in our world.

Everlasting Father: put your arms around those who are vulnerable, alone, scared, sick in body, mind or spirit, or anyone consumed by the worries of this world.

Prince of Peace: please bring your peace to those who know only pain and fear and sorrow. Cause soldiers to put down their weapons or war and for our world to see that there is another way – a way of peace.

Amen

**Mrs Hutchinson**

## Core Values in Action

Our Core Values in Action awards recognise students for embodying our school's values in their local communities. We always love to celebrate their contributions which represent our school so well. The following students receive CViA awards this week:

- Nathaniel Fayose (7G) and Dara Abiona (7P) for volunteering at the annual charity event organised by RCCG Emmanuel Chapel to help deliver much-needed household items to residents of Orchard House Residential home in Barton Seagrave. They spread holiday cheer by singing a selection of Christmas hymns, filling the home with festive warmth.
- Thomas Pickford (8Y), William Underwood (9P), Rose Clark (12Y) and Emily Partridge (12P) for supporting the Celebration of Achievement event on Monday evening.
- Sophia Lorentzen (8R) for volunteering at St Mary the Virgin Church by running a stall at the Christmas Festival and raising £118.
- Uriel Pledger (10P) who read one of the lessons at the Nine Lessons & Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Raunds.



**Mrs Peach**

## Safe Space

It has been another wonderful term at school. Our students remain unfailingly brilliant, kind, compassionate, committed and full of fun. They're ready for a break now and we do hope that this is a restful time for everyone.

Over the holidays, as school is closed, it can be difficult to know where to turn if you're struggling. The charity Mind has a list of useful contacts, not just for young people, but for everyone finding the time challenging. You can find the details via their website here: [Useful contacts - Christmas and mental health - Mind](#)

The Children's Commissioner has also identified the following specific support for young people:

### Kooth

Kooth offers free, confidential and anonymous online support and counselling for 11-23 year olds. Their team will provide mental wellbeing support over the festive period.

### Beat

Beat provides support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder. Call 0808 801 0677 for help in England. (9am-midnight during the week and 4pm-midnight on weekends and bank holidays). Email: [help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk](mailto:help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk).

### Childline

Childline provides a confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem. Call: 0800 1111 anytime [or online chat with a counsellor](#).

### Papyrus

Papyrus provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, or anyone worried about a young person. Call: 0800 068 3131 or text: 07860 039967 (9am-midnight, every day)

### Samaritans

24/7 365 days a year: they help and listen to how you're feeling. Call: 116 123 or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

### The Mix

The Mix provides free, confidential support for young people under 25. Call: 0808 808 4994 (3pm-midnight every day) or [email](#).

**We wish you a restful break and a very happy New Year.**

**Mrs Smith**

## Year 9 Immunisations

The Year 9 Booster Vaccination will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please click on this [Link](#) for more information from the NHS Website.

The consent form will be open until 8am on the day of the session and can be found [HERE](#)

**Miss Curchin**

## Library News

*Jolabokafloð*, translating to "Christmas Book Flood," is a unique and cherished tradition in Iceland, celebrated on Christmas Eve. It involves giving and receiving books, but its essence lies in the joy of reading them together. A book really is a joy to treasure forever. Have a look at these websites for gifts for the young people in your life: [Classic Books for Teens](#); [Penguin Classics](#)

### **Bishop Award – Reading Challenge**

Part of the Year 7 Bishop Award is the Reading Challenge. Students should aim to read books which will stretch and challenge, reading 3 books at bronze, silver and gold levels. Library staff discuss with students the books they have been reading, suggest other titles and sign off the levels of the award. Well done to those students who have already achieved GOLD!

### **Bedrock**

The library is open 8:15am, at break and at lunch. During these times, Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come and complete Bedrock tasks. I am also available to assist with troubleshooting, including forgotten passwords.

### **Library Christmas Quiz!**

38 teams took part in the quiz. Team "Sleigh Whaaaaat?" was the clear winner, scoring well in both the picture round and questions. Best team name for the bonus prize went to "Bishop Baubles". Well done everyone!

"Sleigh Whaaaaat?": Barty, Georgia, Libby and Kayley (Year 8).

"Bishop Baubles": Lottie, Polly and Ruth (Year 7).

[BSS Library Christmas Quiz 2024](#) try the quiz at home!



Miss Wood



## University of Cambridge Biology Challenge

Congratulations to the following students in Years 11 and 12, who have received certificates for their excellent submissions to the University of Cambridge Biology Challenge.

11Y Harriet Bond

11S Matthew Hopkins

11Y Oak Gilbert

11Y Aynoor Farooq

12G Udelle Hopson

12C Rachel Fernandez

12D Maya Adamska

12C Hayley Ndlovu

12S Aniya Sidhu

12W Tabitha Fray

12C Dhruv Mistry

12Y Atharva Kulkarni

12Y Joshua Fernando

12E Taemin Lee

12E William Johnson

12P Alexa Bijumon

12G Pershia Jones

Well done and good luck for the next round!

Mrs Redding

## Music Congratulations

Charlotte McGill (8W) achieved a Merit for her Grade 2 Classical Guitar exam.

Mrs Armstrong



## Christmas Hampers

Thank you so much for supporting our annual hamper charity donations. As well as donating, students designed their hamper to a Christmas theme, and there was fierce competition to be the best! Incredibly over 70 were produced this year. Charities which benefited were The Kettering Foodbank, Accommodation Concern The Foodshack Project, St Peter and St Paul's Food Kitchen, The Hub, Cornerstone Methodist Church and Greatwell Homes

Accommodation Concern, Kettering, placed its hamper in its front window and said, *"Your efforts bring warmth and hope to those facing homelessness and food insecurity in our communities. The hampers, creatively designed, are more than gifts—they're symbols of your compassion and commitment to social responsibility. Your act of kindness not only aids those in need but also inspires others, highlighting the importance of community support."*

SS Peter and Paul Food Kitchen: *"Just a quick note to say thank you to you and the school for the generous gifts of the hampers. Some fantastic things to give to the families we support to make their Christmas a little bit more special. And we will be using some of the other things for our hot meal and puddings this week. Sadly, we now serve approx 120+ meals and puddings each week."*

**Miss Silverthorne**



## Oxbridge

### Congratulations to Year 13 Students on Oxford and Cambridge Interviews

We are incredibly proud of students who recently faced the challenge of Oxford and Cambridge University interviews. These demanding interviews are a crucial part of the application process, testing students' intellectual curiosity, problem-solving skills, and ability to think critically.

This year, our students applied to a wide range of courses at both universities:

- Architecture
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Medicine
- Physics
- Psychological and Behavioural Science
- Veterinary Medicine

We wish them all the best as they await the outcome. Their hard work, dedication, and resilience are truly inspiring. More detail about our programme for those students who are considering an application to either Oxford or Cambridge can be found here: [Bishop Stopford School - Oxbridge](#)

**Mr Harwood**



# Parent Forum - Prioritising Literacy

Many thanks to Mrs Fletton and the parents who attended last week's Parent Forum on Literacy. This was the first time we have conducted a 'hybrid' forum, with some attending in person and others accessing via Microsoft Teams.

The Parent Forum highlighted the importance of parental engagement in supporting literacy development. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive parent community at Bishop Stopford School. By working together, we can ensure that our students develop the skills they need to succeed.

We are committed to fostering a love of reading and developing strong literacy in all students. To achieve this, we have implemented several key initiatives:

## Reading for Pleasure

- School-wide events: we organise exciting events like Book Week, Readathon, and author visits to inspire students to read for enjoyment.
- Library: our well-stocked library, open from 8:15am to 5:00pm, provides a welcoming space for students to discover new books and authors.
- Recommended Reading: we curate book lists on our website and Firefly to guide students towards age-appropriate and engaging reads.

## Reading and the Curriculum

Year 7 Library Lessons: dedicated time for students to practise reading skills and explore books of their choice.

- KS3 English Lessons: daily reading sessions to improve comprehension and fluency.
- KS3 Cover Lessons: reading time to ensure consistent practice.
- KS4 and 5: encouraging students to read widely, including academic texts on platforms like JSTOR.
- Bedrock Learning: a language and vocabulary programme for Years 7 and 8 to strengthen Tier 2 (robust academic) vocabulary and grammar.

## Reading Interventions

- Targeted Support: we offer tailored interventions for students who require additional assistance, including small group reading programmes, phonics, typing clubs and Reading Partners.
- Dyslexia Support: we provide focussed support for students with dyslexia, including tailored interventions and access arrangements.

## Mr Harwood

# Examination Certificates

Students who were unable to attend the Celebration of Achievement evening this week can collect certificates from the Exams Office. Parents and siblings can also collect on a student's behalf with their permission.

The awarding bodies stipulate that certificates should be kept for a minimum of 12 months. After this time, certificates need to be purchased from the Awarding Bodies if the Exams Office no longer has original copies.

If you would like to make arrangements to collect your certificate, please contact Mrs Wilson on 01536 503503 ext.229 or email [awilson@bishopstopford.com](mailto:awilson@bishopstopford.com).

## Mrs Wilson



## Congratulations to our Alumni

It was great to welcome Dhyan Patel back into school this week. Dhyan's amazing GCSE results this summer earned him a coveted place at Eton College. He went through a rigorous selection process after applying for Eton's Orwell Award. His academic achievement as well as a range of other factors were considered. He was one of only 12 students nationally to be granted a place.

Dhyan has worked incredibly hard and we are delighted that Eton recognised and rewarded his incredible potential.

Dhyan said, *'Bishop has given me a strong platform to build upon and be successful at Eton. It's been great to be part of this community.'*  
His parents said, *'Thank you for all of the support and time given to make this happen. You have taken great care of him.'*  
It was lovely to see him in school and thriving on all the opportunities open to him. We are so proud of him and will continue to follow his progress with interest.

Matthew Hill left Bishop Stopford School five years ago, and we were delighted to hear from his parents of his recent success.

*"Matt wasn't particularly academic but persevered with A levels and got to Nottingham Trent where he did a degree in policing which he obtained with a 2.1. He then went travelling for a year before obtaining a place at Loughborough University on a Masters in International Security. Today he graduated with a merit in the masters and is looking forward to getting a job in international security."*

*We would like to thank you all at Bishop for giving him this opportunity through your support of him. He wouldn't have been able to do this without your support."*

If you have news of former students, please do get in touch: we'd love to hear more and celebrate in our Newsletter.



### Miss Silverthorne

## Headteachers Award for MFL

This award is for students who show a real flair and passion for languages and who demonstrate excellent commitment and dedication to their studies. Congratulations to all these amazing linguists.

13W Elliot Ryan  
11S Esther Hobbs  
11P Emily Smith  
11D Saoirse Gibbard  
11C Rose Jones  
11P Charlotte Revell  
11Y Oak Gilbert  
11Y Harriet Bond



### Mrs Rogers-Hussey



## Life and Ethics Champions of the Term

12C Tom Empey  
12W Charlie Heard  
12G Hannah Davis  
12E Luca Tolton

12S Emily Chatwin  
12G Grace Watters  
12W Izzy Rogers  
12C Bella Connolly

13W Lily Yang  
13Y Katie Till  
13W Isabella Dunn  
13W Melanie Robinson

13S Gabriella Mucaj  
13W William Bello  
13Y Marianna York  
13D Delanyo Banibenso

**Mrs Wilson**

## PSHE Champions of the Term

7C Alice England  
7D Hannah Romy  
7E Isaac Fordham  
7G Robyn Willis  
7P Weston Tysoe  
7S Iris Somerville  
7W Teddy Webber  
7Y Anna Barnes-Clay

8C Mohamed Helal  
8E Maya Clark  
8G Oscar Court  
8P Fraser Gray  
8S Indi Deag  
8W Ava Balding  
8Y Elma Owiredu

9C Lily Martin  
9D Elijah Borbor  
9E Jai Singh  
9G Beatrix Warren  
9P Matthias Leatherland  
9S Kennedy McHugh  
9W Lily Lloyd-Uzoegbu  
9Y Tom Sweeney

10D Nate Stilwell  
10E Ethan Robles  
10Y Isobel Binoy  
10P Uriel Pledger

11G Sydney Bell  
11D Sophie Banks  
11G Erin Mockford  
11P David Tennant  
11S Charlie Layer  
11W Thandi Ebigbo

**Mrs Wilson**

## Linguists of the Term

7C Jennifer Joy  
7D Andrew Mlengandale  
7E Molly Westley  
7G Harleen Johal  
7P Emma Chamberlain  
7S Charlotte Leigh  
7W Abi Sivarupan  
7Y Freddie Mobbs

11E Poppy O'Rourke  
11E Ellis Grant  
11D Liliana Paling  
11Y Emily Gibbs  
11Y Aynoor Farooq  
11S Ben Brydon  
11D Thomas Murrell

8W Max Mcauley  
8D Max Joseph  
8Y Joanna Jomon  
8C Finley Bruce  
8P Beatrice Frost  
8P Drew Khoza  
8E Mitchell Large  
8S Frankie Wildman  
8C Aditi Kanoor  
8G Keanu Klonica-Wood



9D Ben Horne  
9Y Christon Saibu  
9Y Miley McGowan  
9Y Dani Rwodzi  
9G Yuvraj Sahota  
9G Keesha Patel  
9G Elliana Kusogbo  
9S Noah Gardner  
9Y Rayna Shergill  
9Y Mayam Virk  
9E Malarseha Sivesanaraj

10C Ayona Reji  
10C Laurence Harvey  
10C Theo Mizon  
10W Emilia Okon  
10Y Sidar Altunkayak  
10Y Jessica Grigg  
10Y Stan Muturi  
10Y Oscar Graham

**Mrs Rogers-Hussey**

## Scientists of the Term

11C Eilish Martin  
11C Armani Collard  
11D Annie Watts

11E Edward Sim-Jones  
11G Taslim Zziwa  
11G Esther Wong

11S Charlie Layer  
11S Saoirse Gibbard  
11S Emily Gibbs

11P Hollie Bennison  
11W Charlie Audis

**Miss Redding**

## Geologists of the Term

12W Tabitha Fray  
13S Addie Simmons



**Miss Baker, Mr Starr and Miss Tierney**





## Setting Up New Devices for Children

If you are planning on giving your child a new device for Christmas, do set it up safely to ensure your child and the device stay safe.

Parent Zone has a great checklist to help you set up a new device for a child:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/digital-family-basics-setting-new-tech>



## Save the Dates

# SAVE THE DATES

YEAR 8 AND 10  
EXPERIENCES  
OF THE  
WORKPLACE  
2025

MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEW YEAR

### Y8 CHILD IN WORK DAYS

TUESDAY 1ST JULY 2025 (FORMS CDWY)  
THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2025 (FORMS EGPS)

### Y10 DAY IN WORK

THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2025



Mr Smith



# Recruitment

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

## Teacher of 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 1** Cucina

**WEEK COMMENCING** V – Vegetarian  
VE – Vegan

06/01/2025 27/01/2025 17/02/2025 10/03/2025 31/03/2025

### CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS	
<b>MONDAY</b> Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice	<b>MONDAY</b> Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)	<b>TUESDAY</b> Butter Chicken Curry. Served with Pilau Rice & Tomato, Red Onion & Coriander Salad	<b>TUESDAY</b> Gnocchi with Roasted Vegetables in a Tomato & Basil Sauce (VE)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Veg(V)	<b>THURSDAY</b> Mexican Style Beef & Tortilla Lasagne	<b>THURSDAY</b> Smokey Plant Based Chilli, Served with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V)
<b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	<b>FRIDAY</b> Jamaican Squash Pasty Served with Sweet Chilli Sauce & Chunky Chips (VE)		

  

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (VE)	Chicken Yakitori with Rice	Loaded Potato Skins	Garlic & Lemon Chicken Gyros	

  

### NATURALLY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

  

DESSERTS				
<b>MONDAY</b> Syrup Sponge with Vanilla sauce	<b>TUESDAY</b> Apple Strudel & Custard	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	<b>THURSDAY</b> Pear & Cocoa Sponge	<b>FRIDAY</b> Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

**FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY**

  

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Margherita Pizza

  

**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.

