



# Bishop Stopford School

Week Ending: 4 April 2025

NEWSLETTER



## Easter Reflections/End of Term

#BestOfBishop

It is always an emotional moment when we hold the final Communion service for Year 11. I write today having just been so privileged to share that experience once more with our incredible students - their last as a year group after 5 years of being together.

This year seemed even more poignant as the date has coincided with the end of term and Easter shortly to be celebrated. Students respectfully owned the moments of stillness, the worship celebration and the taking of Communion – all at the heart of our School's ethos. The rhythms of school life are punctuated by many incredible moments, and Communion is certainly one of those precious ones where there is space to breathe, reflect, confess and be thankful together.

As we move into the break and prepare for Easter weekend, may we all be blessed at this time. May we never take for granted Jesus Christ and all he suffered in Holy Week to bring us back to God. As an early apostle wrote to the church in Rome, *'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'*

Thank you to everyone for making this term such a special one. I trust you have a good Easter with those you love.

Miss Silverthorne



### Events all week

Year 10 Mock Examinations  
Year 11 MFL Speaking Assessments

### Tuesday 22 April

School reopens to students  
Year 11 Collective Worship

### Wednesday 23 April

Year 8 & 9 Collective Worship  
Year 11 MFL Speaking Assessments

### Thursday 24 April

Year 7 Collective Worship  
Year 11 MFL Speaking Assessments  
Year 11 Art External Exam  
Year 11 – 13 Drama Trip: War Horse

### Friday 25 April

Year 12 & 13 Communion  
Year 11 Art External Exam  
Year 11 MFL Speaking Assessments  
U12 Rugby County Cup Final

### Next week:

Week A

### Assembly Theme:

>Something More?

## The Greatest Love of all

EASTER CU ON TOUR

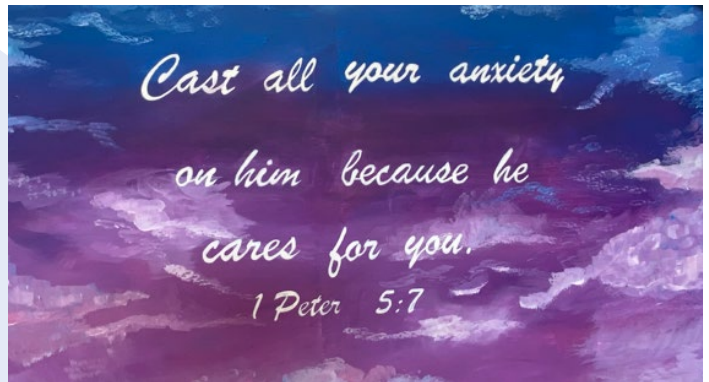


CU on Tour was a great event last week. There was the power of live worship music, the power of personal testimony, the power of having fun together, the power of prayer, the power of the Word of God as we considered how Jesus reveals the Greatest Love of All, THE POWER OF THE CROSS AND THE EMPTY TOMB.

As students reflected or wrote prayers, our musicians sang 'Is He Worthy?'

*The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb  
Who died to ransom the slave  
From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue*

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this?  
He is, He is!*



Wishing you all a blessed and happy Easter time.

**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:

- Clarice Whitney, Chrissy Peter and Emma Banham-Hall (9C) for producing a large piece of art with the Bible Verse: 1 Peter 5:7 to hang in the Sixth Form Centre (see above).
- Isaac Fordham (7E) sold vegan chocolate sweet potato brownies at his church this weekend raising a brilliant £63 for Cancer Research.
- Freya (8D) and Harrison McGuiness (7W) took part in the Kettering Clean Up last weekend. They planted flowers, scrubbed graffiti and went litter picking.
- Sophia Lorentzen (8E) for helping to raise £338 by serving afternoon tea for Mothering Sunday at St Mary's Church.

If you know of any student who you think is eligible for a Core Values in Action award, please email [newsletter@bishopstopford.com](mailto:newsletter@bishopstopford.com)

**Mrs Peach**



## Safe Space

Since its release, the Netflix series *Adolescence* has dominated headlines because of its exploration of the influences on our young people. The series follows a young man accused of killing his female classmate and explores some reasons why there is a surge in violence against women and girls.

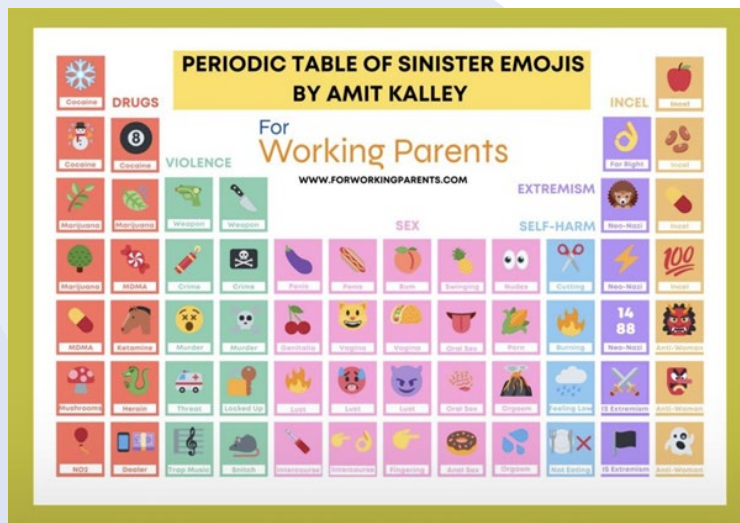
Stephen Graham, co-writer and star of the series hopes this encourages more conversation and greater levels of accountability. Young people are often protected from physical danger, but left alone to navigate the internet, where complex issues are often reduced to simple assertions and exploitation and grooming is rife.

This is what one of our Maths teachers thought about the series:

*“Last week, I watched one of the most powerful dramas that I have seen in a long time, ‘Adolescence’. Each episode follows a different aspect of the main character’s arrest and the people whose lives are changed by it. There is a lot of discussion about the show and it is very unsettling how many people are commenting that it would never happen and passing it off as fiction. Unfortunately, it is far from it. The underlying message of the series are the influences that the internet and social media are having specifically on young boys, and the misogynistic attitudes that they are being fed. During the last episode of this series, the parents of the boy arrested said, “He was in his room; we thought he was safe”. If your child has a device that they can access without restrictions or parental control, please be vigilant and please be aware that even though you may think they are safe under your roof, influencers are now far more insidious in the way that they foster ideologies in our young people and use social media as a way to do so. I would strongly recommend watching ‘Adolescence’ to understand this very real danger that our children will be exposed to.”*

As part of our continued work with students about online safety, healthy relationships and being upstanders against abuse in any form, we will focus in PSHE on the themes that arise from *Adolescence*. We will give students a forum to ask about incel culture, the manosphere and violence against women and girls, and build on their learning about how to recognise harmful content and avoid click bait.

There are lots of resources for parents to support conversations. One very useful one is the table below, showing some of the emojis used by specific groups.



The following links may also help to navigate the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century parenting:

[Parenting Strategies For Supporting And Guiding Your Child Through Adolescence](#)

[Advice for parents worried about issues raised in Netflix's show Adolescence | Mental Health Foundation](#)

[Supporting your teenager's mental health - Family Action](#)

[Violence Against Women and Girls](#)

[Emojis Explained](#)

If you have any concerns about your child or the content raised here, please don't hesitate to be in touch with their Head of Year.

**Mrs Smith**



## Mental Health Conference

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, the Student Ambassadors and members of the Wellbeing Committee attended a conference led by Quinton House School, in Northampton, called "For Students by Students". The theme was the importance of mental health. There was a range of presentations where we had the chance to hear from Caroline Strawson, and learnt about 'Invisible Backpack' theory. This highlights the concept that if someone projects an emotion on to you it's not a reflection of yourself but instead what they carry in their invisible backpack. We also heard from Dr Mike discussing the importance of being values driven when managing mental health and a testimony from someone who has experienced challenges throughout their life with their mental health.

In addition, we heard from the charities Sport in Mind and The Samaritans. All who attended learnt a great amount about their own minds and how other people's mental health can affect them indirectly. We are now excited to share the knowledge we've acquired with our peers and the rest of school to hopefully support the wider school community.

**Anyi Nkwenti and Candice Nyatsambo**



## Music News

*Bishop Stortford School  
Class of 2025*



*A level Music Recital  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

**Mrs Armstrong**

What a fabulous time we had last week, as some of our finest musicians performed for friends and family at the A level Recital Evening. We had a wonderfully eclectic range of music, performed with professionalism.

Students not only gave outstanding performances, but were a marvellously positive support to each other. The audience was left in awe of their talent, with smiles of joy one moment, and welling up with emotion the next.

Congratulations to Hayden Barber, Elise Hale, Micah Harris, Isaac Lavender, Alex Duggleby, Brannon Bird, Kirigo Ndiritu and Esther Hobbs.

And a massive shout out to the marvellous Mr Taylor for his expert accompaniments on what was his final A level recital evening.

Ans congratulations also go to Molly Robson for her Merit for Grade 8 trumpet!

## House Games Results

Over the last 2 weeks, Spring House Games have taken place with students competing in different sports from Year 7 -Year 11. The sports varied across the year groups, including Girls' Futsal, Girls' & Boys' Volleyball, Boys' Handball, Girls' Netball, Girls' Benchball, Mixed Hockey, Touch Rugby, Boys' Flag Football & Crossfit.

Congratulations to the following Houses on their triumph in these Games: (all to play for in the Summer Games!)

**Year 7:** Souths, **Year 8:** Norths, **Year 9:** Souths, **Year 10:** Wests, **Year 11:** Easts

**Mr Young**



## **U14 Hockey National State Schools Tournament**

For the first time, we took Girls' & Boys' teams to these finals, which was held at Nottingham Hockey Centre. The finals involved a round robin which then progressed into a knockout format. The boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group after a slow start but played some fantastic hockey. This meant they challenged for the National Bowl Title. The girls also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group and due to goal difference went into the National Shield Competition.

The knockout games were obviously tense affairs, with the girls' semi-final coming down to penalty shuffles. The tension mounted as this too went to sudden death with Bishop going through to contest the final.

The boys in the knockout stages came of age and played some fantastic hockey, resulting in a handful of goals which had eluded them earlier on in the day.

Both boys and girls in their respective finals! Wow. We would have taken that, but the players had a different view and only went on to win both finals.

This resulted in the boys winning the **U14 National Bowl and the Girls the U14 National Bowl.**

This is a fantastic achievement on the national stage and one that I hope they can look back on with immense pride.



## **U16 Rugby County Cup**

In their final game for the school, the Year 11 squad played in a County Cup Final v Sharnbrook Academy. This was a befitting conclusion for many of the boys whom have gone from strength to strength since joining the school as Year 7s back in 2020! The game was played at Northampton Saints and both schools brought a lot of support.

Bishop dominated the opening 20 minutes with a try from Ano Kangausaru and Ewan Neeson converting. Sharnbrook scored late in the first half meaning the game was tight. The second half started with 2 quick tries from Ano Kangausaru and Alfie Rimmer with Ewan Neeson converting one. A fantastic well-timed interception from Bobby Mackintosh prevented Sharnbrook from scoring. Bobby was unlucky a moment later when he went over the line only to be overruled as he lost control of the ball as 2 players tackled him over the line.

The response was swift with Ewan Neeson jinking down the touchline to dot down in the corner, converting again. The game went into the dying minute against a resilient Sharnbrook side who always looked dangerous in attack. Their efforts were rewarded in the final minute with a well taken try. Bishop was crowned champions winning 26-19. We are very proud of what the boys have achieved over the years: County Cup Winners: U13, U14 and now U16!



## **Squad:**

Lloyd Rae, Bobby Mackintosh, JJ Matablan, Matthew Long, Niall Saving, Joe Campbell, Tiwa Brown, Will Dent, Ellis Grant, Ewan Neeson, Elliot Waters, Ano Kangausaru, Sam White, Haydn Young, Alfie Rimmer, Will Bantin (Year 10), Brendan McGowan, Isaac Lloyd Uzoegbu, David Tennant, Ben Brydon, Jared Brooks

## **Mr Young**

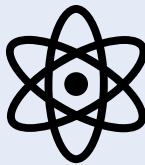
## MFL Headteacher Awards

This term, three students have been selected to receive a Headteacher Award for their outstanding work in Languages. These students have consistently tried their best and strived to achieve their full potential in French and Spanish, always going above and beyond. Congratulations to Darcey York (8C), Precious Abiona (9G) and Abhirup Anoop (10D) for all of your exceptional hard work - we are very proud of you!

**Mrs N Smith and Mrs Rogers**

## Scientists of the Term

|    |                          |     |                         |     |                      |
|----|--------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 7C | Jago Lilley              | 10D | Oliver Taylor (Physics) | 12D | Maya Adamska (bio)   |
| 7D | Oscar Leonidou           | 10C | Alieh Nkwenti           | 12D | Bailey Bramich       |
| 7E | Anna Anu                 | 10W | Chloe Wellings          | 12D | Nathan Netley        |
| 7G | Emily Loosemore          | 10W | Alex Ologan             | 12S | Emily Chatwin        |
| 7P | Joshua Jones             | 10W | Divena Biju             | 12D | Maya Adamska (chem)  |
| 7S | Louis Anderson           | 10G | Rajan Patel             | 12G | Udelle Hopson        |
| 7Y | Aariz Khan               | 10S | Isobel Radcliffe        | 12E | Yousuf Bari          |
| 7Y | Albie Dickerson          | 10P | Holly Noon              | 12C | Rachel Fernandes     |
|    |                          |     |                         | 12E | Ollie Jesionek       |
|    |                          |     |                         | 12C | Tom Empey            |
| 8D | Daanveer Basra           | 11C | Eilish Martin (Bio)     |     |                      |
| 8Y | Elma Owiredu             | 11S | Matthew Hopkins         |     |                      |
| 8Y | Jairaj Hirani            | 11P | Jessie Newton           | 13W | Lily Yang            |
| 8P | Fraser Gray              | 11Y | Layla Palmer            | 13P | Siobhan Latter       |
| 8E | Ademide Alere            | 11D | Alfie Rimmer            | 13E | Ariana Haria         |
| 8G | Josiah Wong              | 11Y | Millie Seago            | 13W | Elliot Ryan          |
| 8E | Terry Cavallo            | 11C | Lloyd Rae               | 13E | Julia Konarski       |
| 8G | Keanu Klonica-Wood       | 11W | Shantel Owusu           | 13E | Amar Mehan           |
|    |                          | 11P | Chloe Large             | 13W | Charlie Holden-Miles |
|    |                          |     |                         | 13E | Isaac Lavender       |
| 9W | Arjan Mann               |     |                         | 13S | Mitchell Asbrey      |
| 9W | Hugo Funy Soares Da Gama |     |                         |     |                      |
| 9C | Ayisha Soha              |     |                         |     |                      |
| 9E | Jai Singh                |     |                         |     |                      |
| 9S | Isla Gray                |     |                         |     |                      |
| 9G | Yuvraj Sahota            |     |                         |     |                      |
| 9S | Isla Putman              |     |                         |     |                      |



## Geologists of the Term

We are very proud of these students for their hard work in Geology this term. They have been focused, organised, and engaged in a wider understanding of the subject. Keep up the good work!

**12C** Tom Empey

**13S** Mitchell Asbrey

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



## Staff Farewells

As we end this term, there are a number of staff to whom we must say farewell.

Mr Tattersall leaves our IT Team, after being our very first apprentice in school. He joined our staff team after finishing Year 11, and is the first member of staff to have celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as an employee! We wish him all the very best in his next ventures, and trust that he will take the spirit of Bishop Stopford School with him.

We also say good bye to Mrs Beckett who has been part of our Reception Team. She has been inspired to seek a role working with students, and we are delighted her experience with us has encouraged her to do that.

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Ms Verity, too, who taught Maths at our school for the last 25 years. Ms Verity was excellent Maths teacher and a key member of the Maths faculty. She was also a caring and dedicated form tutor and embodiment of the school's Christian ethos in action. We will miss her and all she has contributed to our school community over many years of dedicated, professional and successful service. We wish her every blessing as she leaves us.

### Miss Silverthorne

## Linguists of the Term

|    |                       |     |                       |     |                   |
|----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 7C | Taran Bains           | 8W  | Ankita Kanoor         | 10G | Jayden Nettey     |
| 7D | Keaton Bennett        | 8Y  | Rosa Currie           | 10G | Finn George       |
| 7E | Jayden Amponsa-Dadzie | 8E  | Beatrice Cooper       | 10P | Abdan Abid Naseem |
| 7G | Matthew Mauro         | 8P  | Jack McGowan          | 10P | Issy York         |
| 7P | Rose Davies           | 9Y  | Celia Taylor          | 10S | Samuel Tomlin     |
| 7S | Acer Prince           | 9Y  | Farron Vonhof-Small   | 10W | Adarsh Satheesh   |
| 7W | Lilly Fletton         | 9C  | Kye Matego            | 10P | Emmanuella Adu    |
| 7Y | Nella Adu             | 9G  | Catriona Noble        | 11E | Amrita Johal      |
| 8C | Olivia Chacko         | 9E  | Eliana Sowah-Adjetey  | 11C | Ava Noble         |
| 8W | Aurelia Curtis        | 9E  | Caleb Danso           | 11C | Rafah Ahmad Awan  |
| 8C | Bethany Smith-Wilds   | 9S  | Dana-Brielle Nsah     | 11S | Tess Short        |
| 8C | Lacey Bertram         | 9C  | Abhayjit Singh        | 11S | Charlie Layer     |
| 8P | Fraser Gray           | 9Y  | Samaa Mansour Ibrahim | 11Y | Ava Rimmer        |
| 8G | Keanu Klonica-Wood    | 9G  | Joshua Romy           | 11S | Matthew Hopkins   |
| 8G | Isla MacAuliffe       | 9G  | Beatrix Warren        | 11P | Charlotte Revell  |
| 8E | Ikamnoor Kaur         | 10G | Bella Saving          |     |                   |


## Alumni Corner

Last week, we shared a story from Vanuatu. Now we hear from Michael Preston (1967-1972), who journeyed from Bishop Stopford to Australia. Michael's diverse career, from food science to leading dementia awareness initiatives globally, showcases the far-reaching impact of a Bishop Stopford education. He credits his teachers for instilling the determination that shaped his life.

His story, like many others we're collecting, will inspire current students. Despite being thousands of miles away, Michael remains connected to our growing alumni network, proving the Bishop Stopford spirit knows no borders.

Inspired? Reconnect with us: [forms.office.com/e/AGJYiLRHhY](https://forms.office.com/e/AGJYiLRHhY) #BSSAlumni #StayConnected #GlobalNetwork #60YearsOfBSS

### Mr Harwood



**FACT FILE**

**Name: Michael Callum Preston**  
Attended Bishop Stopford School: 1967-1972

After Bishop Stopford School: Dementia & Neuroscience at the University of Tasmania  
Employment: Semi-retired. I work for Dementia Training Australia.  
I spend my weekends as the chef at an Aged Care facility.

“Here's to the next 60 years of Bishop Stopford! Congratulations to all the staff and students. I hope the teachers keep inspiring the young minds of the future. I truly believe that anything is possible with determination, positive energy, support, encouragement, and enthusiasm. That's what Bishop Stopford means to me.”

#bestofbishop #alumni





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# Important Dates

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>22 APR</b><br><i>School re-opens</i>        | <b>22 APR - 1 MAY</b><br><i>Yr 10 Mocks</i>         | <b>23 APR - 2 MAY</b><br><i>Yr 11 MFL Speaking Assessments</i> |
| <b>8 MAY</b><br><i>GCSE Exam Period Begins</i> | <b>12 MAY</b><br><i>A Level Exam Period Begins</i>  | <b>9 MAY</b><br><i>Yr 7 Reports Issued</i>                     |
| <b>13 MAY</b><br><i>Yr 7 Progress Review</i>   | <b>20 MAY</b><br><i>GCSE Music Ensemble Evening</i> | <b>23 MAY</b><br><i>School closes for Half Term</i>            |

For students taking GCSEs and A levels this summer

## Celebration of Achievement

Tuesday 16 December 2025

6:00 – 7:30pm

Bishop Stopford School Sports Hall

A celebration of success and presentation of GCSE and A level certificates.

Refreshments in the Main Hall from 5:15pm

Parents and students warmly welcome.

# SAVE THE DATE



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# Recruitment

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

## IT Apprentice Technician

The successful candidates will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will contribute to unlocking students' unique potential.

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: 31/03/25, 21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 23/06/25, 14/07/25

| CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY   |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| CLASSIC MAIN MEALS   |  | VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS  |  |   |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice  | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Chicken Chow Mein          | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Mexican Style Beef & Tortilla Lasagne                         | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE) | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Hoisin Tofu Chow Mein (VE) | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Veg(V)               | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Smokey Plant Based Chili, Served with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V) | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>BBQ Bean Burger with Chunky Chips & Peas (V)                                 |

**DESSERTS**

| MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY                 | WEDNESDAY                          | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY                      |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Spiced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla sauce | Apple Strudel & Custard | Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce | Cookie Dough Fruit Crumble | Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots |

Fruit and Jelly 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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**CHOOSE IT!  
ADD IT!  
TOP IT!**

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available Tuesday to Thursday. With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

**Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!**

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

| 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) |

**TRATTORIA**

| MONDAY               | TUESDAY                 | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY           |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Tomato & Basil Pasta | Pasta in a Cheese Sauce | Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza | Creamy Pesto Pasta | Margherita Pizza |

