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Dear Families,

It has been a long term and our year 11 have now completing their mock exams. Well done to them for the very mature and diligent attitude they have adopted throughout. A heartfelt thanks also goes to their teachers and all our staff here at school for their hard work during a long term.

Our year 7 students have firmly established themselves into the school family, working hard and making solid academic progress. Many students have represented the school at sport and regularly take part in the various clubs we have on offer as part of the extracurricular programme available during breaks and after school.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the recent parent evenings for Years 7, 8, 12 and 13. Overall your attendance at these evenings is in excess of 90%. I would like to thank all of you who have filled in our parent questionnaire this term; the results have been extremely encouraging, with well over 90% of parents saying they feel their child is happy at Bishop Stopford's and that their child is well taught at Bishop Stopford's. This information is very helpful for me and the staff as we continue to move the school forward.

This term we have continued to build on our relationships with our 'link' primary schools. Students from St George's Freezywater, Carterhatch, Latymer All Saints, St John and St James, St Paul and All Hallows, and Suffolks have attended singing masterclasses and carol concerts here at school.

We return to school on Monday 4th January 2016 at the slighter later time of 9.30am. This later start is to facilitate important staff training that is taking place before school. On this date, students should arrive to school promptly ready for line up and registration at 9.35am. Lessons will be as normal from period 2 onwards. Late detentions will still apply for any student arriving after 9.30am.

As ever, please always feel free to contact me and the staff on any matters concerning your children.

This comes to you with my sincere and warm greetings for the festive period.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our entire Stopfordian family.

Paul Woods

Headteacher

Wishing you and your families a restful and peaceful Christmas!



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School Maintenance Fund & ParentPay

Polite Reminder – Please remember your January Instalment of £20. Thank you.

We accept payments online for our School Maintenance Fund as well as for School Lunches.

As a Voluntary Aided School we rely upon and ask from all families for a payment of £60 per year for all students, Years 7-13 in the School. This payment is essential to the maintenance, development and insurance of all the buildings and the land on which they stand. Our aim is to provide the best environment for the students to develop and learn, but the school has many demands on its funding, and every penny counts!

You can pay a £60 lump sum or £20 instalments, due each year on 20th Sept, Jan & April.

For those who wish to pay via our ParentPay site please visit www.parentpay.com. If you require your log in details, please contact the school finance office on 020 8804 1906 Ext.118 or email bursary@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk Please be informed that barcodes/paypoint cards for school lunches cannot be used to pay for School Maintenance.

Alternatively, you can pay by Standing Order, a form is available on our school website or by cheque or cash which can be handed in to the finance office.

If you pay tax, completing the Gift Aid form (also available on our school website) will allow the school to reclaim 25p for every £1.00 paid – at no extra cost to you. Please sign this and send it in with payment.

A big thank you all of you for supporting our School with your contributions to the School Maintenance Fund so far, we are extremely grateful and would ask others to consider payment.

The Finance Office



www.parentpay.com

Statistics show that the number of children with English as an additional language in UK schools has more than doubled in the last 10 years, and is continuing to increase. The aspiration of our EAL programme is to improve the educational outcomes of EAL learners, to raise attainment and close the language barrier between them and their peers.



At Bishop Stopford's School we provide EAL interventions for non-native English speaking students with EAL needs. It is a six-week programme, Monday through Friday, and students attend EAL classes for two periods every day. The provision of simultaneous in-class support allows the EAL teacher and staff to intervene promptly and effectively if the progress of individual students is not maintained. SEN staff and teachers maximise their contributions and take action to improve learning where necessary in dialogue with the EAL teacher who knows the EAL learners well.

The SEN team actively engage in reflection of shared knowledge and data on the EAL students' achievement compared with expectations, and take appropriate action to provide the most effective support possible, e.g. in-class support, small literacy groups, behavioural management, LSU.

The bilingual learners tend to feel very confident in terms of grammar awareness and their work represents an apparent advance in skills after completing the EAL induction. It raises attainment and drives forward improvements in educational outcomes to ensure that everyone is encouraged to be the best they can be.



Year7 Road Safety

The year 7 students had a road safety talk this week from the people from the Riot Act in partnership with Enfield Council. The hour long session consisted of a production by three young people of everyday situations which lead to distractions in school and on the road. This was followed by a question and answer workshop which the students thoroughly enjoyed and hopefully took some important information away with them.



Year7 Boys 5 a side Football Tournament

Eight year 7 students went to Enfield Grammar School on Tuesday 1st December to take part in the annual borough 5 a side tournament. With 14 sides taking part it was always going to be tough to progress into the semi-finals and that proved the case. The boys competed extremely well in every game and were unfortunate to only come away with a draw from their 4 group matches despite some excellent team performances. Each member of the team represented the School superbly and received a Stopfordian Ethos for their effort, determination and teamwork despite the tough games. Well done to Jayden G, Antonio, George, Brandan, Tyresse, Carlos, Joshua S and Pharrell.



Knapp House 2015

From Monday 13th- Thursday 17th July 2015 Bishop Stopford's School embarked on a 6 hour trip to North Devon. The family run activity centre gave us rural experiences such as crabbing and speed boat rides, as well as some local knowledge from the villages of Appledore and Westward Ho!. Only a lucky few were able to catch the crabs, although we now know how to tell a female from a male and which colour crabs we should eat (orange!).

We took on some thrilling activities such as waterskiing, tree climbing, abseiling, climbing, traverse, crate stacking, tunneling, canoeing and surfing! The students really showed their strengths in the variety of activities, but also by helping others. When some were scared of heights, the dark or the water, each and every student at some point gave a helping hand to lessen the fear. The instructors were so complimentary of the group.

With three activities a day, and then free time, food was high on the agenda for most! Students were even eating up to three servings at dinner! Sleep was most definitely needed, and we even had a few take a 'Knapp' on the way home.

It was such a shame to leave the hillside, seaside views, the water and beaches behind us. Look out for our display for more fun photos of all the activities! The instructors were so impressed with Bishop Stopford's that they can't wait to have us back next year! We are opening the trip for year 8 students but there will only be a maximum of 40 places up for grabs. So, if you're keen to learn some new skills for water and land based activities, want to enjoy some seaside treats (including the Appledore ice cream with added clotted cream!) and are not afraid to get involved and try new things, watch this space. We will be launching the Knapp House 2016 trip in September.

Mrs Ince



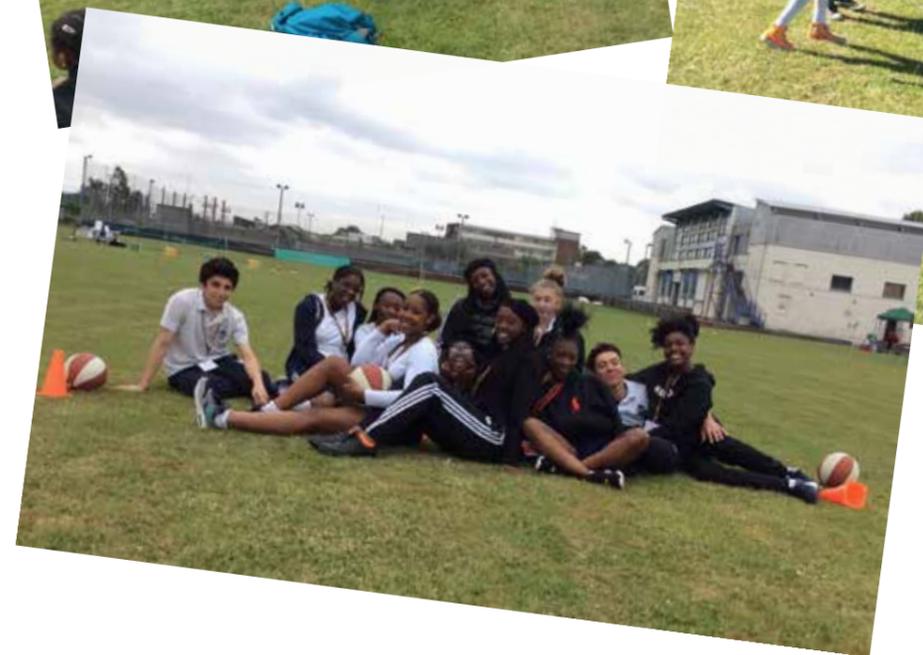
Primary School Sports Days 2015

This summer, Bishop Stopford's students have been out and about developing their sports leadership skills and qualities and lending a hand to our local primary schools. The Year10 GCSE PE group helped out St John and St James' and undertook a variety of activities at the Fredrick Knight Sports Arena. This has helped us to build a closer link with the school and hopefully will encourage more of our students to help run sports activities throughout the forthcoming year. Their sports day may even be run at Bishops next year!

We also helped our neighbours Suffolks during their sports week on a number of occasions. 7N and 7M girls PE groups were in charge for the Year1&2 sports mornings, whilst our Level 3 BTec Sports Ambassadors ran events for Year's 3&4 and 5&6.

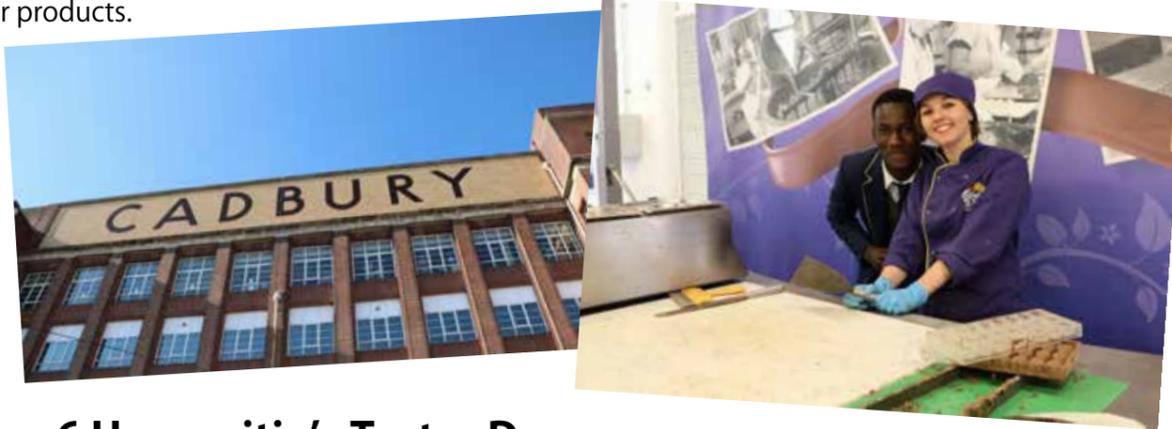
All students showed excellent sports leadership qualities and earned themselves Stopfordian Ethos points. It is wonderful to see many of our students taking responsibility of younger children and showing our school in such a positive and mature manner. Well done to each and everyone of you!

Mrs Ince



Year 11 Cadbury Factory Business Trip

Have a look at the photos from the Cadbury Factory Business Trip. The pupils explored the marketing structure of Cadbury and looked at the production line of their products.



Year 6 Humanitie's Taster Day

On Friday 25th September we welcomed the Year 6 pupils from our neighbours; Suffolks Primary School. They joined us for lessons in Geography, History and Religious Studies. During this humanitie's taster day, pupils designed their own geographical t-shirt logos, discussed world religions and created inspiring history posters. We look forward to working closely with Suffolks primary school this year, and indeed saw many around Bishop Stopford's at our Open Evening for Year 6 students.



SEN Department



On the 17th of November, a group of us including Ms Hart, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Otchere took the overland train and two buses to The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square.

My favourite painting was from a Greek myth. It was painted by Luca Giordano. He was an Italian. He lived from 1634 to 1708. The full name of the painting is "Perseus turning, Phineas and his followers to stone". He painted it in the early 1800's. He painted it with oil paint on canvas. The painting measures 283 x 366 cm.

Medusa was turned into an ugly monster. If you look at her you turn into stone. Perseus was going to marry Andromeda. Andromeda was going to marry someone else called Phineas.

Perseus is shown wearing gold, red and blue. It was a wedding feast. Perseus cut off Medusa's head and turned his enemies into stone. He kept Medusa's head in a small bag.

I like it because it is interesting.

Matthew Kalema, 8N



Year 7 Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th December, our Year 7 students gathered in their Houses for the first annual Bishop Stopford's School Spelling Bee.

The first round consisted of the whole year group taking part in a spelling test. The top six students in each house then took part in a spoken spelling test, which resulted in two champion spellers per house.

The final took place on Thursday in the hall. Students sat with their Houses to cheer on their champions.

Banners were waved and the excitement grew as our twelve spellers took to the stage.

After half an hour of serious spelling, our champion was crowned... Mma Oguejiofor (St. George's House) beat some tough competition, including our runner up, Yanique Edwards (Waltham House), to win the 2015 Spelling Bee.

WELL DONE MMA!



Photos

Staff Christmas jumper day

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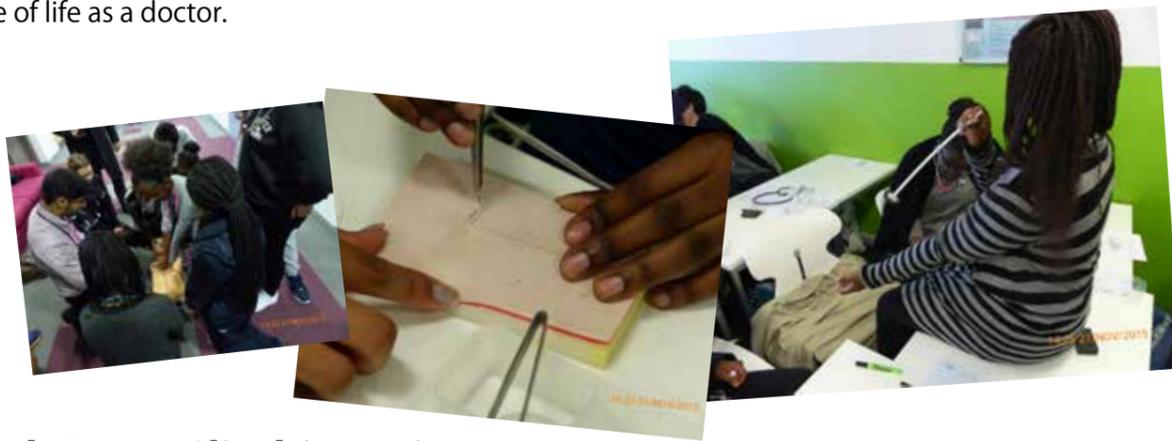


We took the opportunity to spread some Christmas joy. Staff wore their Christmas jumpers to school and raised money for the charity 'TEXTSANTA'.
<http://www.itv.com/textsanta> Text Santa5 or Santa10 to 70760
Here are some of the pictures:

Medicine Taster Day

On Saturday 21st November 10 very enthusiastic Year 10 students braved an unexpected snowfall to attend a taster day at Queen Mary University for students interested in a career in medicine. Our students had the opportunity to work with young people from other schools as well as medical undergraduates. They took part in a wide range of activities which included keeping a CPR dummy alive in a range of different scenarios, role playing giving a patient bad news and suturing a pad of rubber skin. There was lots of discussion and questions throughout the day and each student received their own stethoscope!

As always our students were an absolute credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed their taste of life as a doctor.



Sixth Form Climbing trip

On Wednesday 2nd December a group of Year 12 and 13 students visited The Lock climbing wall in Harlow. The group took part in belaying, climbing and abseiling as well as having a session in the bouldering room. It is the first time we have done this and I am sure that it will become a regular visit as all involved really enjoyed the experience.

Cambridge calling

On Monday 14th December a group of our Year 11 students met with Olivia Hilton-Pennant, an ex Stopfordian who is in her first year at Newnham College, Cambridge. The Year 11 students have already visited Newnham but this was an opportunity for them to really find out about life at Cambridge and ask lots of questions about how to get into a top university.



Mr. Smith
Head of Sixth Form.

Level 2 BTEC Health and Social Care class visited a residential care home

On Friday 4th December 2015, the Level 2 BTEC Health and Social Care class visited a residential care home as part of their project. During their visit, five 6th formers delivered a wonderful Arts session on collage to some of the elderly residents. The aim of the project was for our students to gain experience and knowledge about what is involved in working at a care home whilst implementing the health care values.

It was a wonderful day and the students were fantastic!

Quotes from our students:

'The environment was really welcoming.'
'I would quite like to stay there myself and would like to work there in the future.'
'The people were really nice.'
'It gave me experience in a Health and Social care environment and wasn't what I expected.'



A reflection for Paris

In a response to the horrific events that took place in Paris on 13th November all our pupils have been given the opportunity to reflect on the victims and their families. We pray for our brothers and sisters of the Islamic faith that their message of peace is taken into the hearts of the minority who are behind these acts of violence. The school chapel, as always, is open for reflection, with a light burning as a symbol of God's love. The words of St Francis' prayer are there as a guidance to all and we invite all members of the Stopfordian family to use these as a source of their reflection in this sad time.



Ben Calverley

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the death of our school Business Manager Ben Calverley. Ben passed away peacefully Thursday 8th October 2015.

Ben joined the Stopfordian family in 2010 and has played an instrumental role in the re-branding of the school.

He worked closely with all the staff and was well known for his caring and thoughtful way of detailing with all situations he encountered.

As the Stopfordian Business Manager he always had the interests of the pupils close to his heart and was seen daily in the canteen and playground in conversation with the pupils.

Ben's passing was explained to the pupils in their assemblies and a candle was burnt alongside a picture of Ben in the school chapel. All Stopfordian's had the opportunity to visit the chapel to reflect on Ben.



Brian Pickard

We are sad to announce that the School's former Head Teacher, Brian Pickard, passed away on Thursday 26th November. Mr Pickard was appointed as Deputy Head Master in 1977, and taught languages. He was appointed Head Master in 1988 upon the retirement of Dr Roberts.

In his time he oversaw many developments in the life of the school including the opening of the Jubilee Wing (the Science Block) which was opened in 1995. He retired in 2001, but was a regular visitor to the school, most recently being with us for Speech day 2014.

His portrait hangs in the school hall as a mark of his dedication and service to the Stopfordian family.



Ben and Brian and their families will be remembered in our school prayers. May they rest in peace.

Enrichment at BSS

At Bishop Stopford's School we offer a wide variety of enriching activities throughout the school year. We aim to ensure every student has the opportunity to engage in; charity work, extra-curricular clubs and off site residential trips. We offer a number of different educational opportunities for students of all years to visit Universities, training camps and other educational establishments. This is part of our mission to encourage our students to strive for excellence, and to develop self-reliance, self-discipline and self-confidence through participation in a wide range of academic, cultural and social activities. Below are the details of current clubs running at lunch time and after school.

Monday

Basketball Club lunch time (Sports Hall)
Maths Club lunch time (West Block)
School Newspaper lunch time (English)

Tuesday

Language Club lunch time (MFL)
Jazz Band lunch time (Music)
Basketball Club lunch time (Sports Hall)
Maths Club lunch time (West Block)
Sports Hall Athletics after school (Sports Hall)

Wednesday

Basketball Club lunch time (Sports Hall)
Maths Club lunch time (West Block)
Music Club (Worship Band) lunch time (Music rooms)
Gospel Choir after school (Hall)

Thursday

Basketball Club lunch time (Sports Hall)
Maths Club lunch time (West Block)
Computing Club lunch time (W14)
Self Defence after school (Gym)

Friday

Basketball Club lunch time (Sports Hall)
Maths Club lunch time at Maths (West Block)
Water Explorers Club lunch time (Geography)
Trampoline Club lunch time (Sports Hall)
Volleyball Club after school (Sports Hall)

School Radio Station will be running shortly



Young Adults Forum

The 'Young Adults Forum', aims to both challenge government on UK legislation, raise awareness on current issues, and inspire the next generation of politically minded individuals. The Forum gives young adults all over the country, the opportunity to voice their political concerns towards MP's, Government Ministers, Lords and Baronesses in a similar style question time debate.



The 'Young Adults Forum', gave students at Bishop Stopford's School, who attended the parliamentary forum event with Miss Judith Dougherty Faulty Head of performing Arts, the outstanding opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the countries most influential politicians and celebrities at the House of Commons. The Forum gave students a greater understanding of politics. They voiced their concerns on the increase of tuition fees, and the need for change within the education system.

The forum debate, also provided them with a renewed passion for politics, and a desire to practically engage in the voting system. For far too long it has faced severe issues, with an ever increasing ageing electorate.

Students wanted to see the government support the creative subjects like Art, drama and music more. They believe they should have the same weight behind them as the core subjects in schools.

School News

Geography department



In the Geography department we have been busy incorporating Cross Curricular themes and Cultural History Month into our lessons. Students engaged with different countries playing in the local Rugby World Cup, and enjoyed exploring their own cultures and identities through enquiring about their global connections.

Water Explorer (Geography Club) has had an extremely successful start this year. Water Explorers have taken challenges in a quest to educate people about how vulnerable water is on our planet. We were awarded 'UK Team of the Month' and 'Global Team of the Week' for all the hard work, which the organisation has recognised publicly on their website!

Art department

Congratulation to the yr11 Art class. They produced some fabulous work during their mock exams based on the artist Arcimboldo. Keep up your hard work!

Mrs Mustata.



HOMEWORK CLUB

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS BETWEEN
3.30 AND 4.30 P.M. ROOM W16.

Need help with your homework?
Computer or printer broken at home?
Come to homework club for support and help, if needed, by caring members of staff





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

MONDAY 4TH JANUARY
Spring Term begins at 8.30am
for all students and staff

THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY
Year 9 Parents' Evening

THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY
Year 10 Parents' Evening

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
Year 9 Options Evening

MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
Year 7 Eucharist

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
Year 8 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
Year 9 Eucharist

THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
Year 10 Eucharist

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
Year 11 Eucharist
Half Term Holiday begins after school today

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