

Bishop Stopford's School

Newsletter



Spring 1 2022



Message from the Headteacher



February, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We are approaching our midterm break and I am happy to report that students have had a very fruitful half term.

Covid-19 Update

Many thanks to everyone in the school community for coping with recent COVID19 measures. It is no longer mandatory for students or staff to wear face coverings in lessons or communal areas in keeping with Government guidance of 27th January 2022. Some students continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and we are happy for this to be an individual choice at present. We have been made aware that guidance could change again, and if cases were to rise significantly at our school, we may also be advised to introduce our own local measures. However, the situation is relatively stable at the moment based on the local data.

Extra-curricular

We have initiated some exciting new opportunities this half term. Our enrichment programme is being updated regularly and there are now more activities on offer than ever before. There is a dedicated section in this newsletter outlining our current clubs and activities, and I would urge you to look at these with your child and encourage them to participate. Extra-curricular activities often provide additional opportunities to develop study, interpersonal skills and independence, as well as supporting overall, positive well-being.

Key dates

End of half term – Friday, 11th February, 2022

Monday, 21st February, 2022
at 8.30am – Year 11 return to school for trial exams

Monday, 21st February, 2022
at 11.15am – Year 7 to 10 and Year 13 return to school

Monday, 21st to Friday, 4th March, February, 2022 – Year 11, 12F & 13 trial exams

Thursday, 24th February, 2022
– Year 9 virtual options evening

Thursday, 3rd March – Year 9 parents evening

Friday, 11th March, 2022 – Year 9 option choice deadline

Monday, 14th March to Friday 25th, March 2022 – Year 9 option interviews

Thursday, 31st March, 2022 – Year 11 SLT parents' evening

Friday, 1st April, 2022 – End of term (Easter)

Attendance

Good attendance is a key factor in the achievement of our students. Covid has meant that across the country, absence rates have inevitably increased over the last few months. Here at Bishop Stopford's School, we place huge importance on attendance. National data consistently shows that almost eight out of ten students who have 100% attendance gain five or more good passes at GCSE. When attendance drops to 90%, only five out of ten students achieve this. The link between attendance and achievement is clear and this is why our target for all students is to achieve 100% attendance. We would ask parents to consider very carefully when agreeing to 'a day off school' and where possible, would encourage you to send your child to school. Our school medical officers are available if your child should feel unwell in school and will contact you accordingly. Children sometimes have to miss school because of illness, or if they have long-term medical issues. If this is the case, you should contact the school the same day to let us know the reason why your child is absent. Please be familiar with our school processes for reporting absence, these are available on the school website.

Punctuality

Being in school and arriving on time is crucial to progress. A key priority this year has been the development of 'self-regulation' and we have been talking to your sons and daughters about taking responsibility for all that they do. Being organised in the morning has a really positive impact on your day and I would ask you to talk to your sons and daughters about how their day starts. Talk to them about arriving in plenty of time and encourage them to attend our new breakfast club which will be open from 7.50am to 8.20am each morning. The new breakfast club will offer a free breakfast for all students. We are piloting this scheme beginning on Monday 7th February for four weeks, if the pilot proves successful we will be continuing the offer of breakfast to all students. Research shows that students who arrive in good time and eat breakfast routinely, achieve much better results at school.

Half term interventions

Half term interventions will be running to support students now approaching the exam season. Please ensure that you are aware of the intervention schedule and discuss with your son or daughter which sessions they will be attending. Sessions are compulsory and by invitation only. The timetable will be shared via Google Classroom, and students will be informed of which sessions they are required to attend. Sessions will focus on how to apply knowledge and skills to exam questions, supporting students in their preparations for the upcoming trial exams starting on Monday 21st February 2022.



Finally, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half term.

Very best wishes,

Mrs T Day, BA (Hons), NPQH
Headteacher

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

There can be Only One!

Year 10 students have been battling it out in a string of oracy workshops, in pursuit to be one of the lucky eight, in with a chance to represent Bishop Stopford's School at a regional competition with a whopping £2000 prize to boot.

The English department welcomed four trainers from the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge to help students learn and develop their oracy skills. 117 students from Y10 were whittled down to just 8! "The students were challenged as they were pushed out of their comfort zones" said Mrs Stieler, "deciding on winners is always tricky".

Set up by Sir Jack Petchey to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential, the next phase of the competition will take place on 11th February in the school assembly hall, where 8 will become 1!

The lucky winner will go on to represent Bishop Stopford's School in the regional heats where they will meet the Mayor of Enfield and compete against other schools in the Enfield area to qualify for the semi-finals.

Those competing on the 11th are: Armani, Eleizer, Aaron, Eva, Felicity, Paantea, Denis and Excel.

Good luck to all those still competing and well done to all Y10s who took part in the first round of workshops.

By Mrs Opara,
English Department



Holocaust Memorial Day Report

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January, we held a special two-day workshop for Year 9 students interested in finding out more about the incredible story of Anne Frank and the lessons it teaches us about the importance of Anti-Racism.

25 students were chosen from numerous volunteers to engage in a variety of learning activities such as group work, discussion, questioning and planning to explore the theme of Anti-Racism.

Students involved said that they, 'got to know about Anne Frank's history and what she went through in her life.' They also said that they, 'found out about how Jewish people were treated by the Nazis' and they looked at things like 'stereotypes, racism and gender stereotyping.' They were also able to draw upon their own experiences of living in a diverse society and relate that to these themes.

The final result will be a project that the students worked on that they can share with other students in the school – so the work is not yet finished, but they had a lot of fun and learnt a lot.

As a bonus, the person leading the workshops, from the Anne Frank Foundation, was one of our ex-students so the whole experience was fantastic! Well done Year 9!!!



Year 9 Options

Preparation for Year 9 to make their GCSE options choices is now underway. Students are using our online careers platform KUDOS in their PSHCE lessons this half term to identify their own personal skill strengths and match them to potential careers as well as investigating the subjects needed to go on to work within different career pathways.

Our virtual options evening event will take place on Thursday 24th of February at 6pm via the Year 9 Options Google Classroom. This event will explain all about the types of courses on offer at KS4, how to decide what to study next and how many choices each student gets.

Students' and parents will then be able to speak to their subject teachers at the Year 9 Parents Evening which takes place the following week on Thursday 3rd March to help identify their suitability for courses.



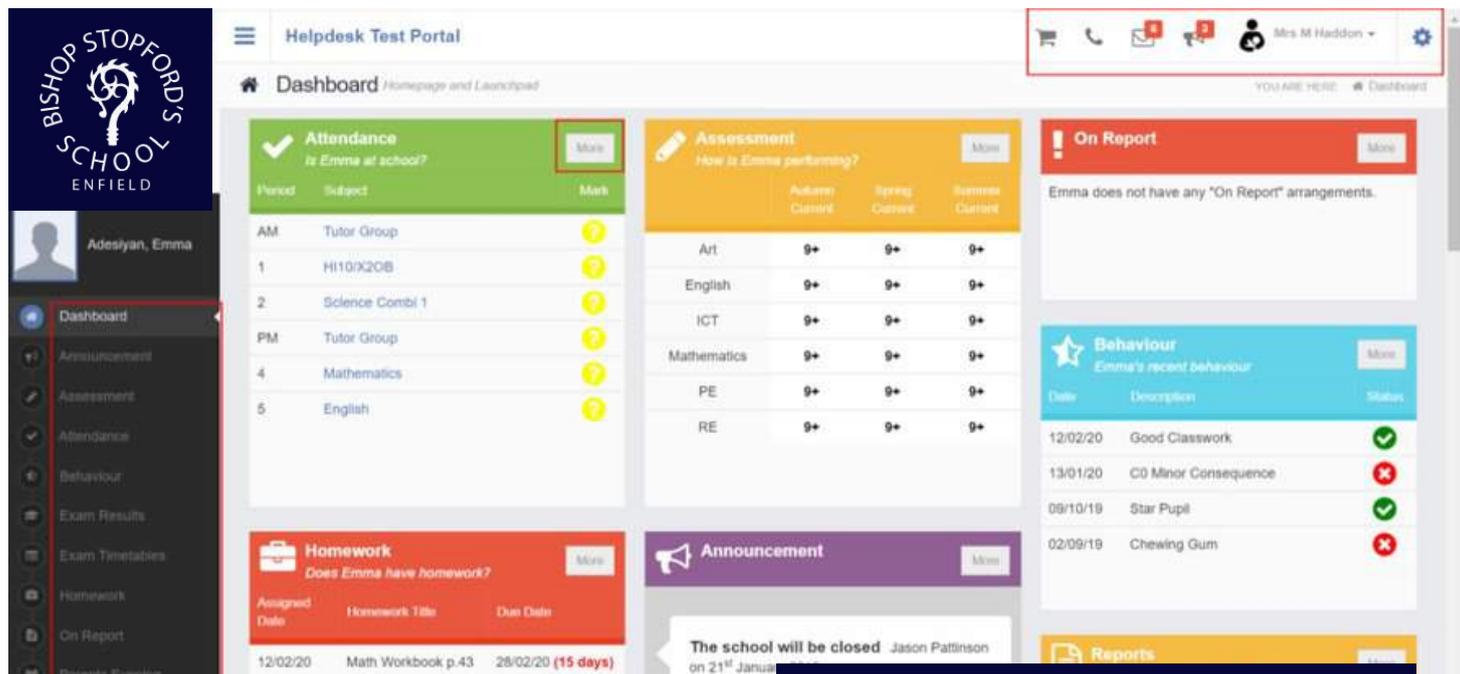
Virtual Options Evening - Year 9

Thursday 24th
February

6pm - google
classroom



How to track your child's learning, behaviour & attendance



My Child at School

There is no better way to monitor your child's attendance, punctuality and behaviour than using 'My Child at School'. We use a system at School called 'Bromcom' where all information is recorded and entered immediately after the event.

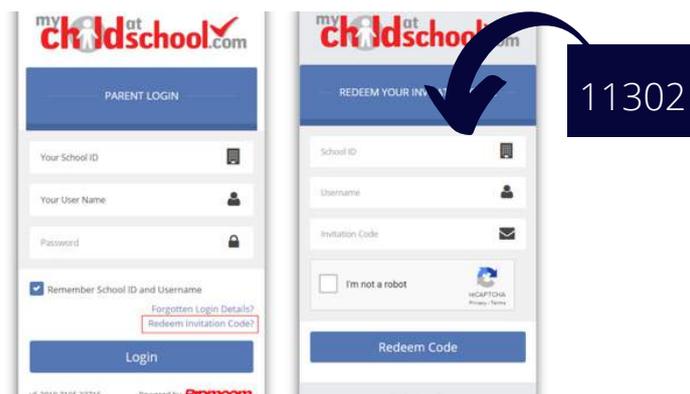
Positive points can be awarded, negative points recorded and lateness to a lesson can also be seen instantly.

You can view all academic reports that our issued throughout the year.

- Monitor your child's attendance.
- Monitor your child's punctuality.
- Monitor your child's behaviour throughout the day.
- See your child's rewards.
- See your child's report.

[log in via the web address](#)

[or download from the app store](#)



For more information on how to log on and use My Child at School [click here](#).

Lunch time extra-curriculum clubs



Extra-curricular lunch time clubs

Library lunch time opening times

Wednesday - Year 11
Thursday - 9 & 10
Friday - 7 & 8

Monday

- Kode IT KS3 & 4
- Coding club - all years
- Practice rooms for instrumentalists & band practice - Music rooms

Tuesday

- Film club KS 3 E14
- Year 11 study hub Art - block
- Practice rooms for instrumentalists & band practice - Music rooms
- Chess Club - Conference room 1.15pm - 2pm

Wednesday

- Business homework club, all years O17
- Year 11 study hub, art block
- KS 3 film club E14
- Junior maths challenge - Yr 7/8
- Practice rooms for instrumentalists & band practice - music rooms

Thursday

- Debate club, All years O12
- Year 11 study hub, art block
- Practice rooms for instrumentalists & band practice - music rooms
- Drum club all year groups

Friday

- Stage battle - all years, E19
- Year 11 study hub - art block
- KS3 film club E14
- Practice rooms for instrumentalists & band practice - music rooms
- Chess club - conference room 1.15pm - 2pm



After school extra-curriculum clubs



Extra-curricular after school clubs

Library after school opening times

Monday - Year 11
Tuesday - Year 7 & 8
Wednesday - Year 11
Thursday - Year 9 & 10

Monday

- Year 10 boys & girls football - Field

Tuesday

- Year 8 boys football - field
- Bishop blazers basketball club, year 9, 10 & 11 boys & girls - sports hall
- Programming club year 11 - W16
- Year 11 study hub - O17
- Intermediate maths challenge year 10
- Choir - assembly hall

Wednesday

- Amateur dramatics society - E19 all year groups
- EAL homework club - O6
- International film club - O5
- Chess club all years - conference room
- Stem club - where

Thursday

- It's good to talk year 10 only - E19
- Football year 8 boys - field
- Year 11 study hub - O17
- Alpha course all year groups hall

Friday

- Bishop Stopford's community spirit fortnightly (Wk 2) Year 10 only - E19
- Drama ambassadors first friday of the month Year 10 & 11
- Boxing - girls - Gym



NEW

Breakfast Club

A new breakfast club will be open from Monday 7th February.

7.30-8.20 am.

Free breakfast will be provided for all students, and they can choose either:

- Toasted bagel with butter and/or Jam
- Cereal (milk included)

Other warm and cold breakfast options will be available to buy, daily menus will be coming soon!



Year 11 Interventions

Before school

Monday - Maths
Tuesday - Computing
Wednesday - Wk 1 English
Thursday - Wk 2 - English
Friday - English

Lunchtime

Monday - Computing
Tuesday - Engineering

After School

Monday - Study Hub - SEND Maths
Tuesday - English
Wednesday - Study Hub - Maths
Thursday - SEND English - Maths
Friday - Media - Science

Instrumental lessons

You are now able to book music lessons and activities for the Summer term 2022 from the Music Store:

<https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>

Summer term music lessons will start from week commencing 25th April and will include 10 lessons throughout the term. Saturday Centre sessions start on 23rd April.

The deadline for booking lessons is Friday 11th March 2022.

Please email

Jdougherty@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

If your child is FSM, PP or LAC they may be entitled to funded lessons.



Candle Light Concert

**Monday 7th
March
6.30–7.30pm**

**Performance of
Year 11 GCSE
Compositions & Student
performances**

Sixth Form News

Applications for September 2022

Year 11 students have been participating in Post 16 taster lessons over the last two weeks to help them make their final course choices. Applications for the sixth form are still being accepted until Friday February 11th.

If you still haven't made up your mind we encourage you to take a look at our [video](#) which explains more about our aims and ambitions as a sixth form and the views of current and ex-students. Full details of all of the courses available are available in our [prospectus](#).

To make an application please click on the relevant form below, please note students who are already students at the school must be logged in to their school email account to access this.

[Application form for current students](#)

[Application form for external students](#)



UCAS

Year 13

Year 13 have now completed their university applications through UCAS and are receiving offers and interview dates. Our attention now turns to year 12, to help them start to think about the courses and the institutions they may want to apply to next year to assist in this we will be taking all of the Level 3 Year 12 students to the University and Apprenticeship Fair on March 3rd at Tottenham Hotspur stadium.

**University &
Apprenticeship Fair
3rd March
Tottenham Hotspur
Stadium**