

# Bishop Stopford's School Newsletter



Autumn/Winter 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term of the year, I look back and reflect on what a successful half term we have had. Our new year 7 students have effortlessly integrated into our Bishop Stopford's family and are making good progress. Students in the school played a large part of our successful open evening on Thursday, 26th September. Our students were an excellent example of how our Bishop's community comes together. They led informative tours round the school for families; the school choir, along with our wonderful musicians entertained everyone throughout the evening and it was an absolute pleasure to see both staff, parents and children celebrating the fantastic provision we have here.

## Return to School, Monday, 30th October, 2023

Due to staff inset, school will commence at 9.30am for all students on Monday, 30th October for registration and lessons will be as normal from 10am onwards. We look forward to seeing our students then. I wish you a restful half term, and look forward to welcoming our students on their return.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Day, BA (Hons), NPQH  
Headteacher



# A warm welcome to our amazing Year 7s

## Year 7

It has been a fantastic settling period for the Year 7's and we are so proud of them with their pride of being a Stopfordian, being in school every day and applying the strive to five to all they do. Our rewards afternoon for Year 7 and 8 last week amounted to 127 students all who had met criteria for attendance and behaviour.

Best attendance for Year 7 goes to 7P with the overall attendance of 98.77%. The whole year group achieved 96.29% which although I would like to see it at 98% or above is a fantastic start, so well done Year 7 and keep going.

The next reward trip is in December and for this one we will be going to Harry Potter Experience 'Hogwarts in the Snow' make sure you encourage your young person to be getting it right and be in school, as the ability to go is in your hands.



# Open Evening



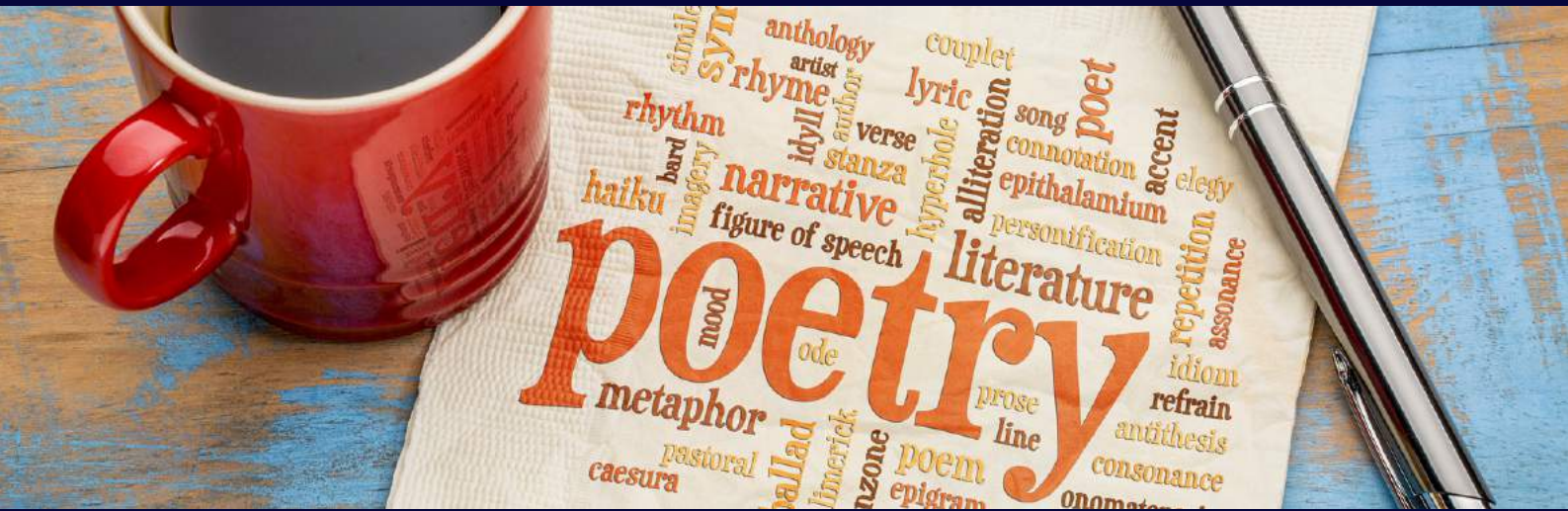
We are thrilled to reflect on the fantastic opening evening we shared with you at our school. The turnout was beyond our expectations and we couldn't have been happier to see so many of you along with our enthusiastic students filling our hallways and classrooms. As you entered, the school was alive with the enchanting melodies of our talented choir, setting the perfect atmosphere for the evening.

Inside, our dedicated subject departments put in a tremendous effort to create captivating displays, proudly showcasing your children's outstanding work. These displays not only highlighted our commitment to academic excellence but also provided an opportunity for you to engage with the wide variety of subjects we offer. It was heartening to witness the lively conversations and enthusiasm that flowed among parents, teachers and students as we all came together to celebrate the educational journey ahead. The evening wasn't just about academic achievement but also about the sense of community and belonging that defines our school. We can't thank you enough for your presence and active participation, making this night truly unforgettable. It was an incredible testament to the shared excitement for learning that unites us all.





# 10,000 Voices Writing Project



As mentioned in our Summer newsletter, twenty pupils on Thursday 4th May 2023 participated in the 10,000 voices writing project in collaboration with Barnardo's Children's charity. The writing project was designed to celebrate the heritage of young British people of African, Asian and Caribbean heritage and provide an opportunity for students to appreciate the power of their own unique voice and story, and the voices, stories and lived experiences of their peers.

We are ecstatic to inform you that five of our Year 10 students, Kevin A, Khalid A, Faith S, Zerrin U and Gabriella V have had their poems selected amongst hundreds of students nationwide, and their work has been published in an anthology which will be shared with Barnardo's partners and all participating schools across the country, as a testament to the talent and diversity of our young people.

This fantastic opportunity was celebrated on Sunday 8th October 2023 in an event hosted by one of the participating schools, Christ's Hospital in Horsham. The successful candidates along with their families partook in a graduation-style event where they were each presented with a certificate and a personal copy of the anthology.

We are so very proud of our students for sharing their voices with us all and for the remarkable accomplishment they have achieved for themselves and Bishop Stopford's School.



# 10,000 Voices Writing Project



**GREAT JOB!**





# Drama



Bishop Stopfords are putting on a school show and over 60 students are involved and have been attending BAD's (Bishop Stopfords Amateur Dramatic Society) on Tuesday lunchtimes and Thursday after school. Students across all year groups and are able to be either in Chorus, lead roles or backstage. Students for the lead roles have received their audition packs and will be auditioned after half term. The show will be in June 2024 so please look out for how you can get involved. It is really important that you support your young person by helping with lines and motivation; doing a school show is such a benefit to all involved enabling them to learn transferrable skills, build their confidence and to truly believe in their capabilities. I can't wait to share more information with you in the next newsletter.



Delighted to announce that Ms Dorrington – Head of Drama and Performing Arts at Bishops is now a patron for the School Theatre Awards (Sylvia Young Theatre School) the only teacher amongst a list of celebrities. Ms D is very much looking forward to being involved in the process. Alongside this, Ms D has also been given a place on the steering committee with DTEA – Drama Teachers Education Alliance who work tirelessly to show the impact of Drama and importance of cultural capital in school, making sure that the government truly understand the importance of creative subjects.

# Drama



RWISDA – Bishop Stopfords won Best overall script at the Rudolph Walker Inter School Drama Awards in July 2023, we are so proud of the students involved you can see the performance on YouTube; type in RWISDA – Bishop Stopfords are extremely proud of all students that have been involved over the years as we have now won Best Script x 2, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Overall Production 3 times, we are blessed to have such talent at Bishops.



We will be working towards the Christmas again this year, unfortunately last year we were stopped by the snow, please tell your young person to look out for the auditions for lead roles



We will be working towards the “Christmas Again” production this year, due to the snow last years so please tell your young person to look out for the auditions for lead roles.

**NEW**

# Upcoming Trips



There will be a New York trip for Year 12 and 13 students in February 2025 and would you want your young person to attend? If interested look out for the information that will be coming out after half term. Students will get the joy of seeing the big apple, attending iconic places and of course seeing a show on Broadway. All students that wish to go need to be in Year 12 or 13 in February 2025.

## New York Trip 2025



## Bishops Ski 2025



We will be taking 40 students on a Ski trip in April 2025, do you want your child to be part of this? If interested look out for the information that will be coming out after half term. Students will get the joy of learning to ski, various snow competitions and lastly the fun of being away with their friends which truly leads to personal development. All students that wish to go need to be in Year 8 or above in April 2025.

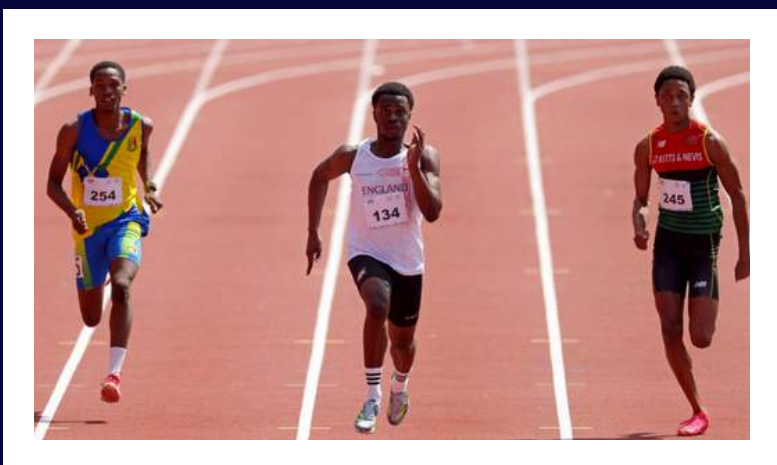




## **World Champion** **Teddy**

We are proud to announce that our World Class Stopfordian Teddy Wilson achieved the gold medal in the Youth Commonwealth Games this summer.

Teddy balanced obtaining his GCSE results this year with his athletics training to take glory this summer with a 100m time of 10.37 seconds. We are very proud of his achievements and hope he continues to achieve and inspire our students here. The link below provides insight into his recent events.



Click here to read article

**CLICK HERE**





# **SPORTS**

## **Bishop's lead the Reading Challenge at Tottenham FC**



Paralympian, Ellie Simmonds MBE and ex-Tottenham captain Ledley King were in awe of the leadership skills of our students who ran this primary school event.

The PE department organised the visit with the aim to bring to life to the newly released books through sport and engage our community in reading for pleasure.

Our students were professionals on and off the pitch and also took time to have a premier league press conference. Amina currently volunteers in the community as part of the library services to engage young readers so was an invaluable asset on the day. Well done to all students involved.

### **Bishop's shine at Enfield Athletics**

Over 100 students across Year 7-10 represented the school at this event competing against every school in the borough at the prestigious Lea Valley Athletics Stadium. We continued our strong tradition of high performance in athletics and made all finals in every event with a notable performance from Anne D taking Gold in the shotput.

Performances from Tyrese, Afonso and Eranstina were added to the medal count with track performances. Congratulations to all of our students who did us proud once again.



# Well Being



Ensuring a healthy environment is crucial for the wellbeing of both our community and our planet. At Bishop Stopford's School, we are committed to fostering awareness and action in the realm of environmental health. Our initiatives include waste reduction, energy conservation, and creating green spaces that promote physical and mental wellbeing. By instilling an understanding of the interconnectedness between our health and the environment, we aim to empower our students to be responsible stewards of our planet, fostering not only their own wellbeing but also that of future generations.

## Noise Pollution Control:

Minimizing noise pollution is another critical factor in fostering well-being. Noise pollution can disrupt sleep, increase stress levels, and negatively affect mental health. Implementing noise control measures and designing urban areas with quieter living spaces can greatly enhance the quality of life and overall health of the population.

## Safe Drinking Water:

Access to safe and clean drinking water is essential for overall well-being. Contaminated water can lead to various health issues, so it's crucial to have systems in place that provide safe and reliable water sources. Staying hydrated with clean water is vital for maintaining good health.

## Green Spaces and Nature:

Incorporating green spaces and nature into our environment has a positive impact on well-being. Parks, gardens, and natural landscapes provide opportunities for relaxation, exercise, and stress relief. Spending time in nature can improve mental health, reduce anxiety, and boost creativity.

## Waste Management and Recycling:

Proper waste management and recycling initiatives help maintain a healthy environment. Managing waste effectively reduces pollution, conserves resources, and minimizes the negative impact on ecosystems. It's an essential aspect of creating a sustainable and clean environment for everyone's well-being.

## Clean Air and Fresh Oxygen:

Ensuring a healthy environment means having access to clean air and fresh oxygen. Clean air free from pollutants not only promotes better respiratory health but also contributes to mental well-being. Surrounding oneself with trees and greenery helps produce oxygen, which can reduce stress and improve cognitive function.



# Well Being



At times you might find the need to speak to someone during the evening, at weekend or during the holidays. If you feel that you may need help from someone outside of school, please see below for some useful links to information from other sources.

Childline: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) or call 0800 11 1

Kidscape: [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk) or call 020 7730 3300

Kooth: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Mind: [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

NHS: [www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/)

Samaritans: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) or call 116 123 for free

Young Minds: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Place2Be – improving mental health: [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

Living Life to the Full, lots of support including CBT: <https://l1tff.com/>

Talk To Frank – <https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Kaleidoscope Group: [www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk](http://www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk)

# Development Language Disorder (DLD) Day

At Bishop Stopford's School, we are supporting pupils with DLD by wearing purple on 20.10.23. We will also be reading DLD facts at #Raddld2023 #DLDDay2023 #DLD #ECASS #DLDandMe #EnfieldandDLD #GrowingwithDLD #SLCN #EnfieldEdUK The ECASS team from the LA will be posting facts one every hour.



DLD is a 'hidden disability', as it is not always obvious that someone has this disability.

### What are the signs of DLD?

A young person might struggle to say the words they want to say.

They have a limited vocabulary.

They mix their words up in a sentence.

They don't understand what you are asking them to do.

They might find it hard to follow more than one instruction at a time.

They find it hard to tell a story or sequence events.

They don't have names for things and may just point at something or say 'that one' etc

They might have difficulty reading.

They might not use proper grammar.

They get upset when routines change.

They might find it difficult to make and maintain friendships.

Around 1 in 14 children are affected by Development Language Disorder (DLD). Probably between one and two young people in every classroom.

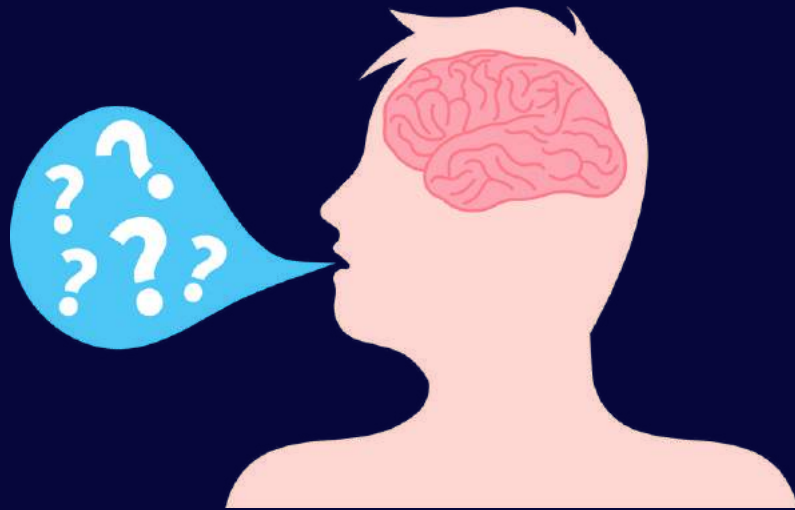
Young people with DLD have difficulties understanding language, they might mix words up in a sentence or misunderstand what you are asking them to do.

DLD is not Dyslexia.

A young person struggling to read the words on a page of text may have dyslexia.

A young person with SLCN (Speech Language and Communication Needs) or DLD may struggle to understand what is happening in a story.

# Development Language Disorder (DLD) Day



How to help your DLD child  
Use simple sentences.  
Give one instruction at a time.  
Check they have understood  
- ask them to repeat what  
you have said.  
Use new words when talking  
to them.

**For further information on DLD:**

**CLICK HERE**





# Termly 100% Attendance Awards



## Year 7

Tianna Benjamin



## Year 8

Elias  
Serena



## Year 9

Zipporah  
Poppy



## Year 10

Gabriella  
Faith

## Year 11

Naidelin  
Yashwin



# Head of Year Rewards



**Year 7**



Ernest  
Mirabel

**Year 8**



Valter  
Sienna



**Year 9**

Zipporah  
Poppy

**Year 10**

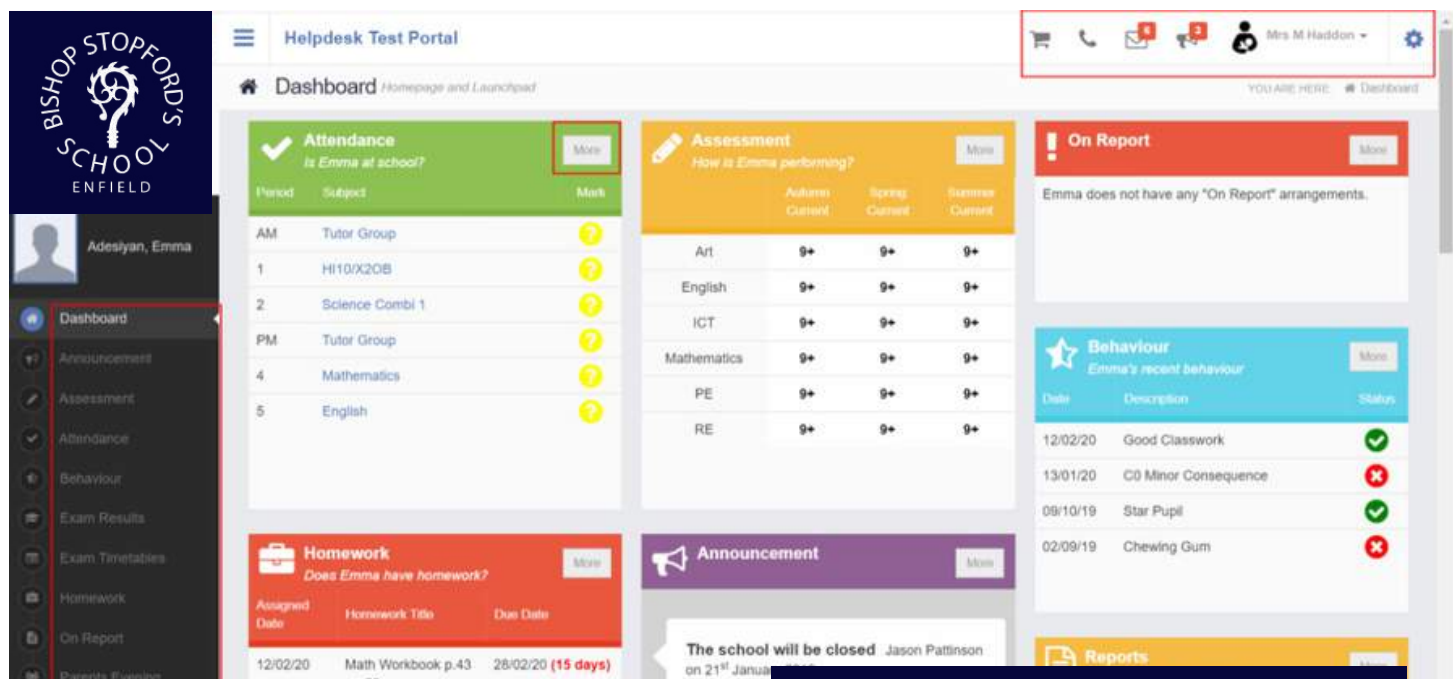
Mirwarf  
Zerrin

**Year 11**

Ifejesu  
David A.A



# 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.

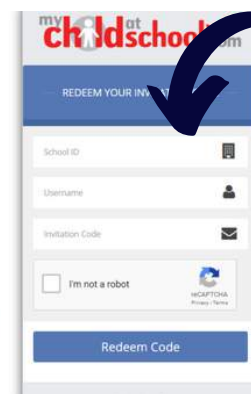
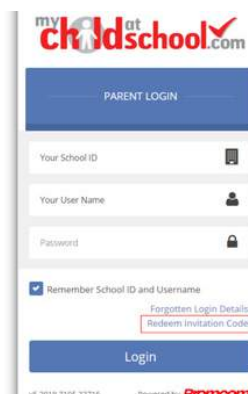
You can view all academic reports that our issued throughout the year.

[log in via the web address](#)

[or download from the app store](#)



- 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.



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



# Kidz Play After School 3-5 programme



KidzPlay-AfterSchool



Kidz Play's 3-5 program has introduced an innovative music initiative, spearheaded by the talented rapper and producer, Maxwell D. This outsourced school program is not your typical early childhood education experience; it's a dynamic platform where children aged 3 to 5 are given the unique opportunity to explore the captivating world of music and the vibrant music industry. Under Maxwell D's expert guidance, young minds are nurtured and inspired to embark on an exciting journey of discovery. Through Kidz Play's 3-5 program, children not only learn to appreciate music but also delve into its creation, gaining insights into various aspects of the industry, from songwriting and production to performance and creativity. It's an engaging and enriching way for these little ones to discover their own rhythm and foster their budding talents.





Bishops Stopford School  
Brick Lane Enfield

# HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

## October 2023

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

**BOOK NOW**

ST JOHN AMBULANCE



Music Production



Basketball



Football



GAMING HUB

Ages  
11 - 16 years

MON 23 OCT 23

FRI 27 OCT 23

Times: 10:00 - 15:00

Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals



### Activities Included

- MUSIC PRODUCTION
- FOOTBALL
- CAKE DECORATION
- BASKETBALL
- DJ WORKSHOPS
- NETBALL
- ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE YOUNG RESPONDERS
- GRAFFITI WORKSHOP
- GAMING HUB
- STREET DANCE

funded by the Household Support Fund

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### More Information :

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/half-term-activities-for-free-school-meal-recipients>



# Lunch time extra-curriculum clubs



## Extra-curricular lunch time clubs

### Monday

- Scriptwriting
- History Club
- Music Practice Rooms
- Indoor Sports Hall
- Chess club

### Tuesday

- Geography
- Philosophy
- Bishop Amateur Dramatic Society
- Media
- Music Practice Rooms
- Indoor Sports Hall
- Chess club

### Wednesday

- Art Club
- Speedy snacks
- Sixthform Action Team
- Music Practice Rooms
- Indoor Sports Hall
- Chess club

### Thursday

- Drum Club
- United Maths Challenge
- Enterprise Club
- Crafters Club
- Music Practice Rooms
- Indoor Sports Hall
- Chess club

### Friday

- Anatolian Cultural Club
- Christian Union
- Crochet Club
- Stage Battle
- Music Practice Rooms
- Indoor Sports Hall
- Chess club

## Library lunch time opening times

Wednesday – Year 11

Thursday – 9 & 10

Friday – 7 & 8





# 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
- Alpha course all year groups hall
- Gospel Choir - Assembly Hall
- Art Club

### 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
- Mixed Volleyball
- Strategy Games Club
- Key Stage 3 Inter Sports
- Science Homework Club

### Thursday

- Programming Club KS3
- Debate Club
- Yoga Club
- Production Crew

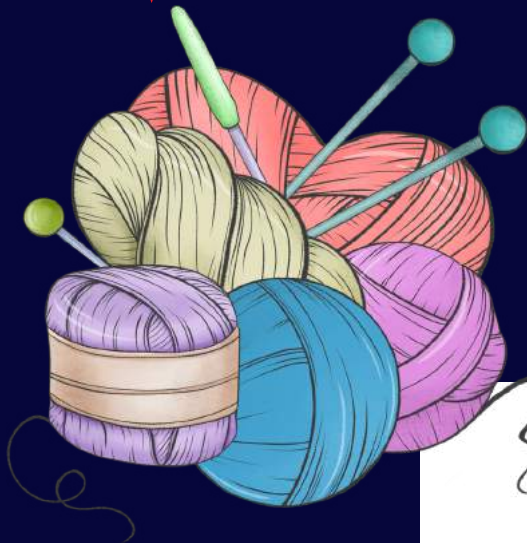
### Friday

- 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
- Prayer Club - Chapel



**NEW**

# New Club Alert



Crafters Club  
Script Writing  
Production Club  
Crochet Club  
Media Club  
Script Writing Club  
Dance Club



**KEY STAGE 3**  
**CRAFTERS CLUB**  
**THURSDAY**  
**LUNCH TIME**



- Open to Years 7-9
- 15 spaces per half term available on a first come first served basis.

Location: E10  
Please see Mr Glossop for a permission slip



To Join a club please email Ms. Frimpong ([dfrimpong@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:dfrimpong@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk))

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# 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!



# Free School Meals

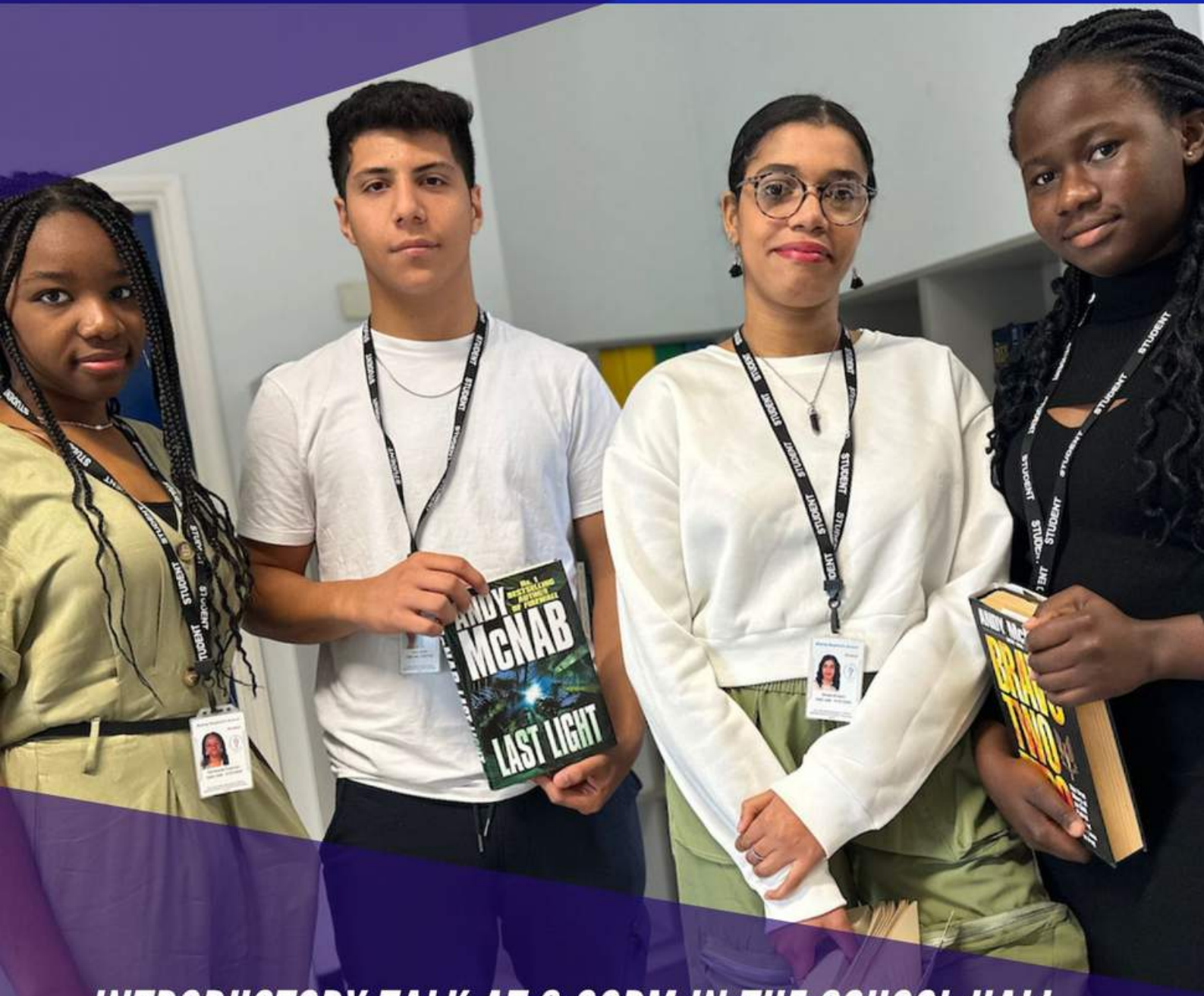
All those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive an eCode Payment Voucher for the Easter Holidays 2nd–18th April – this is for £30. The e-code will be issued by Edenred and will be sent to your e-mail address. Please note this code must be redeemed by the 18th April (it cannot be reissued) but the supermarket voucher can be spent after this date. If you have any queries please contact the school by e-mail [generaloffice@bishopstopfordsenfield.sch.uk](mailto:generaloffice@bishopstopfordsenfield.sch.uk) or 07401 360043.





# *BISHOP STOPFORD'S SCHOOL* **SIXTH FORM** *OPEN EVENING*

***TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 6:00PM - 7:30PM***



***INTRODUCTORY TALK AT 6:00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL***

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# Devotion



## Trusting In The Lord

In the journey of life, we often face uncertainties, challenges, and moments of doubt. It's during these times that the idea of "trusting in the Lord" can provide us with a profound sense of comfort and guidance. Trusting in the Lord is not just an act of faith; it's a decision to surrender our worries and fears into the hands of a loving and all-knowing God.

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." This verse teaches us the importance of unwavering trust in God, especially when we find it challenging to comprehend the twists and turns of life's journey.

Trusting in the Lord means acknowledging that God's plan is far greater than our own. It means surrendering our need for control and recognizing that His wisdom surpasses our limited human perspective. Trusting in the Lord doesn't mean that life will be free from difficulties, but it does mean that we won't face those difficulties alone.

In Psalms 9:10, we find reassurance: "Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Our trust in the Lord is rooted in the understanding that He is steadfast and unwavering in His love for us. He has a perfect track record of never abandoning those who earnestly seek Him.

So, my friends, in every step you take, in every decision you make, and in every challenge you encounter, remember to trust in the Lord. His love, wisdom, and guidance will be your unwavering support.

Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your unending love and the promise that you are always with us. Help us to trust in you completely, surrendering our doubts and fears. Guide us on this journey of life, knowing that your plan is always perfect, even when we can't see the whole picture. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.





# ONE BODY AGAINST BULLYING SAY NO TO BULLYING



**STOP  
BULLYING**



At Bishop Stopford's school we are committed to ensuring our students feel safe. Therefore we have created an online form on our school website where you can report any concerns. Any reports are picked up by our safeguarding team and are addressed as a matter of urgency.



**Fill in the  
reporting form  
on the school  
website**



## Where do I report bullying?

[ACOLLINGS@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK](mailto:ACOLLINGS@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK)  
[LHEPWORTH@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK](mailto:LHEPWORTH@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK)  
[MPAVLOU@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK](mailto:MPAVLOU@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK)  
[TDORRINGTON@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK](mailto:TDORRINGTON@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK)  
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# Become a parent and carer champion



**Would you like to build your skills and experience while supporting others?**

Join us as a parent and carer champion and help keep children safe in your community.

[childrenssociety.org.uk](https://childrenssociety.org.uk)

**The  
Children's  
Society**



**The Parent and Carer Champion Network is a new programme that allows parents and carers living in Enfield to receive support and care from other parents or carers in the area.**

**The programme focuses on parents and carers whose children are at risk of or are experiencing:**

- **serious youth violence**
- **exploitation or grooming**
- **difficulties navigating the criminal justice or social care systems**
- **special educational needs or disabilities**
- **challenges at school, including the risk of exclusion.**

**As a parent and carer champion, you'll be a vital part of the network. You'll receive training so that you can support other parents and carers in your community,**

**providing a safe space for them to share their experiences. Together, you'll identify areas where they might benefit from information or training, signposting them to further resources and empowering them to connect with other support services.**

**If you have lived experience of any of the challenges listed or want to build your skills and knowledge while helping other parents and carers, this could be the opportunity for you!**

**Mums, dads, grandparents, and other carers are all welcome to join.**

**Get in touch today to find out more:**

**Maggie Lawlor, Volunteer Coordinator**  
maggie.lawlor@childrenssociety.org.uk  
or 07714 684 755