



NEWSLETTER

BISHOPS STOPFORDS SCHOOL

DEC 24



HEADTEACHERS LETTER

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CAROL SINGING AT SAINSBURYS

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE GOT UP TO

COMMUNITY NATIVITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR BEST PARTS

Headteachers Letter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is a time for celebration and reflection, and as we draw to the end of another great term, our thoughts turn to the achievements of this year and the endless possibilities for next year. This term has once again, been filled with our students enriching our School and the local community. I would like to thank you all for your continued support, as part of our Bishop Stopford's Family Our Christmas Community Service on 16 th December was a joyous event bringing the school community together.

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Spring Term Arrangements

We look forward to our return to school in the New Year on Monday 6th January 2025 tudents will arrive at 9.30am and attend registration with their form tutors. Lessons will then return to normal from Lesson 2. This will facilitate a staff training session to further develop staff professional development and continue to raise standards in our teaching. We will be returning to a week 2 timetable. Please do ensure that your child arrives on time and that they are well prepared for the year ahead with correct uniform and the required equipment to facilitate learning. Finally, I would like to wish all of the Bishop Stopford's family, a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



Mrs Day, Headteacher BA
(Hons), NPQH
Enc. List of holiday food
banks and advice



Carol Singing at Sainsburys



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This year, the gospel choir brought Christmas cheer to the Enfield community with a special trip to Sainsbury's on Crown Road, where they sang Christmas carols. It was a wonderful opportunity to spread the festive spirit, connecting with the local community and sharing the joy of the season. The event also served as a great way to promote our community Nativity play, showcasing the talent and warmth of Bishop Stopford's School.

Community Nativity Service



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Thank you to all the staff, teachers, students, and parents who dedicated their time and effort to make the Bishop Stopford's School community Nativity play on December 16th such a memorable occasion. Your hard work, support, and participation truly brought the festive season to life for everyone in attendance.





A special thanks to St. James's and St. George's Freezywater Primary school for performing at our Christmas service



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THE EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE



Bridgewood House Carehome

In the spirit of giving and community connection, our talented Gospel Choir visited Bridgewood Care Home to share the gift of music this holiday season. The soulful harmonies and uplifting melodies echoed through the halls, bringing smiles and festive cheer to the residents.





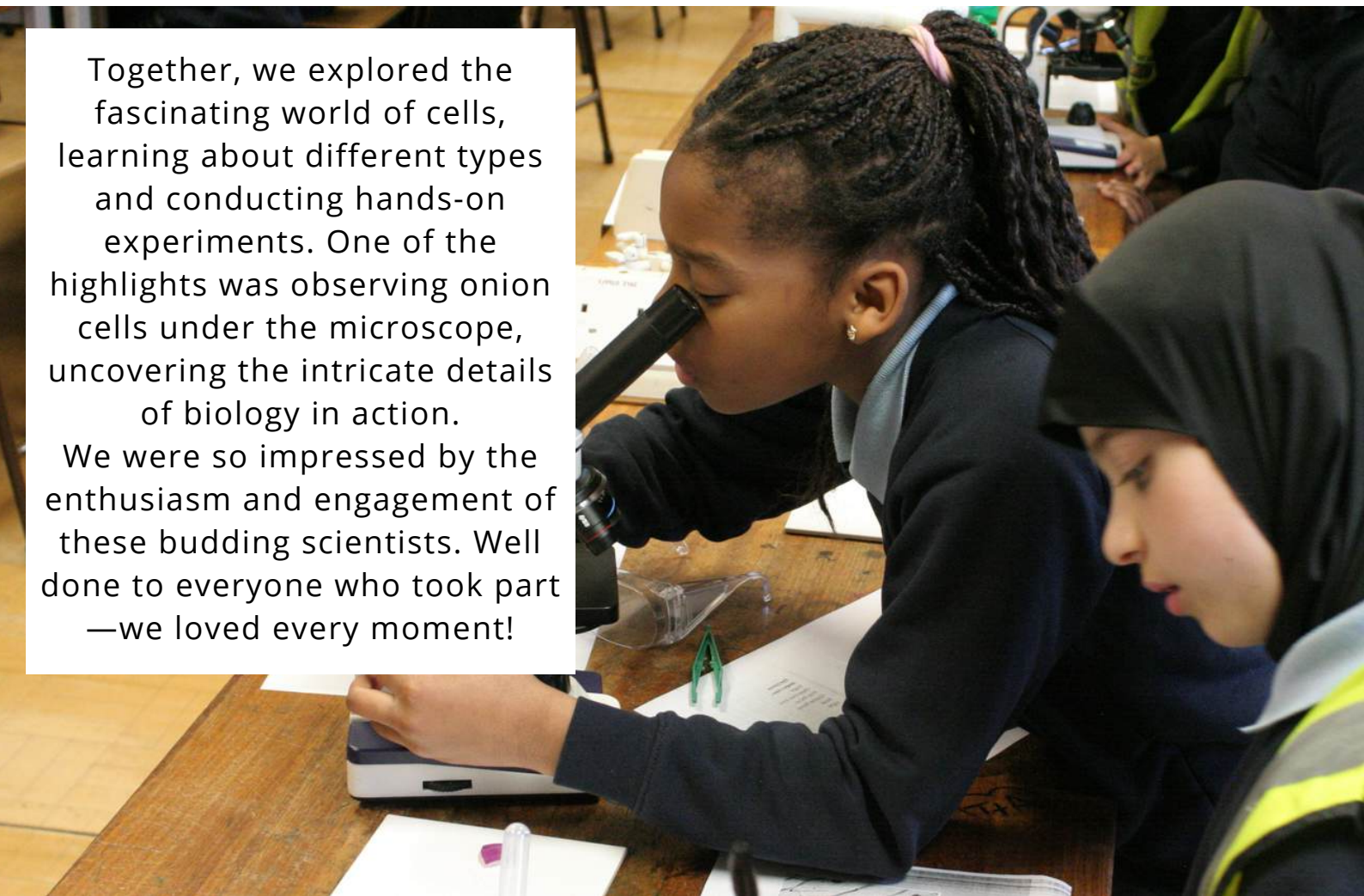
A heartfelt thank you to Keys Meadow and Brimsdown primary school for joining us at our recent science workshop. Both schools brought incredible energy and curiosity, making the session both inspiring and enjoyable.

Year 6 Science Workshop



Together, we explored the fascinating world of cells, learning about different types and conducting hands-on experiments. One of the highlights was observing onion cells under the microscope, uncovering the intricate details of biology in action.

We were so impressed by the enthusiasm and engagement of these budding scientists. Well done to everyone who took part —we loved every moment!



MP Visit

Who is Feryal Clark?

Feryal Clark was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology on Wednesday 9 July 2024. She was elected Labour MP for Enfield North in July 2024.

She studied Bioinformatics at the University of Exeter.



Previously, Clark was elected as MP for Enfield North in the 2019 general election. Before this she was councillor for Brownswood ward in the London Borough of Hackney from 2006 until 2014 when she was elected for Hoxton East & Shoreditch ward. She rose to become the Deputy Mayor of Hackney and Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, Leisure and Parks.



Thank you, Feryal Clarke, for taking the time to visit us — we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Feryal Clark at Bishop Stopfords School

Bishop Stopford's School was delighted to welcome Feryal Clarke, Labour MP for Enfield North! During her visit, she met with our School Council and shared her inspiring journey to becoming an MP. She also engaged with students by answering thought-provoking and educational questions, leaving everyone feeling motivated and informed.

Sports

Key Stage 3 Multi-Sports Event

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We were delighted to take a number of positive students in Year 8 and 9 to the London Youth Games Inspire Event at Lea Valley Stadium. The event was designed to expose students to a range of sports that they may not otherwise gain access to including Modern Pentathlon, Boxing, Squash, Golf, Hockey and Futsal.

Our students loved the experience and were highly regarded by the National Coaches running the sessions. The take out moments of the day were the Archery and Shooting events where our techniques shone through alongside our energy and resilience in the professional boxing session.



Leaders in Sport.

An added bonus to the event was our every growing reputation for producing outstanding Leaders in Sport. This enabled us to get the call up for our strongest male and female leaders to work alongside international coaches in their specific sports and lead some of the sessions.





YEAR 11 BTEC PE PRACTICAL EXAMS

Congratulations to our current year 11 who recently completed an intensive moderation in sports skills and matches in badminton, football and basketball. Coaching was also on show with some outstanding performances. Special of credit to Joshua (Basketball), Sechil (Badminton) and Tyrese and Cavell (Football). Our most confident sports coach was Jaleila. Of course the cohort could not have achieved so well without the fantastic organisation and guidance from Mr Smyth.

BASKETBALL AT BISHOPS



We continue to dominate in basketball in the borough of Enfield with some outstanding performances on court. We participate boys and girls in every year group and under the guidance of Coach Fernando are uncovering new approaches to continue this success. We are delighted to see a number of our students joining outside basketball clubs to pursue their dreams and hope it continues to keep them on track in their studies at school.



SPORTS ENRICHMENT AT BISHOPS

Our wide offering of sports activities for boys and girls runs in the morning before school, lunch time and after school. We have been delighted to see the numbers grow and see the harmonious atmosphere of groups of students working together towards a common goal. A reminder that all clubs are fully inclusive and all year groups and abilities welcome.

MORNING 9AM

MON - FRI

Mixed Basketball Open Session -
(all years) - Coach Dom

WEDNESDAY

Boys basketball
(Yr 8 and 9) -
Coach Dom

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball (Yr 10
and 11) - Coach Dom

**Couch to 5
K running club**
(all years) -
Mr Jennings

LUNCH 1.15PM - 2PM

MONDAY

Outdoor Football
Cage - Yr 11

TUESDAY

Outdoor Football
Cage - Yr 9
Girls Basketball
(Yr 7 - 10) - Coach Dom
Gaming -
(all Year groups)
MsHunter O7

WEDNESDAY

Outdoor Football
Cage - Yr 10
Mixed Basketball
Bring Your 5 -
Coach Dom

THURSDAY

Outdoor Football
Cage - Yr 7
Indoor Open Sports
HallBasketball
(all years) -
MrCollings
Girls Basketball
(Yr 7-10) -
Coach Dom

FRIDAY

Outdoor Football
Cage - Yr8

AFTER SCHOOL 3PM - 4PM

MONDAY

Mixed Basketball
(Yr 7) - Coach Dom

TUESDAY

Girls Football (all
years) -
Mr Hepworth/
Ms Byrne

Key Stage 3 Inter-
form Sports
Events -
Mr Jennings

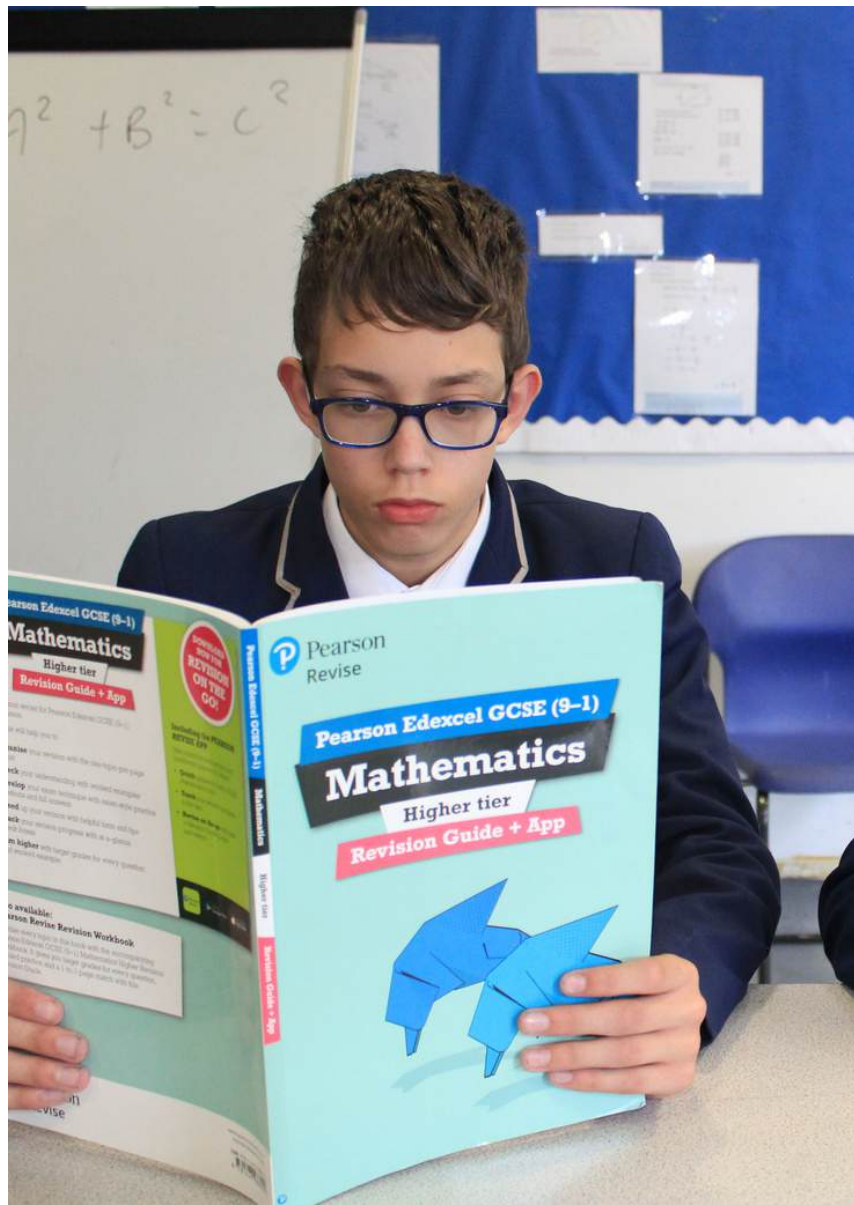
WEDNESDAY

Mixed Volleyball (all
years) - Mr
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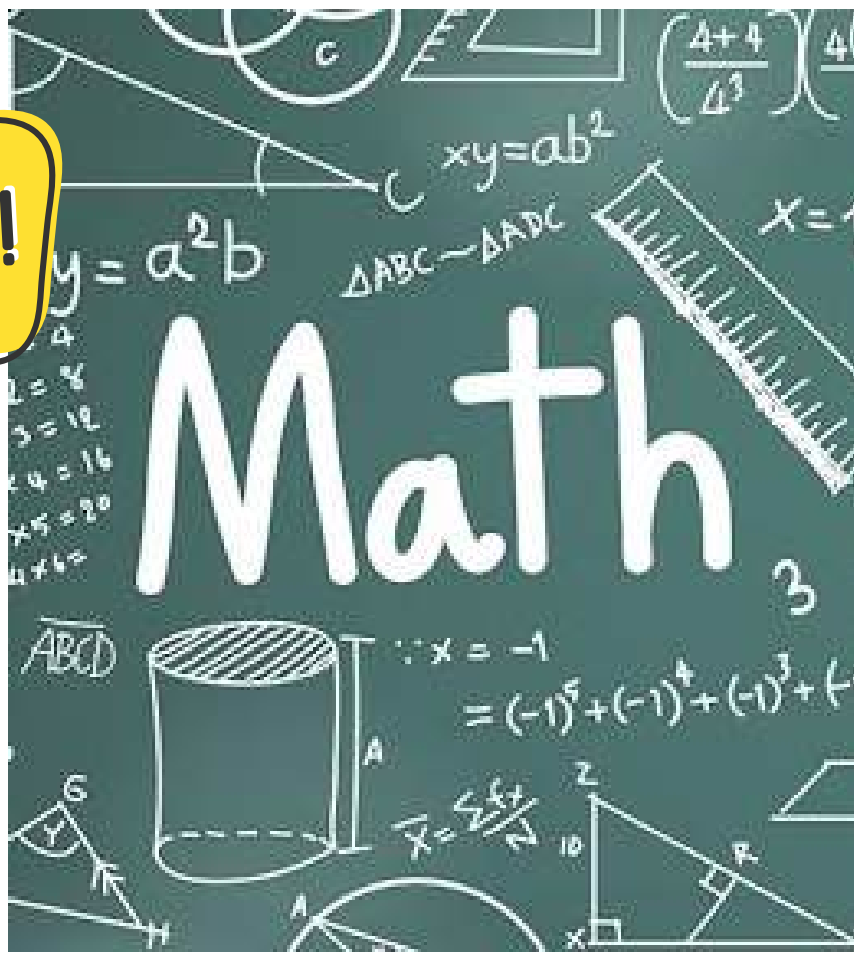
UK MATHS CHALLENGE

As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful work we've achieved in the Maths department this term. This term, our students have continued to show great enthusiasm and dedication to mathematics. From mastering complex algebraic concepts to solving intricate geometry problems, their growth has been inspiring. Looking ahead to the new year, we are planning to take part in the UK Maths challenge which will challenge and inspire our students.



SIGN UP!

**To sign up for
the Maths
challenge -
speak to your
Maths teacher**



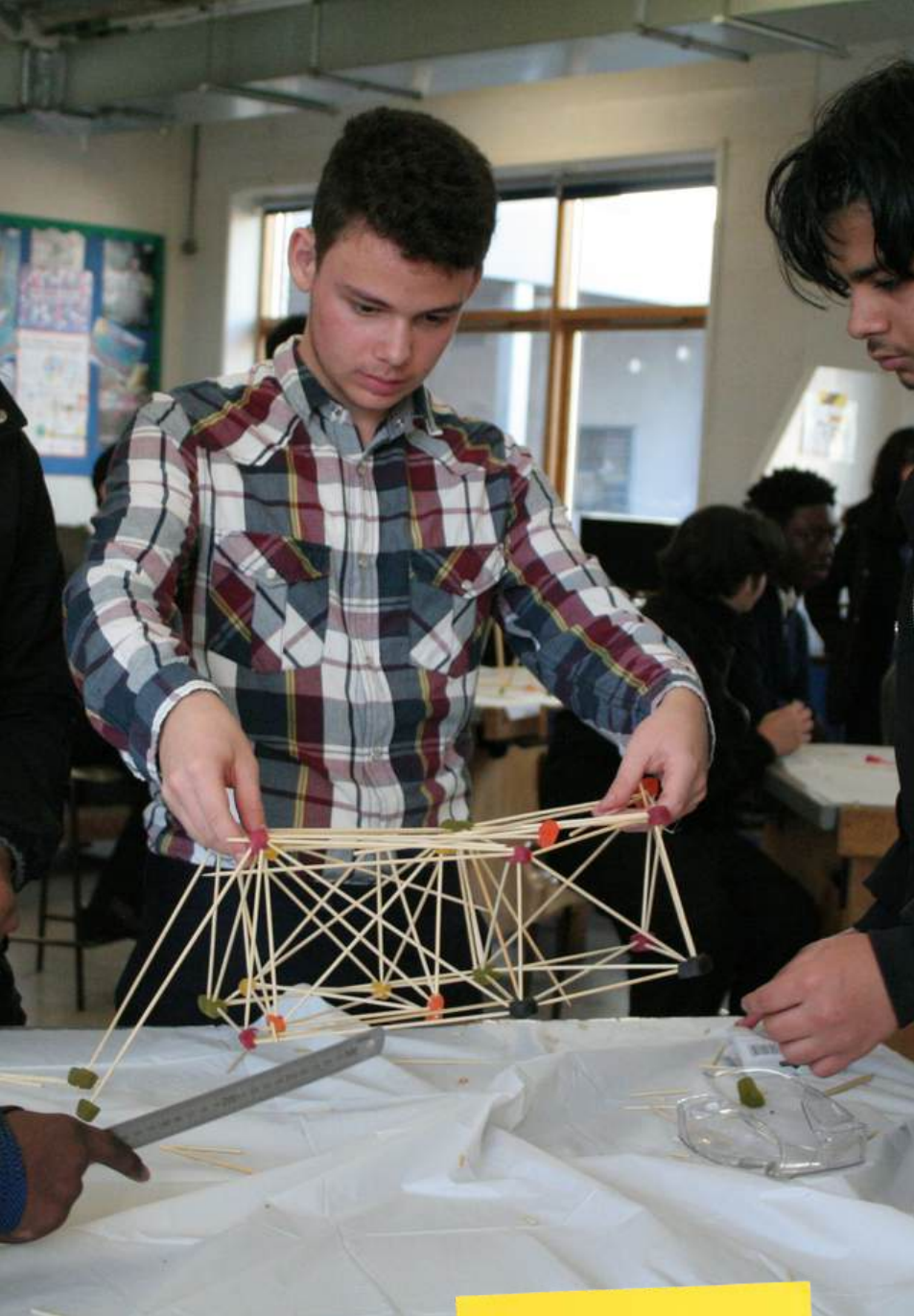
Trips

Horrible Histories Trip

The History and Drama departments got together to do what was quite a unique joint trip. It's not often that you think Drama and History are related, but we found a fantastic opportunity that was of great benefit for both the subjects. On Wednesday 18th December we took a group of year 7 and year 8 students to see a staged version of Horrible Histories "Horrible Christmas" at the Alexandra Palace Theatre. The show was all about the history of Christmas, how it is celebrated and, in some very funny comedy scenes, how some people have tried to get rid of it!



The students learned about Christmas through history, from ancient Turkey to the Victorians, with engaging, fun-filled facts. They also enjoyed a live professional performance, showcasing acting, singing, and dance by a talented cast using various styles and techniques. Most importantly, they loved the experience!



Sixth form Taster day

Our 6th Form Taster Day was an inspiring glimpse into the opportunities and experiences awaiting us in the next phase of our education. Future sixth formers had the chance to meet their potential teachers and gain valuable insights into what to expect in their chosen subjects. They sampled a variety of engaging lessons, including Biology, Chemistry, Sociology, Health and Social Care, and many more.

The day was filled with excitement and anticipation as students explored new challenges, connected with peers, and discovered the depth and variety of courses available. A reminder: the deadline for applications is on 20th December via our school website—don't miss this opportunity to shape your future!



Don't
Forget!

The deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday, 20th December 2024.

Sixth form Taster day



Well Being

Mental Health



Supporting Mental Health

There are many ways to support and nurture your mental health. Here are some strategies that can help:

- **Self-Care:** Prioritize activities that make you feel good and help you relax. Whether it's taking a walk, reading, practicing mindfulness, or engaging in hobbies, self-care is vital for mental well-being.
- **Talk About It:** Opening up about your feelings can be incredibly helpful. Sharing thoughts with a trusted friend, family member, or counselor can provide emotional relief and support.
- **Physical Health:** Physical activity has a direct positive impact on mental health. Exercise releases endorphins, which are chemicals in the brain that help improve mood and reduce stress.
- **Sleep:** Getting enough rest is crucial for maintaining a healthy mind. Poor sleep can increase feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression.

What is Mental Health?

Mental health is an essential aspect of overall well-being. It influences how we think, feel, and behave, and it plays a key role in how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Just like physical health, mental health requires care and attention to maintain balance in our lives. Mental health affects people of all ages, and it's important to recognize the importance of mental well-being for both individuals and communities.



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 or call 0800 1111

Kidscape: www.kidscape.org.uk or call 020 7730 3300

Kooth: www.kooth.com

Mind: www.mind.org.uk

NHS: www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/

Samaritans: www.samaritans.org or call 116 123 for free

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk

Place2Be – improving mental health: www.place2be.org.uk

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

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

Kaleidoscope Group: www.kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk



Breakfast Club

A new breakfast club will be open from

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 or 07401 360043.

YEAR 7 AND 8 REWARDS

YEAR 7

0 Negatives:
7N - 114

well done 



Highest Number of
Positives:
7N- 545



Form with highest
attendance:
7N - 94%

Strive for 5 student:
Jamie-Neil



YEAR 8

0 Negatives:
8N - 279

Highest Number of
Positives:
8L - 739



Form with highest
attendance:
7L - 96%

Strive for 5 student:
Isabelle B



YEAR 9 AND 10 REWARDS

YEAR 9

0 Negatives:

Osose I

Jacqueline B

Deborah O

Othman K

Michelle O

Form with highest
attendance:

9L AND 9M JOINT 93%

Strive for 5 student:

Jacqueline B

Well
Done

YEAR 10

0 Negatives:

Jason A

Giovanna D

Jorvana D

Princess O

Mikiale T

Kevin W

Hasret A

Alise S

David N

Juljan K



Form with highest
attendance:

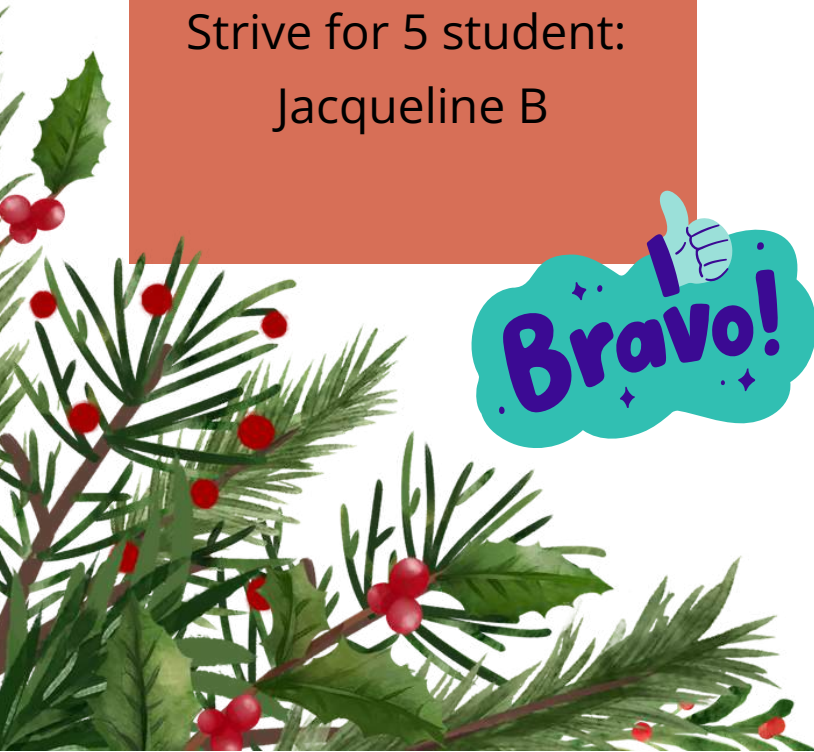
10N

Strive for 5 student:

Kevin W



Bravo!



YEAR 11 REWARDS

Well Done



YEAR 11



0 Negatives:

- Mahmood M
- Nuriye P
- Elinam L-A
- Faith S
- Christianah J
- Tamima J
- Lance S

Form with highest attendance:




11L

Strive for 5 student:
Asenia M



THE GIFT OF GIVING: A DEVOTIONAL FOR THE SEASON

A photograph of three young Black women in school uniforms (blue blazers, white shirts, and ties) smiling. They are holding a heart-shaped gift made of red and yellow flowers. The background is a decorated Christmas tree and a stone fireplace.

In a world that often emphasizes getting, the season of giving offers a sacred opportunity to reflect on how much we've received. Every good and perfect gift in our lives is a reflection of God's generosity toward us. He gave us the ultimate gift of salvation, freely and lovingly, without strings attached.

As we embrace this season, we are invited to imitate God's heart by giving freely, whether through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or tangible gifts. True generosity doesn't count the cost but rejoices in the opportunity to bless others. It shifts our focus from ourselves to the needs and well-being of others, aligning our hearts with God's.

When we give with open hands and cheerful hearts, we reflect His light into the lives of others. Through our giving, we may even be answering someone's prayer or showing them a glimpse of God's love.

Scripture:

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Reflection:

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts and minds turn to the joy of giving. From carefully choosing presents for loved ones to sharing our blessings with those in need, this time of year is a reminder of God's greatest gift—His Son, Jesus Christ.