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Diversity Bulletin

June/July 2025

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Item :	How we celebrated/will celebrate
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Culture Day</u></p> <p>This year, we were very lucky to have support from two of our local businesses: Afromart and The Fresh Food Centre on Hertford Road. Thanks to their incredible generosity, everyone was able to take home a snack — a small treat to brighten the day on the way home from school. Both The Fresh Food Centre and Afromart, who specialise in international foods from around the world, kindly donated a huge range of items. From crisps to plantain chips, Supermalt and biscuits, we are very grateful to them for their continued support of our school and our events.</p> <p>As part of our commitment to celebrating diversity through high-quality teaching, each department selected a country to represent for the day, designing their lessons to reflect the culture, history, or global significance of that country. This year, students explored learning inspired by Ireland, Greece, Cameroon, Jamaica, England, Ethiopia, Brazil, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.</p>

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	<p>Eid al-Adha is the second of the two major Islamic festivals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The previous celebration was Eid al-Fitr, which marked the end of Ramadan—a month of fasting, reflection, and prayer.• Eid al-Adha, by contrast, marks the end of the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, which is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. It was celebrated on the 8th June. <p>What does Eid al-Adha commemorate?</p> <p>Eid al-Adha honours the story of Prophet Ibrahim's (Abraham's) obedience to Allah, who commanded him to sacrifice his son as a test of faith. At the last moment, Allah provided a sheep to sacrifice instead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This story is central to the celebration and reflects deep themes of faith, obedience, and devotion. <p>Eid al-Adha is a celebration of faith and sacrifice, commemorating Ibrahim's devotion to Allah. It follows the completion of Hajj and is marked by prayer, charity, and the sharing of sacrificial meat—often lamb—as a reminder of trust in God's mercy.</p>
3.	<p><u>Pride Month 2025</u></p> <p>This year, we are exploring what it means to be an ally—a person who stands up for equality, kindness, and respect, even if they are not part of the LGBTQ+ community themselves.</p> <p>We'll be learning about the Ally Flag, which represents support from those outside the LGBTQ+ community. The black and white stripes symbolise allies, while the rainbow 'A' reflects a commitment to inclusion and dignity for all which is important to us at Bishop Stopford's School</p> <p>Being an ally means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Treating others with kindness, even if you don't always agree✓ Standing against bullying or exclusion✓ Listening and showing respect for different views✓ Helping others feel safe to be themselves <p>We're proud to be part of a school that celebrates everyone's right to belong.</p> <p>True Colours:</p> <p>Last year we looked into what the colours on the rainbow flag represent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red - Life (existence of an individual, proud to be you)• Orange - Healing (Process of making or becoming whole again)• Yellow - Sunlight (Included, a chance to grow and flourish)

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- **Green - Nature (Inherent qualities of someone and their good nature)**
- **Blue - Harmony (Despite differences, working together for a better future)**
- **Purple - Spirit (Emotions and character of a person, the soul)**

So this year, on Friday 27th June, staff are once again invited to wear a colour that resonates with them—whether it reflects a part of your identity or the values you stand for.

Students are free to join in by wearing a coloured accessory (like a badge, hairpin, etc), but must remain in full school uniform.

Art Competition

Safe Spaces and Shoebox Art

To celebrate Pride and promote belonging and identity, *Art Club* is hosting a shoebox art competition as part of the *This is Us!* Festival. Students are invited to create a mini 'safe space'—a place where they feel seen, accepted, and welcome.

All entries will be displayed at the Dugdale Centre in Enfield on 1st July. One winning entry will be selected by Art Club to receive a *smart band watch!*

Art Club sessions:

 Tuesdays and Thursdays lunchtimes (Room E8)

 Materials and boxes are provided
(See Mr. Keating for more info)

Did you know?

This year marks 55 years since the first Pride March in 1970, which commemorated the Stonewall Riots in New York. That first march grew into what we now know as Pride Month—a celebration of equality and diversity around the world.

Local Events:

 *This is Us Festival* – Featuring student art from across Enfield, including Bishop's, on display at the Dugdale Centre all through June.

 *Pride in London Parade* – Taking place on *Sunday 29th June*, the parade winds through the West End, with music, speeches, and celebrations of LGBTQ+ lives and allies.

By Mr Keating

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"This is Us!" Festival

The "This is Us!" festival is a brand-new showcase celebrating the creativity and performing arts of Enfield's secondary school students. With the purpose of To celebrate and highlight the diverse talents of young people across the borough. Here's a summary of what's happening:

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- **Date & Time:**

- **Tuesday, 1 July 2025, from 14:00 to 16:45**

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- **Location:**

- **Millfield Theatre, Silver Street, Edmonton, London N18 1PJ**

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- **What to Expect:**

- **Live performances—music, drama, dance—by pupils from 10 different Enfield secondary schools including Bishop Stopford's.**
- **A curated exhibition displaying student artwork from schools across the borough, including Bishop Stopford's.**
- **The event is organised and managed by a steering group of 23 students who handle everything from front-of-house to backstage logistics**
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Members of the steering group representing Bishop Stopford's School are:

- **Binbin Huang - Y10**
- **Wei Huang - Y12**
- **Kyana Jasquith - Y12**
- **Hassan Smith - Y12**

Additionally, here are the names of students artwork going into the exhibition:

- **Chelsea Eke - Y13**
- **Kyana Jasquith - y12**
- **Binbin Huang - Y10**
- **Oliver Gezeviciute (no longer at the school, but was here when entered)**
- **June Hatt (no longer at the school, but was here when entered)**
- **Kitanna Clarke - Y11**
- **Emilia Andrasz - Y10**
- **Mirabel Okyere - Y8**
- **Chinaza Ezeamaka - Y8**

All of these students will be part of a video projection art display.

Bishop Stopford's have also put together a "Safe space" exhibition. This is made up of miniature spaces made from shoeboxes. The safe space reflects where our students feel a strong sense of their identity and belonging.

safe spaces include:

- **Chinatown**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notting Hill Carnival ● Dalston Market ● Pride Festival ● Barbershop ● Afro-Caribbean Hair Shop ● Front living room ● A bedroom <p>We will also be performing an extract from "Wind/Rush Generation(s)" by Mojisola Adebayo. There will be videos/images on a projection on stage playing in the background. The performance is a combination of scenes acted out which represent brief clips of various generations of Black people's lives in Britain in the twentieth century accompanied by acapella singing/ chant and response.</p> <p>Students performing are:</p> <p>Evelyn Antwi Y10</p> <p>Nanelia Martins Y10</p> <p>Rihanna Milani Y10</p> <p>Charlene Mwanje Y10</p> <p>Tanem Omrulu Y10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invite-only. Bishop stopford's have been given a number of tickets for staff and parents. If you would like to go to the event, please contact generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk <p>FAO of Mrs Opara. It is on a first come-first served basis.</p>
5.	<p style="text-align: center;">Buddy Programme</p> <p>Members of Y10 will be buddies for the new Y7 students coming in September. For more information please speak to Mr Collins.</p>
6.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christian Celebrations: June–July 2025</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of the Sacred Heart – 15 June 2025</p> <p>This special day is to remind Christians of the deep love and mercy of Jesus Christ, symbolised by His heart. It's a moment to reflect on compassion, forgiveness, and acts of kindness.</p>

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Theme: God's love for all
Traditions: Mass, prayers, and acts of charity

Corpus Christi – 22 June 2025

Corpus Christi celebrates the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the bread and wine shared at Holy Communion. It highlights the importance of the Eucharist in Christian life.

Theme: Unity and thanksgiving
Traditions: Mass, Eucharistic processions, prayer

What's Coming Up in July

July continues the Christian calendar with several important feast days:

Christian Celebrations – July 2025

3 July – St Thomas the Apostle

Known as "Doubting Thomas," he struggled to believe Jesus had risen until he saw the wounds himself. His story encourages us to explore faith through questioning and honesty.

Theme: Trusting in God even through doubt.

11 July – St Benedict

A 6th-century monk who wrote the Rule of St Benedict, shaping the foundation of Christian monastic life. His values—prayer, work, balance, and hospitality—still influence schools and communities today.

Theme: Living with discipline, peace, and purpose.

 **16 July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

A Marian feast honouring Mary as a spiritual protector, especially for the Carmelite Order. It reminds believers of Mary's care and the value of quiet prayer and contemplation.

Theme: Seeking shelter and guidance in faith.

 **22 July – St Mary Magdalene**

Once misunderstood, she is now honoured as the first witness of the Resurrection. Jesus entrusted her to share the good news, making her the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Theme: Hope, renewal, and being a messenger of good news.

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 **25 July – St James the Great**

One of Jesus' closest apostles, James was a fisherman called to spread the Gospel. He is the patron saint of pilgrims, and his resting place in Santiago, Spain, is a major pilgrimage site.

Theme: Journeying in faith and courage.

 **26 July – Saints Joachim and Anne**

Parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. This feast honours the quiet strength of family life and the role of elders in passing on faith and values.

Theme: Gratitude for family, tradition, and legacy.

 **31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola**

A soldier-turned-saint who founded the Jesuits (Society of Jesus). He promoted education, spiritual reflection, and serving others—especially the poor and marginalised.

Theme: Using our gifts to make a difference.

July invites us to reflect on how ordinary lives—full of questions, journeys, and service—can have extraordinary impact.

If you would like to become a business, parent or staff diversity ambassador, please email generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

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