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Newsletter

Bishop Stopford's School



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Message from the Headteacher, Mrs Day



Dear Parents /Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an exciting and rewarding year it has been for our school community. I am incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved – their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring. From exceptional academic progress to outstanding creativity and resilience, they have embraced every challenge with determination.

This year has also been filled with memorable trips and enriching events, including visits to Tottenham Hotspur Football Ground, Thorpe Park, and Paris, as well as taking part in the Enfield Borough Athletics and the This is Us exhibition at the Millfield Theatre – and many more. You'll find many of these highlights captured throughout this newsletter, celebrating a year we can all be proud of.

I wish you and your family a restful, joyful, and safe summer break. May it be a time to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new school year.

Best wishes

*Mrs T Day
Headteacher*

WORLD CULTURE DAY CELEBRATED AT BISHOP STOPFORD'S SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



Our school recently celebrated a food-oriented World Culture Day, bringing together students, staff, and the local community to explore and appreciate the diverse culinary traditions from around the world. With the generous support of local businesses, we created a vibrant tasting experience where students could sample dishes representing a wide range of cultures. This hands-on celebration allowed children to learn about global customs through food, encouraging curiosity, respect, and open-mindedness. The event was a joyful and educational success, and we are grateful to all who contributed to making it both meaningful and memorable for our school community.





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On Tuesday 1st July 2025, a wave of talent, creativity, and powerful storytelling took over the Millfield Theatre in Edmonton as students from across Enfield came together for the inaugural "This is Us!" Festival. This brand-new showcase was created by a panel of head teachers, including Bishop Stopford's own Mrs Day, to celebrate the diversity and brilliance of young people in our borough—and it absolutely delivered.



Three students in particular participated in several planning stages with the organisers outside of school before the festival date, and helped out immensely on the day.

They really did showcase our school brilliantly: -

- Wei Huang
- Binbin Huang
- Kyana Jasquith

Among the secondary schools represented, Bishop Stopford's made a lasting impression through a captivating combination of live performance, visual art, and thoughtful contributions to the event's organisation. The festival was expertly run by a student steering group, with our very own Binbin (Y10), Wei (Y12), Kyana (Y12) and Hassan (Y12) playing key roles in everything from front-of-house duties to backstage logistics. Students also included Rebeca and Negeste. Their professionalism and energy helped ensure the afternoon ran smoothly and was a hit with the audience.



Art That Speaks Volumes

The visual arts exhibition was equally impressive, featuring a curated selection of student artwork from across the borough. Bishop Stopford's was proud to showcase the work of:

- Chelsea (Y13)
- Kyana (Y12)
- Binbi (Y10)
- Oliver (former student)
- June (former student)
- Kitanna (Y11)
- Emilia (Y10)
- Mirabel (Y8)
- Chinaza (Y8)

These students contributed to a thought-provoking video projection art display that offered visual narratives as diverse and powerful as the performances on stage.

"Wind/Rush Generation(s)"

Bishop Stopford's also took to the stage with a moving extract from "Wind/Rush Generation(s)" by Mojisola Adebayo. The performance combined compelling dramatised scenes with haunting acapella singing and call-and-response elements. Against a backdrop of projected video and images, the piece powerfully captured the experiences of Black communities across generations in twentieth-century Britain. Our talented cast—Evelyn, Nanelia, Rihanna, Charlene, and Tanem (all Year 10)—delivered a truly impactful performance that earned admiration and emotional applause from the audience.





Visit to Tottenham Hotspur Football Stadium

On Friday, 11th July, our students had the opportunity to visit Tottenham Hotspur stadium. Located at the historic White Hart Lane. 10 selected students successfully completed the first stage of a 10-week life skills programme designed to inspire young people to develop key personal skills and positive attitudes to help them succeed in life. The programme, delivered in school, focuses on mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence building, and practical life skills through weekly classroom-based sessions and individual 1:1 health check-ins.

To celebrate their commitment and progress, the students were invited to attend a special workshop day at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. During their visit, they took part in two impactful workshops:

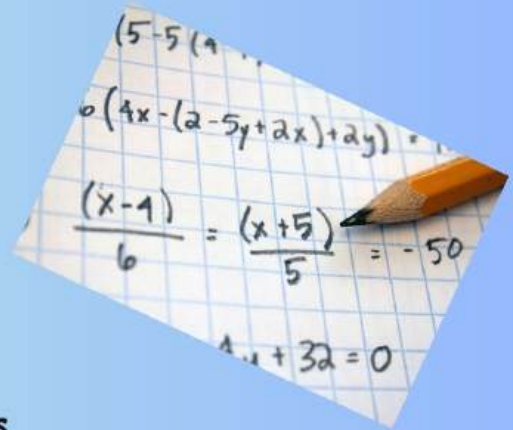
- Workshop 1: Stop & Search - Covering the law, young people's rights, and role-play scenarios to understand policing procedures.
- Workshop 2: Emergency First Aid - Practical training on CPR and managing severe bleeding, particularly in the context of knife-related injuries.

The day concluded with a guided tour of the stadium, giving students the exciting chance to explore one of the world's leading football venues





UK Maths Trust



UKMT Maths Challenge Success

This spring term, 16 of our high-achieving Year 10 students took part in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Intermediate Maths Challenge. The UKMT Challenge is a national competition designed to test students' problem-solving abilities and mathematical reasoning through a series of demanding multiple-choice questions. We are proud to share that all our Year 10 participants earned Bronze Awards—an excellent achievement in a highly competitive field.

In the summer term, 10 of our top-performing Year 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Their efforts were rewarded with an impressive set of results: two Bronze Awards, one Silver Award, and one outstanding Gold Award. The student who achieved the Gold Award performed at such a high level that they were invited to take part in the follow-on rounds—the Junior Mathematical Olympiad and the Junior Kangaroo. These prestigious competitions offer a platform for young mathematicians to showcase their talent on a national stage.

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and success!

Ms Tagually, Head of Maths





WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7'S! TASTER DAY AT BISHOP STOPFORD'S SCHOOL

On Thursday 3rd July, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 pupils for a Taster Day at Bishop Stopford's School — and what a fantastic day it was!

The children started the day with a lively and engaging morning assembly, followed by a series of fun ice-breaker games that helped everyone settle in and get to know each other. Throughout the day, they took part in a variety of taster lessons where they threw themselves into learning with great enthusiasm and curiosity. The energy and excitement continued during break and lunchtime, with many children thoroughly enjoying the sporting events and games held on the school field.

Feedback from the children was overwhelmingly positive — several even said they did not want to go home at the end of the day! It was a day full of learning, laughter, and new friendships, with the children showing great energy, enthusiasm, and a real love of learning.

We were also pleased to welcome parents to a special assembly, where we had the opportunity to introduce them to life at Bishop Stopford's School. Understandably, some parents felt a little nervous leaving their children in the morning, but by the end of the day, they were reassured and happy — confident that their child will thrive at our school.

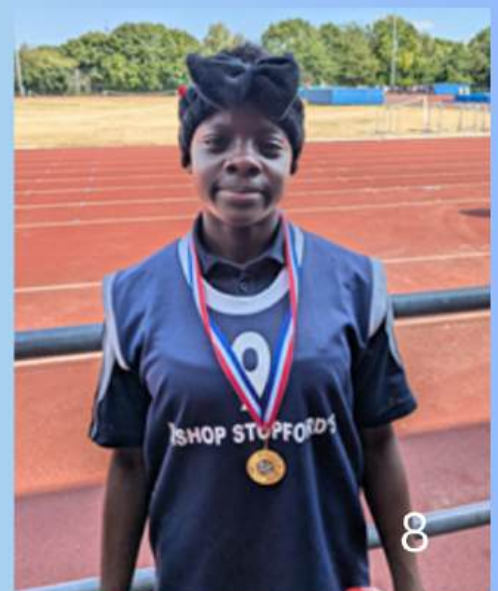
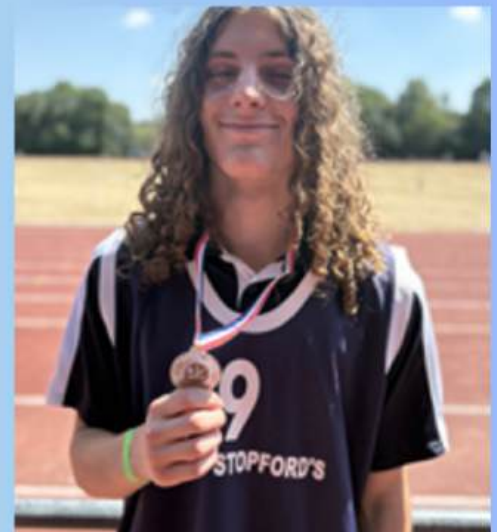
We are incredibly proud of how well the day went and are excited to welcome this new cohort to the Bishop Stopford's family in September.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported the day!

**Maria Pavlou
Head of Year**

BOROUGH ATHLETICS

On 30th June, 2025, Bishop's Stopford's competed in all of the track and field events against all of the other secondary schools in Enfield at Lee Valley Athletics Stadium. We were fiercely competitive in our respective boys' and girls' events and as a result were able to come home with a haul of medals. Top performances overall was a Year 8 student who won the 100m Girls final to add to her recent Gold medal at the Middlesex Athletic Championships. She was closely followed by a year 7 and year 9 student for shotput and two year 10 students for Javelin. Final placings were gained by a number of other students who once again rose to the occasion and scored for the school. Our students as always were ambassadors for the school with their outstanding conduct and sportsmanship.



YEAR 7 TRIP TO FORTY HALL



On 12th June, 2025 a group of Year 7 students embarked on a trip to Forty Hall.

After a brisk walk through Enfield, students arrived at their destination and were taken on a detailed tour of the farm where an employee guided them through the inner workings of farm life.

They were introduced to a variety of animals including cows, sheep, and pigs (including a litter of piglets) and were told various facts about the animals, whilst being encouraged to ask and answer questions.

The students were also shown a vineyard as well as the areas where local crops are grown, which they learned are all sold in the farm shop located on site.

Lastly a tour of the greenhouses was on the agenda where the pupils were asked to identify different vegetables and seeds, and were informed about the varying methods of growing and maintaining crops.

All in all it was a very informative trip for the students and hopefully one which helped instil an appreciation for our food, where it comes from and what kind of work goes into its production.

Trip to Paris

On Tuesday, 15th July, 2025, members of Years 9 and 10 went to Paris. This was a unique and enriching experience that blended education with adventure. Exploring iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and Notre-Dame, bringing history and culture to life in a way no textbook can. These visits help to strengthen friendships and create unforgettable memories, making it a highlight of their school year. For many, it's a first glimpse into a wider world, inspiring curiosity and a love for travel and learning.

Members of staff who attended were Ms A Rolle, Head of MFL; Ms Pavlou, Head of Year and Mr Winter, Science Technician.

AN ACCOUNT FROM OUR STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE - 15TH JULY, 2025

Romario, Kertis and I woke up at 4am, in order to arrive at King Cross at around 5:45am.

Getting through the borders, and luggage checks, we finally got on the Eurostar, leaving London at 7:01am and arrived in Paris Gare-du-Nord at 10:19am.

We took the tube to Alma-Marceau, near the Eiffel Tower and walked on the bank to start our boat trip on the River Seine. The trip lasted an hour and was a relaxing journey. On the boat we had our lunch. There was great fun; I would definitely recommend it. Then we went to the Champs-Élysées to see the Arc-de-Triomphe.

We then got off at Palais du Louvres to see the museum and from there we had a long walk towards the cathedral of Notre-Dame. There were opportunities for us to buy some souvenirs for family and friends. Notre-Dame was so beautiful. We walked from there to Les-Halles where we ended up at McDonalds and rested for an hour, then headed through Westfield-Les Halles to get the RER (overground in Paris) to Gare-du-Nord to get the Eurostar back to London.

Samuel and Kertis 9P, Romario 9M





I woke up at 4:00am. My mother drove me to Southgate tube station to meet Ms Pavlou and Mr Winter who were taking us to King Cross St Pancras.

At the Eurostar departure hall, we met Ms Rollé, Samuel and Hawa and made our way to the gates. We embarked on the Eurostar and took the train to get to Paris. The journey was 2 hours long. After we arrived, we went to see the Eiffel Tower. It was so tall and fun. Then we got on a boat- it was like a tour. Some people also had their lunch there. Afterwards, we did a lot of walking and went to see the Louvre and got the opportunity to see the famous pyramids. We took a lot of pictures. We saw loads of different monuments: the Palais Royal, the Arc the Triomphe, the Notre-dame and many more.. We also went to eat near les Halles at McDonald's.

Finally it was the time to head to the train station. We arrived at Gare-du-Nord at around 6:00pm. We just talked and relaxed in the lounge: it was super fun. Paris is so cool and so big. I would love to go back again maybe stay overnight!

Michelle 9M



Rewards Trip



As part of our ongoing rewards policy, on 16th July, 53 students were treated to an unforgettable day out at Thorpe Park. This well-deserved trip celebrated those who have gone above and beyond in their attitude, behaviour, and effort this term.

Leading, were the Top 10 students in each year with the highest number of achievement points across the school. They were joined by 8 'wildcard' picks from Heads of Year, recognising hidden gems who've made outstanding contributions, and 5 SLT nominations for students who've shown resilience, progress, or leadership in exceptional ways.

From the stomach-lurching drops of Stealth to the twists and turns of Nemesis Inferno, our thrill seekers took on every challenge with energy and excitement.

This was an exciting and unforgettable experience for our students, filled with thrills, laughter, and bonding. Students experienced a day of adventure enjoying exhilarating rides, challenging their fears and creating lasting memories with friends. The trip encouraged teamwork, confidence, and time management as students navigated the park together.



Science Museum Trip

On 7th July, our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Science Museum, where curiosity came to life through hands-on exhibits and interactive displays. From exploring the wonders of space and technology to witnessing live science demonstrations, the experience sparked enthusiasm and inspired new questions about the world around us. Highlights included the robotics exhibit and the opportunity to conduct mini-experiments in the Wonderlab. It was a fantastic day of learning outside the classroom, and we're proud of how engaged and respectful our students were throughout the trip.



Greenhouse Sports -

Greenhouse Sports is a brilliant London-based charity that harnesses the power of inspirational sports coaching and mentoring to transform the lives of young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Here's a look at what they do:

Their Mission and Approach

At its heart, Greenhouse Sports believes every child deserves a fair shot at success. They work in Bishop Stopford's School, using basketball as a powerful tool to engage young people and help them build crucial life skills. Their unique approach involves embedding full-time coach-mentors directly into schools, primarily in areas of high deprivation. Coach Fernando runs intensive basketball programmes before, during, and after school, as well as during holidays.

Achievements and Impact

Our findings at Bishop Stopford's consistently show that Greenhouse Sports programmes have a significant positive impact, and we're proud of our students' achievements:

League Champions: Our Year 9 and Year 11 participants have dominated the Enfield borough league, winning it two years in a row in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons.

Jr. NBA Success: Our Year 7 team made a fantastic debut in their first Jr. NBA league, reaching the first round of the playoffs.

Enrichment Opportunities: In the 2024 academic year, we took 15 students on a bowling enrichment trip. This outing was specifically designed to build teamwork, communication, and leadership skills in a fun and engaging environment.

Alumni Success: We are incredibly proud to have produced talented basketball players from Bishop Stopford's School who have gone on to play at an extremely high level. For example, Kervy has represented Great Britain and is now studying and playing at Barking Abbey, one of the best basketball academies in the country.

Improved School Attendance: Participants attend an average of 5-8 more school days each year.

Higher Academic Attainment: Young people achieve noticeably better grades in maths and English compared to their peers not involved in Greenhouse.

Enhanced Life Skills: They help young people develop vital qualities like confidence, resilience, teamwork, communication, and leadership.

Better Well-being: The programmes contribute to increased physical activity and foster positive mental health.

Positive Role Models: Coach Fernando acts as a consistent and trusted adult figure in young people's lives, often for several years.