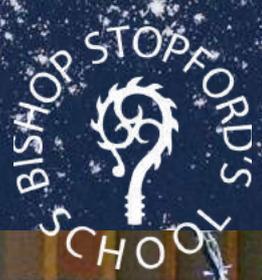


Bishop Stopford's School Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of year we are often thinking about Christmas presents and expensive treats, but Christmas need not be about the material things. We know that Jesus was a poor man himself, but was rich in so many other ways. He was rich in love. Christmas is a time for celebration and reflection and as we draw to the end of another great term, we are assured that our community is one rich in love, supported through strong collaboration, leading to wonderful achievements.

Spreading joy and goodwill

Our Christmas Community Service on 13th December was a joyous event bringing the school community together. Students from our local primary schools attended and performed, and our own choir displayed their singing talent, spreading joy, love and goodwill for Christmas. Speeches were given by our staff members and students. After the service everyone gathered together and shared Christmas cheer. A wonderful celebration was had by all!

Christmas Celebrations from our Choir (see the school's Youtube Page)

We are delighted to announce that there will be a wonderful display of songs from our choir on the school's YouTube page for you to view at 7pm today, so please click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopStopfords/videos> and enjoy the joy they bring over Christmas please subscribe to our YouTube channel and put your post notifications on so you do not miss it!

Newsletter

For highlights of events and information, view our school's newsletter on our website. <https://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/newsletter/>

Support during the holiday

We know that with the cost of living crisis and the increase in energy prices mean some families may find the Christmas period difficult. All those in receipt of Free School Meals should of received an eCode Payment Voucher for the Christmas holidays – this is £55. The e-code is issued by Edenred and will have been sent to your e-mail address. Please note this code must be redeemed by Sunday 14th January 2024 (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@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk.

This voucher is from the Household Support Grant which the local authority issues on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions.



Organisations for Support throughout the Christmas Period

Remember that you are never alone and can lean on a number of different organisations throughout this period if you are struggling. Websites for these organisations can be found attached to this letter.

End of Term Arrangements and Return to School in January, 2024

Our last day of term is Wednesday, 20th December.

The students will leave the premises from 12.15pm

Spring Term Arrangements

We look forward to our return to school in the New Year on Monday, 8th January 2024. Students 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 1 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, present with us, absent from us, or gone forth among us, a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



Mrs T Day, BA (Hons), NPQH
Headteacher



Christmas Carol Service



Thank You

Dear Parents and Teachers,

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who joined us at the Bishop Stopford's Christmas Carol Service. Your presence added immense joy to the occasion, making it a truly special event.

Special thanks go out to St. John and James Primary School for their wonderful contribution to the Gospel Choir. The rendition of "Away in a Manger" was truly enchanting and added an extra layer of festive spirit to the celebration.

The evening was filled with captivating readings, courtesy of our Gospel Choir and talented students. Your support and participation contributed to the warm and festive atmosphere, creating lasting memories for our school community.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful celebration, and we look forward to creating more cherished moments together in the future.



THANK
😊 YOU

Gospel Choir Christmas Carol Video



19:00

Exciting news! Over the past three weeks, our Gospel Choir has poured their hearts into preparations, and the fruit of their hard work is about to blossom. We're thrilled to announce that our Christmas carol video will be released today on YouTube at 7pm!! To ensure you catch every note of this festive performance, kindly turn on your post notifications and follow our YouTube page named "bishopstopfords."



Let's unite in spreading the holiday spirit together!



SUBSCRIBE

Gospel Choir Sings at Bridgewood Care Home



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.

Click here to watch a small clip of what we got up to...

[CLICK HERE](#)



Eucharist



In the Eucharist service, students and staff come together to celebrate their shared faith and to offer prayers for one another. The scripture passage, 1 Peter 3:8, serves as a reminder that the Christian community should live in harmony with one another and with God. This passage states, "Finally, all of you have unity of mind and sympathy of feeling, love for one another, a tender heart and humility of mind."

The Eucharist service plays a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and unity among the school community. By participating in the service, students and staff are encouraged to live out their faith by demonstrating love, compassion, and understanding towards one another.



SPORTS



Year 7 Junior NBA Basketball



Bishop's are unique in our approach to Basketball in that we expose our students to higher level competition at an early stage. Our Year 7 students hosted the prestigious Junior NBA event to other North London schools who all put on a fabulous display of basketball talent. Extra-curricular basketball is every day at Bishop's either before or after school including every lunch time - all are welcome!

Football Borough League Round-Up

All Year groups have competed in the Schools Championships this academic year and we are proud to announce that our Year 11 team are unbeaten so far including convincing wins over St. Ignatius, Chace Community and Enfield Grammar.

This achievement has set a great example to our lower year groups who are showing signs of strong performances also. Year 7 started with a goals galore game against Kingsmead finally winning 7-6 with our striker Dandre scoring 4 goals!





SPORTS



Bishop's Elite Team



Our Year 11 Basketball team is our 'flagship' sports team who are reigning Enfield Champions and set to repeat this again in the 2023/24 season. We are unbeaten in the borough league and have extended to playing in the regional competition again further afield higher ranked schools in London and Hertfordshire. Our students have loved pushing themselves even further as a result and we continue to compete at the elite level which sets us aside from the other local schools. Specialist Coach Dom has taken this team on a journey through their time here at Bishop's and we hope this may continue into 6th form.





SPORTS



Bishop's Strive and Succeed at Enfield Cross Country Event

Our core Strive for Five values of consideration, respect, loyalty, responsibility and success were on show for all to see at the recent athletics event at Trent Country Park. Cross country running is a physically and mentally tough event and we were very proud to see the resilience of our students across all year groups competing at the highest level.

Lower school students ran 3,000m and upper school students a 3,500m distance through wild terrain and dense forests. With four major uphill climbs the race was challenging and extreme. All of students competed well in the strong field of competitors with outstanding performances from Year 7 Sheldon (7th), Year 8 Julia (16th), and Year 11 Yevhennia (8th). Students ranking in the Top 10 are considered exceptional performers.

Tottenham Hotspur 5-a-side Football

Our Year 9 and 10 teams were entered into the Tottenham Hotspur Football tournament with outstanding performances by both teams who qualified out of the group stages only to meet each other in the semi-finals!

The Year 10 team won 3-1 and progressed to the final against St. John's who they had already beaten in the group stages. In a fiercely fought final Bishop's came second best but still qualified to represent in the regional round in 2024. Well done to all of the players who were highly commended by the Spurs coaching staff.





PE COMMITMENT AWARD



We have a long term approach to students being recognised for sustained commitment to improving themselves in PE and Sport. This includes Student of the activity Block and associated High quality sports literacy books as prizes. In addition we offer the Greenhouse New Balance Sports Shirt as a reward for students that consistently attend 7:15am Basketball training. Here are two of our Year 11 students showing off this new shirt, and on the right we have Sheldon who has huge commitment and improvement in his physical education.

Year 11 Naidelin and Hassanatu

Year 7 Sheldon





PE COMMITMENT AWARD



The Top students in Year 7-9 for PE that have shown the Strive for Five 'Considerate' approach to their learning. All have attained well in their assessment in PE and received a certificate a Sports Book of their choice. We are proud of every one of them.



Heathrow Airport



Educational Opportunity at Heathrow Airport

Our school took part in an educational opportunity to visit Heathrow airport, which aimed to provide students with a compact idea of the future and how society operates. This visit included learning about various alternate districts, apprenticeships associated with them and participating in practical activities such as interviews, quizzes and more.

At the end of the visit, students were given the opportunity to ask apprentices working at the airport about their opinions and experiences. This allowed students to gain valuable insights into the working environment and the apprenticeship programs available.



Our Future Medical Students



We are thrilled to share a remarkable experience that unfolded recently, where second-year medical students from King's College generously dedicated their time to impart valuable insights to our Year 10 students.

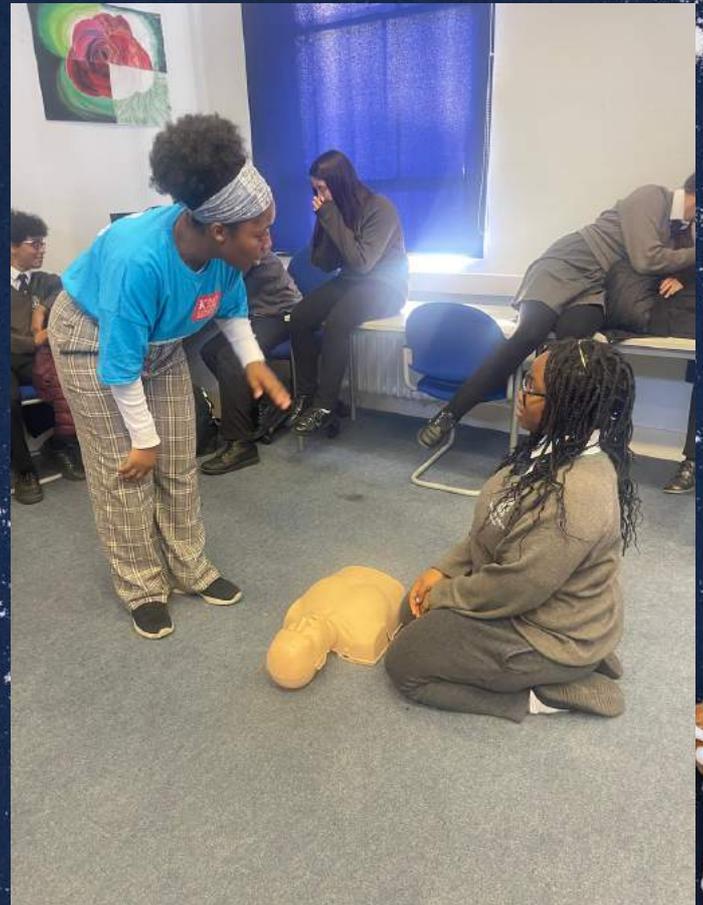
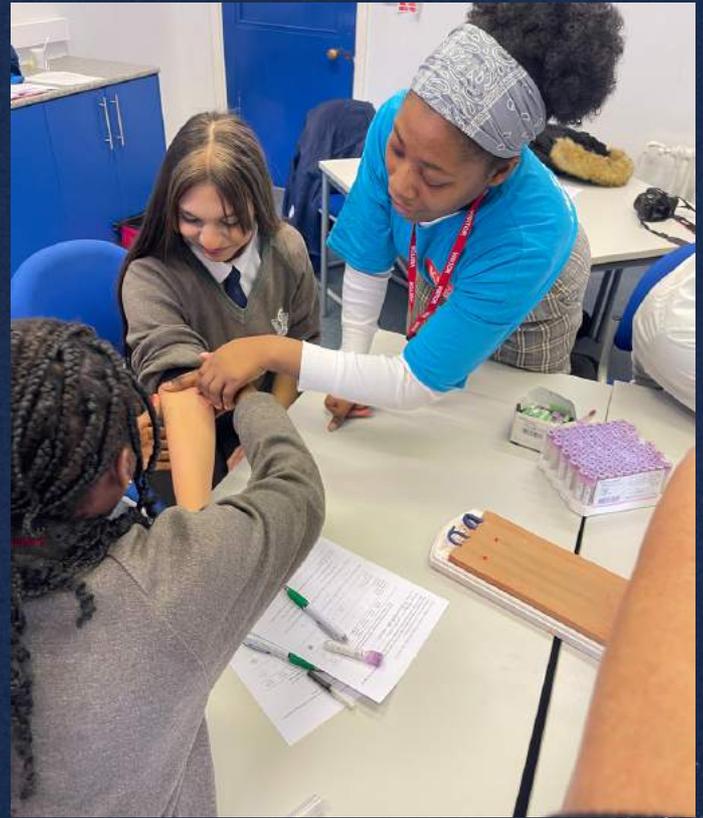
This special session allowed our aspiring medical minds to gain hands-on experience in the medical industry. From the intricacies of taking blood to mastering the art of checking oxygen levels and even practicing CPR, our students were immersed in a rich learning environment.

The second-year medical students from King's College played a pivotal role in not only demonstrating these essential medical procedures but also in sharing their personal experiences and insights into the dynamic field of healthcare. This interactive and engaging session provided our Year 10 students with a unique opportunity to witness the real-world applications of their academic pursuits.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated medical students from King's College for their commitment to nurturing the passion and curiosity of our younger peers. Their willingness to share their expertise undoubtedly serves as an inspiration to our students, encouraging them to explore the vast and rewarding field of medicine.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Our Future Medical Students



Our EAL Community

EAL (English as an Additional Language) enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea, immersing themselves in various facets of British culture—a well-received and enlightening experience. Additionally, we are organising a visit to the National Portrait Gallery, Shakespeare's Globe, and a hop-on-hop-off bus tour. These excursions aim to provide students with a diverse and immersive encounter with Britain, contributing to their preparation for the British citizenship test.



SEN Department

SEN Y11 Sponsored read for UNICEF – GAZA Humanitarian Appeal



Hundreds and thousands of children are affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel.

Y11 SEN pupils watched reports on the news and wanted to help the humanitarian effort to support children in Gaza. It has been reported on the BBC News that there are 1.5 million displaced people with limited access to basic needs such as water, food, electricity and health services.

UNICEF Gaza Emergency Appeal need money to provide resources for the children in Gaza.

- £32 could help provide blankets for 5 children.
- £39 could provide a family with an emergency water and hygiene kit.
- £68 could help pay for school supplies to help at least 20 children continue their education in an emergency.

On the 7th December 2023, the SENCo, Teaching Assistant and pupils read a book of their choice throughout lunch time.

All the pupils were sponsored by friends, family and colleagues to read for Gaza.

We raised £105!

We are very proud of our Y11 pupils and the cheque will be sent to UNICEF to help the children of Gaza.

C.S. Hart - SENCO



Diversity



This year, we are proud to have achieved our **Bronze Award for Racial Equity**, with FLAIR.

This award signifies our school's commitment to tracking its racial equity progress year-on-year, through FLAIR's Annual Racial Equity Questionnaire.

flairimpact.com

Diversity



Marking Black History Month in October, we welcomed staff and students each morning during the month of October with inspirational spoken word, Afrobeats, Calypso, Reggae and Ragga; past and present. Bishop's also used lunchtime clubs to run competitions, have debates, cook African inspired snacks, learn traditional drumming techniques and watched thought provoking documentaries around belonging.

The canteen also provided a "Chef's Special" of Caribbean and African inspired dishes!



Diversity



In the spirit of cultural diversity and festive joy, our W17 students came together to celebrate Diwali and Fireworks Night with a burst of creativity and flavour. The Lunchtime Club, always at the forefront of imaginative endeavours, took the lead in crafting stunning lanterns and mesmerizing Rangoli patterns that now grace our Hall.

Our school canteen also played a pivotal role in this cultural fusion by cooking up a storm of Indian-inspired dishes. From aromatic spices to delightful flavours, the menu became a culinary celebration, adding a delicious touch to our Diwali festivities and enhancing the excitement of Fireworks Night.

Look below to see some of the pictures that were captured...

Diversity



YEAR 7 Rewards

well done!



Zero Negatives:

Dinah, Tobenna, Sakshi, Stefka, Nicole, Shyann Ina Agnilson Benicy Tom
Aleena Karis Dixon, Amelia Nicola Isabelle Daniella, Naamani, Chinaza
Raynese, Mirabel, Illia

Highest Positive Points:

Dinah
Tobenna
Oluwatoni
Karis
Chinaza
Mateo



Form with the most Positive Points :

7P

Form with the Highest Attendance :

7P 97%

Strive for 5 Star Student:

Demi



YEAR 8 Rewards

well done!



Zero Negatives:

Chithila Wellala
Jonathan Mwesigwa
Sienna Adjei
Barra Albtayna
Valter Nicolau Gomes
Ansal Olad
Serena Smith-Oyemina
Mucteba Yildiz
Julia Zimnicka-Krukar
Naba Alenezi
Lizzie Ngubo
Yasmina-Valentina Serafim
Alef Shaib

Highest Positive Points:

Miracle
Janis
Julia
Barra
Serena
Mucteba
Yasmina



Form with the most Positive Points :

8N

Form with the Highest Attendance :

8P 91%

Strive for 5 Star Student:

Rayyan



YEAR 9 Rewards

well done!



Zero Negatives:

9L

Ridwan
Timilehin
Giorgia
Meri
Selim
Rebecca
Michael
Neo

9M

Oluwatobi
Amanda
Silviu
Giovanna
Lorenzo
Demi
Olivia
Jamil
Sonny

9N

Zipporah
Pepa
Evelyn A
Adriena
Neilon
Bin Bin
Poppy
Efe

9P

Ayah
Adjoa
Kaan
Rihanna
Nanelia
Davis
Tommie
Avyana

Highest Positive Points:

Jenaya
Anwar
Jamil
Rebecca
Jayden



Form with the most Positive Points :

9N 6359

Form with the Highest Attendance :

9M 93%

Strive for 5 Star Student:

Jenaya



YEAR 10 Rewards

well done!

Zero Negatives:



10L
Kingsford
Prescillia
Elinam
Faith
Gabriella
Zhoana

10M
Carolina
David
Latalia
Kimarah
Revon
Christianah
Kristjan

10N
Vasil

10P
Vladyslav
Chantelle
Robert

10R
Lilly
Sheriff
Beryl
Kofi

Highest Positive Points:



Gabriella 162
Gerald 164
Ayese 157
Janis 146
Yosan 163



Form with the most Positive Points :

10M

Form with the Highest Attendance :

10M

Strive for 5 Star Student:

Chantelle



YEAR 11 Rewards

well done!



Zero Negatives:

11J
Alemuddin
Ruzgar
Abdiqaani
Cazel
Rustem
Lorinda
Wahidulla
Ceylan
Irmak

11L
Daniella
Weil
Madeeha
Dayjonae

11M
Maria
Aiden
Sarah

11N
Zoe
Abrar
Selina
Mariam
Kamara

11P
Deniz
Daniel

11R
Niah
Edrian
Medine
Danieka

Highest Positive Points:

Umut 76

Daniella 173

Sarah 11M 173

Amina 11N 178

King 11P 185

Naidelin 11R 228



Form with the most Positive Points :

11R 4163

Form with the Highest Attendance :

11J

Strive for 5 Star Student:

Yashwin



Sixth Form News

We are delighted to share the enriching experience of our Year 13 students who had a special session featuring Fay Russell-Clark from Goldsmiths University. The insightful talk covered various aspects of university life, offering our sixth formers valuable guidance on course selection, student finance and the intricacies of the clearing process.

Fay Russell-Clark, a representative from Goldsmiths University, brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our students, helping them navigate the challenging yet often exciting transition to higher education. The discussion touched on the nuances of university life, providing a glimpse into what awaits our sixth formers as they embark on this transformative journey.

The importance of selecting the right course was a key focus of the session, with practical advice and considerations to help our students make informed choices aligned with their passions and career goals. The complexities of student finance were also demystified, offering clarity on funding options and financial planning for the upcoming university years.



Sixth Form News

In a heartwarming and intergenerational initiative, the Health and Social Sixth Form students at Bishop Stopford's School recently embarked on a meaningful journey to Bridgewood Care Home. They connected with and learnt from the elderly residents, fostering understanding and empathy while gaining invaluable insights into their current module.

The students, armed with compassion and enthusiasm, spent an afternoon engaging in meaningful conversations, laughter and shared experiences with the Bridgewood Care Home residents. The highlight of the day was a delightful afternoon tea, where students and elderly individuals alike enjoyed a spread of tea, sandwiches and pastries in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

This unique experience provided the students with a tangible connection to the theoretical concepts they had been studying in their health and social care module. The knowledge gained in the classroom was now complemented by real-world interactions, allowing students to apply their understanding in a practical setting. The elderly residents, in turn, became living examples of the principles and challenges discussed in class.



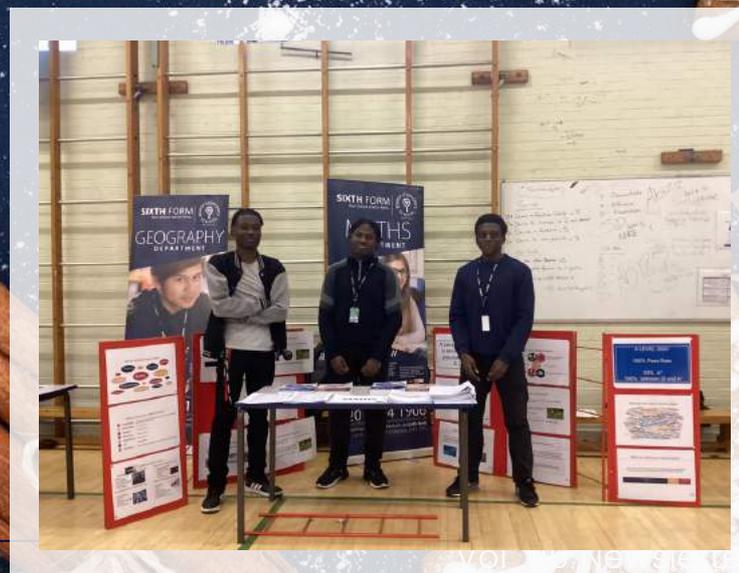
Sixth Form News

Year 11 – Sixth form recruitment event

Bishop Stopford's School recently hosted an exciting recruitment event aimed at bridging the transition from Year 11 to the Sixth Form. This dynamic occasion provided Year 11 students with a valuable opportunity to interact with Sixth Formers and teachers, gaining insights into various pathways and academic opportunities that lay ahead.

The event featured a series of well-designed stalls, each dedicated to a specific academic or vocational pathway. The vibrant atmosphere was charged with curiosity and anticipation as Year 11 students eagerly explored the diverse array of options available to them in the Sixth Form.

At the heart of the event were the interactive stalls manned by enthusiastic Sixth Form students, each representing a particular subject or area of interest. These peer-to-peer interactions proved invaluable as Year 11 students had the chance to engage in candid conversations about the real experiences, challenges, and rewards of Sixth Form life.





Parenting can be a challenging and rewarding experience. It's essential to prioritise your mental well-being as a parent to ensure you can provide the best care for your children. Here are some tips and resources to help you maintain a healthy state of mind.

1. Develop a Support Network

Having a strong support network is crucial for parents. Reach out to friends, family, or other parents who can offer advice, understanding, and encouragement. Joining parenting groups or attending workshops can also help you connect with others facing similar challenges.

2. Prioritize Self-Care

It's essential to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, and mentally. Make time for activities that bring you joy, such as exercise, hobbies, or relaxation techniques like meditation and deep breathing. A healthy lifestyle can significantly improve your mental well-being.

3. Set Realistic Expectations

Parenting can be unpredictable, so it's essential to set realistic expectations for yourself and your children. Remember that it's okay to make mistakes and learn from them. Practicing self-compassion and understanding that you're doing your best can help reduce stress and anxiety.

4. Encourage Open Communication

Foster open communication with your children by creating a safe and nurturing environment for them to express their feelings and concerns. This will help build trust and make it easier to address any issues that may arise.

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 11 1

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

NEW

New Club Alert



Volley Ball Club Library Study Club

Please see Miss Frimpong if
you would like to join



DEAR - Drop Everything and Read session for years 7 & 8 in E15 Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Stieler from January



Extra
Curricular
Clubs

LIBRARY STUDY CLUB

Break & Lunch

Mon & Thurs - all year groups

Tues - year 11 only

Ms Uddin

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!



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.

Devotion



The Season of Giving

Christmas is a time of joy, celebration, and giving. It is a season that reminds us of the greatest gift ever given to humanity – the gift of Jesus Christ. As we reflect on this season of giving, let us also consider the importance of giving in our own lives.

1. The Example of God's Giving

The act of giving is at the very heart of Christmas because it reflects the nature of God Himself. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..." God's love for humanity was demonstrated through the ultimate act of giving. As we celebrate Christmas, let us be inspired by God's example and seek to give selflessly to others.

2. Giving Reflects Gratitude

Christmas is a time when we express gratitude for the blessings in our lives. One way to show our gratitude is by giving to others. When we give, we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God and that we are blessed to be a blessing to others. It is through our giving that we can make a positive impact in the lives of those around us.

3. The Gift of Time and Presence

While material gifts are often exchanged during Christmas, it is essential to remember that giving goes beyond tangible items. The gift of time and presence can be just as meaningful, if not more so, than any physical present. Spending quality time with loved ones, volunteering in our communities, or simply being present for someone in need can have a profound impact.

Conclusion

As we celebrate Christmas and the season of giving, let us remember the example set by God in giving His Son. Let us express gratitude for our blessings through selfless giving, knowing that it brings joy to both the giver and the recipient. May our acts of giving reflect the true spirit of Christmas and spread love, hope, and joy to all.



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
LHEPWORTH@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK
MPAVLOU@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK
TDORRINGTON@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK
ARIDDELL@BISHOPSTOPFORDS.ENFIELD.SCH.UK