

SUMMARY OF FIXTURES FOR THE YEAR - 2016



**BISHOP COTTON SCHOOL
SHIMLA**

Kindly note that the Board Examination Schedule for the ISC / ICSE classes is a draft time-table and is subject to change. The same has been issued to each student of these classes.

FEBRUARY

- Sunday 7th** : **All Staff and students associated with ISC Science to return by 6:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday 9th : ISC Physics – Paper 2 (Practical)
- Thursday 11th : ISC Chemistry – Paper 2 (Practical)
- Sunday 14th** : The students of the ISC & ICSE(Class 12 & 10 – February / March 2016),New ISC (February / March 2017, New ICSE (February / March 2017) and all Class 9 students(promoted from Class 8 / detained in Class 9) return by 6:00 p.m.; **All staff associated with these classes are also to return.**
- Monday 15th : Assembly; ISC and ICSE Revision Classes resume; Regular teaching begins for the new ISC and ICSE batches (February / March 2017 and the new Class 9 batch); **Basketball, Cricket and Marathon season begins for non-examination classes.**
- Wednesday 17th : ISC Computer Science Paper 2 (Practical); Planning Session; Examination Session
- Sunday 21st** :
- Monday 22nd** : **Holiday – Guru Ravi Das Jayanti**
ISC Computer Science – Paper 1 (Theory)
- Wednesday 24th : ISC Physical Education Paper 1 (Theory)
- Friday 26th : ISC English – Paper 1 (Language)
- Saturday 27th : **General Staff meeting at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch;** books and Stationery to be collected by Class Teachers from the Stationery Store
- Sunday 28th** :
- Monday 29th : ISC English – Paper 2 (Literature in English); ICSE English Language – English Paper 1 The rest of the old students (Classes 4 to 8) are to return by 6:00p.m.; Evensong at 6:30 p.m. for all students from Classes 8 to 12

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MARCH

- Tuesday 1st : ICSE Literature in English – English Paper 2; **Table-tennis, Squash, Tennis, Badminton and Obstacle Course season begins**
- Wednesday 2nd : ISC Economics Paper
- Thursday 3rd : ICSE History & Civics – HCG Paper 1

Friday 4 th	:	ISC Physics – Paper 1 (Theory); ICSE Environmental Science; New students arrive; Orientation at 9:45 a.m. in the School Gymnasium.
Saturday 5 th	:	Cricket Match – Staff vs Students
Sunday 6th	:	
Monday 7th	:	Holiday – MahaShivratri; ICSE Geography – HCG Paper 2
Tuesday 8 th	:	ISC Accounts Paper
Wednesday 9 th	:	ICSE Hindi Paper
Thursday 10 th	:	ISC Chemistry – Paper 1 (Theory)
Friday 11 th	:	ISC Geography Paper; ICSE Physics – Science Paper 1
Saturday 12 th	:	Basketball Match – Staff vs Students
Sunday 13th	:	
Monday 14 th	:	ICSE Mathematics Paper; Inter-house Cricket and Basketball Matches (A and B teams)
Tuesday 15 th	:	ISC Mathematics Paper
Wednesday 16 th	:	ICSE Chemistry – Science Paper 2
Thursday 17 th	:	ISC Indian / Foreign Languages Paper
Friday 18 th	:	ICSE Biology – Science Paper 3; NCC Camp after Classes
Saturday 19 th	:	Table-tennis, Squash and Tennis Matches – Staff vs Students
Sunday 20th	:	
Monday 21 st	:	ICSE Commercial Applications, Computer Applications, Economic Applications, Physical Education; Inter house Cricket and Basketball Matches (remaining)
Tuesday 22 nd	:	ISC Environmental Science – Paper 1 (Theory); ICSE Mizo / French Paper
Wednesday 23rd	:	Holiday – Holi
Friday 25th	:	Holiday – Good Friday
Saturday 26th	:	Holiday – Easter Saturday; ICSE Political Science Paper
Sunday 27th	:	Easter Sunday; NCC Camp returns
Monday 28 th	:	ISC Commerce Paper; ICSE Economics Paper; Physical Training, Gymnastics, Shooting, Artificial Wall Climbing season begins
Tuesday 29 th :		ISC History Paper; Tennis Matches begin

APRIL

Friday 1 st	:	Unit Tests 1 begin
Sunday 3rd	:	
Monday 4 th	:	Unit Test 1; Inter-house Obstacle Course Proficiency begins
Thursday 7 th	:	Unit Test 1
Saturday 9 th	:	Inter-house Obstacle Course Competition
Sunday 10th	:	
Tuesday 12 th	:	Unit Test 1
Wednesday 13th	:	Holiday – Baisakhi; Annual Marathon Run – Finals; Tours and Treks leave
Thursday 14th	:	Holiday – Ambedkar Jayanti;
Friday 15th	:	Holiday – Ram Navami and Himachal Day
Saturday 16th	:	
Sunday 17th	:	Tours and Treks return; LVI students report promptly by 6:00 p.m.
Monday 18 th	:	Unit Test 1
Tuesday 19 th	:	The visiting teams arrive for the Annual Rev. Samuel Slater Memorial Inter-school Debates
Wednesday 20 th	:	Unit Test 1
Friday 22 nd	:	Unit Test 1; Inter-house 800 metres run – selection
Saturday 23 rd	:	Inter-house 1500 metres run–selection; The Rev. Samuel Slater Memorial Inter-school Debates– Finals
Sunday 24th	:	
Monday 25 th	:	Unit Test 1
Wednesday 27 th	:	Unit Test 1
Saturday 30 th	:	Unit Test 1; Basic Mountaineering Course students leave (only LVI)

MAY

Sunday 1st	:	
Monday 2 nd	:	Unit Test 1; Inter-house Athletics and Hockey season begins
Wednesday 4 th	:	The Annual Major R. K. Von Goldstein Inter-school Cricket Tournament begins
Friday 6 th	:	Unit Tests 1 conclude
Saturday 7 th	:	The Annual Major R. K.Von Goldstein Inter-school Cricket Tournament – Finals

- Sunday 8th** : **The Annual Major R. K. Von Goldstein Inter-school Cricket Tournament concludes (Participating Teams depart); Parshuram Jayanti**
- Monday 9th : **Inter-house Athletics Proficiency and Six a side Hockey matches begin**
- Sunday 15th** :
- Saturday 21st** : **Holiday –Budh Purnima**
- Sunday 22nd** :
- Friday 27th : **Basic Mountaineering Course students return (only LVI)**
- Saturday 28th : **The 157th Annual Speech Day commencing at 9:00 a.m.; the summer break commences from after the 157th Annual Speech Day proceedings conclude.**
- Sunday 29th** :

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JUNE

- Sunday 5th** :
- Tuesday 7th** : **Holiday – MaharanaPratap Jayanti; PARENT – TEACHER MEETING FROM 9:00 A.M. TILL 1:40 P.M.; the summer break concludes; all students must return to school by 6:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday 8th : Unit Tests 2 commence; **Inter-house Hockey matches begin**
- Friday 10th : Unit Test 2
- Sunday 12th** :
- Monday 13th : **Soccer and Boxing season begin**
- Tuesday 14th : Unit Test 2; **Inter-house Table-tennis, Squash and Badminton matches**
- Thursday 16th : Unit Test 2
- Saturday 18th : **Soccer Match – Staff vs Students**
- Sunday 19th** :
- Monday 20th** : **Holiday – Sant Kabir Jayanti**
- Tuesday 21st : Unit Test 2; **Six a side soccer matches; Table-tennis, Badminton and Squash proficiency**
- Wednesday 22nd : **Swimming proficiency and School Soccer team coaching begins**
- Saturday 25th : Unit Test 2; **Boxing weighing in**
- Sunday 26th** :
- Monday 27th : Unit Test 2; **Inter-house Soccer matches begin**
- Wednesday 29th : Unit Test 2

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JULY

Friday 1 st	:	Unit Test 2
Saturday 2 nd	:	Inter-house Swimming Finals
Sunday 3rd	:	
Monday 4 th	:	Unit Test 2; Inter-house Boxing bouts begin
Tuesday 5th	:	Holiday – Id-ul-Fitr
Wednesday 6 th	:	Unit Tests 2 conclude
Sunday 10th	:	
Monday 11 th	:	Inter-house Shooting begins
Friday 15 th	:	Half Yearly Examinations begin
Sunday 17th	:	
Sunday 24th	:	
Tuesday 26 th	:	Half Yearly Examinations conclude
Thursday 28 th	:	157th Founder's Day Chapel Service in the morning/18th T. M. Whitmarsh Knight Memorial Lecture in the evening
Friday 29th	:	Founder's Day Holiday
Sunday 31st	:	

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AUGUST

Saturday 6 th	:	The Annual B. L. Modi Memorial Invitational Inter-school Elocution Contest
Sunday 7th	:	
Thursday 11 th	:	Inter-house Boxing Finals
Friday 12 th	:	Inter-house Boxing – Finals – overnight exeats permitted after the event
Saturday 13th	:	Holiday – 2nd Saturday
Sunday 14th	:	All students on overnight exeats must return to School promptly by 6 p.m.
Monday 15th	:	Independence Day; Soccer season ends for the rest of the school except the First XI team
Tuesday 16 th	:	Hockey season begins for the Junior teams on the 3rd flat; Gymnastics season begins
Thursday 18th	:	Holiday – RakshaBandhan
Saturday 20 th	:	The Annual Inter-house English One Act Play Competition commences at 4:30 p.m. (Rivaz / Curzon / Ibbetson / Lefroy)
Sunday 21st	:	

- Wednesday 24th : **The 6th Annual Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Football Tournament commences – teams arrive**
Thursday 25th : Holiday – Janam Ashtami
 Saturday 27th : **The 6th Annual Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Football Tournament concludes – teams depart**
Sunday 28th :
 Monday 29th : **P. T. Display practices begin**

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SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 1st : School Hockey Team coaching begins
 Friday 2nd : Unit Tests 3 begin
 Saturday 3rd : **Entrance Test Shimla Centre – Random Testing & Interviews for Classes 3 to 8; The Annual Inter-house Western Music Competition**
Sunday 4th :
Monday 5th : Holiday – Teacher's Day
 Tuesday 6th : Unit Test 3; **Inter-house Athletics Challenge begins**
 Thursday 8th : Unit Test 3
 Saturday 10th : **Entrance Test Delhi Centre – Random Testing & Interviews for Classes 3 to 8; Staff vs Students Hockey Match**
Sunday 11th :
Monday 12th : Holiday – Id-ul-Zuha
 Wednesday 14th : Unit Test 3
 Friday 16th : Unit Test 3
 Saturday 17th : **Festival of the Differently Abled**
Sunday 18th : Festival of the Differently Abled
 Monday 19th : Unit Test 3
 Wednesday 21st : Unit Test 3
 Friday 23rd : Unit Test 3
Sunday 25th :
 Tuesday 27th : Unit Test 3
 Wednesday 28th : OC Week Commences (Past vs Present Matches); **The All India Dulip Singh Memorial Inter-school Hockey Tournament – teams arrive**
 Thursday 29th : Unit Test 3; **The All India Dulip Singh Memorial Inter-school Hockey Tournament begins**

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OCTOBER

- Saturday 1st : **The Annual Inter-house Hindi One Act Play Competition(Rivaz / Curzon / Ibbetson / Lefroy); The All India Dulip Singh Memorial Inter-school Hockey Tournament - Finals;**
- Sunday 2nd : **Holiday – Gandhi Jayanti**
- Monday 3rd : Unit Test 3 concludes
- Sunday 9th :
- Tuesday 11th : **Holiday – Dussehra**
- Wednesday 12th : **Holiday – Muharram**
- Saturday 15th : **Holiday – Valmiki Jayanti**
- Sunday 16th :
- Wednesday 19th : **Holiday – Karva Chauth**
- Sunday 23rd :
- Friday 28th : **Art & Craft / SUPW / Hobbies Exhibition from 9:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.; Annual School Fete from 12:30 p.m. till 3:30 p.m.**
- Saturday 29th : **157th Annual Sports Meet and P. T. Display at 9:00 a.m.(Students may leave for the Diwali break after the Sports Day proceedings have concluded**
- Sunday 30th :

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NOVEMBER

- Sunday 6th :
- Monday 7th : **The autumn break concludes; All students return to school by 6:00 p.m.; PARENT - TEACHER MEETING FROM 9:00 a.m. TILL 1:40 p.m.**
- Tuesday 8th : All sports activities conclude
- Sunday 13th :
- Monday 14th : **Holiday – Guru Nanak's Birthday & Children's Day**
- Wednesday 16th : **Final Examinations begin**
- Sunday 20th :
- Sunday 27th :
- Monday 28th : **The Junior School Carol Service and Formal Supper – 5:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday 29th : **The Main School Carol Service and Formal Supper – 6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday 30th : **The Final Examinations end for the Main School and Junior School; Autumn Term ends; All students leave for the winter vacation .**

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DECEMBER

- Saturday 3rd : Submission of marks to Class Teachers by 12 noon.
Sunday 4th :
Monday 5th : Promotion meeting for all classes beginning with the Junior School commencing at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7th : Submission of Report Cards and Mark Registers to the Head: Junior School and Senior Master accordingly by 12 noon
Friday 9th : All Report Cards and Mark Registers to be handed in, to the Headmaster by 12 noon
Sunday 11th :
Monday 12th : **General Staff Meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Dinner**
Tuesday 13th : Staff may leave for the winter vacation

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Notes / Instructions for Parents:

Parents and Guardians are expected to conform to **all the rules of the School** including the daily Chapel attendance, as they might pertain to the student and / or to themselves which are in effect from time to time by advice of the Headmaster.

All correspondence must be addressed to the Headmaster and **not to any other member of the staff** either by name or by designation. Every effort is made to respond to letters/emails within 2-3 working days and in the event that you do not receive a response, it is also the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call and inquire about the status of their query. If there are telephonic queries, these may be addressed by any of the following:

EPABX: (0177) 2620880 (6 LINES)

Headmaster : 200

Through the School
Telephone Operator

Matrons

Linlithgow : 225
Irons : 226
Sinker : 228
Stooks : 229
Lewis : 227

by the School (Pocket Money) is unacceptable, besides of course being mindful of the fact that by doing so, you put your son to the risk of being bullied, for which the Management will not be held responsible. Anything in the form of tuck brought to school must be consumed within a week of the child arriving in school. Should a child be found in possession of tuck after this, the same will be confiscated and sent to nearby orphanages. Kindly be so good as to co-operate on these counts.

Overnight leave and permission for birthday celebrations may be applied for in writing and **at least a week in advance** – fax no.0177 – 2671360 and should coincide with a scheduled holiday only. Birthday celebrations would be limited to the cutting and distribution of birthday cake and paper wrapped sweets only. **NO ELABORATE TEA PARTIES OR DINNER PARTIES WOULD BE PERMITTED.** It is also not to be taken for granted that a mere application for overnight leave will meet with a positive response, by way of an answer. Parents are expected to find out from their wards Matron / Warden / House Master whether this has been sanctioned or not, before proceeding up to Shimla. Any application **not adhering to the weeks time** stipulated above **will not be entertained** and will be treated as null and void. In respect of **new boys** joining the school for the first time, parents please be informed that you are **not expected to have any contact (telephonic or otherwise) with your son / ward for the first eight weeks** of his being in school. Parents are also expected to **adhere to the timings given for reporting** when the child is **returning to school after any break.** Late coming is **not acceptable** and penalties range from **leave stop to detention, in addition to a fine for late joining amounting to Rs.1000/- per day that your son is late by.** The **parents' co-operation** in this regard is **strongly solicited** in case you would **like your son / ward growing up in a disciplined manner, besides of course teaching him the values of punctuality in life.** The e-mail

address headmaster@bishopcotton.com may only be used in cases of emergency and school related enquiries. Applications / requests will not be entertained except under signature.

With regard to breaks the following may please be noted:

- (a) The school year is divided approximately into two terms i.e. March to July (First Term); July to November (Final Term).
- (b) The Speech Day proceedings is followed by a short summer break. Please refer to the Fixture Card to know when the children will be allowed to depart from school.
- (c) The school curriculum includes short excursions / tours / treks and an apprenticeship program run by the Careers Club of the School. The latter is meant for classes IX to XII and it is expected that every boy would have participated in at least two such programs during his time in school.
- (d) Home travel for family ceremonies, functions, marriages etc. is normally **not** permitted. These should conform to the school vacation periods whenever they occur and winter (December, January and February). Kindly note that your son / ward **must have a minimum 75% attendance** to sit for the Half-Yearly Examination and the Final Examination failing which, he will not be allowed to take the tests due to the shortage of attendance. This conforms to what is expected by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination.
- (e) The second Saturday of **certain months only** is a visiting Saturday and parents / guardians that intend to take their child / ward out on overnight leave / exeat are expected to send in their requests stating so, **at least a week in advance of the date**, failing which no leave / exeat will be granted.
- (f) The practice of asking for day scholar leave defeats the purpose of putting your son into a residential school, besides causing numerous risks on him as well as the

establishment. Therefore **no day scholar leave will be granted during the course of the working year.**

- (g) The school does not have any provision of granting study/preparatory leave and therefore kindly desist from making requests for these, at the behest of your son.
- (h) It is also expected that parents / guardians ensure that all fees that is due by a certain date is paid up on time. The school should not be compelled to send reminders in this respect as it is highly embarrassing.

These rules override those published elsewhere previously. Requests for late return to school after a break / holiday on any grounds or for whatever reason/s, will not be accepted / entertained.

It may further be noted that parents / guardians are expected to make their own arrangements for their sons / wards to travel back home for the winter vacation in November / December. Please also note that all students except those from overseas, are expected to carry all their belongings with them when they leave for the winter vacation. This is primarily because major maintenance work/repairs take place during this vacation period and the school cannot be responsible for any personal belongings being lost. Please avoid making any out of turn requests on this count.

All parents are written to by their sons / wards once a week. All parents must also reciprocate by writing to their children regularly. This is an important communication skill and sharing exercise. Please insist on conformity. While the boys have access to e-mail and can book time at the School's Internet Browsing Centre, hand written letter writing is compulsory. Similarly they must receive your hand written letters by regular post too. We do not take responsibility for delayed delivery of

letters or the same being lost in transit by the postal department. In case you would like to opt for courier service for delivery of letters, the additional charges will be borne by you.

Finally it is also stated that parents are always welcome to participate in all the various activities of the school, its Chapel Service, its ceremonies and functions and we will be always happy to have you with us. Your attendance at the School's Annual Speech Day, especially if your child is a special awardee, is obligatory. No separate invitations or information other than that published in the School Fixture Card, the School Calendar and the quarterly newsletter 'The Mitre' (pronounced; mite-er) are issued.

Please note:

Whenever parents come to school for any occasion, and if in their own conveyance, entry will be from the lower gate near the UCO Bank Branch and exit from the upper gate and forest gate towards Eastbourne Hotel.



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