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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another uplifting and purposeful week at Bury Church of England High School, where our pupils continue to *let their light shine* through acts of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Across Careers, SHINE and PSHCE learning, students have engaged in experiences that nurture character, deepen understanding, and strengthen our Christian vision of serving our community and supporting one another.

This week, our Level 6 trained Careers Leader began delivering one-to-one careers meetings with Year 10 students. These personalised sessions help students reflect on their aspirations, explore pathways and understand how their gifts can make a positive impact in the world—an important expression of taking *responsibility* for their future.

In next week's Futures Friday, students will be introduced to the role of a carpenter—a career with strong relevance in the Greater Manchester labour market and one with a special connection to our Christian story. Learning about this skilled trade helps students appreciate the value of practical creativity, dedication and resilience.

Please see attached this week's Careers Newsletter for further updates and opportunities.

Our SHINE lessons this week have been filled with reflection, compassion and community action—living out our commitment to service and kindness.

Year 7 – Bury Hospice Introduction

Year 7 were introduced to Bury Hospice, the charity they will be supporting this term.
Next week, students will take part in their fundraising event within SHINE, choosing from a Reindeer Run, Just Dance competition or craft activity.
We kindly encourage families to sponsor their child as they raise money for an important local cause.

Year 8 – Knowledge Check & Community Giving

Year 8 completed a recap survey to consolidate all that they have learned this term.
A gentle reminder that next week students are asked to bring in donations for the Gig Lane Pantry, supporting families within our community during the winter period.

Years 9 & 11 – First Aid (Responding to Intoxication)

Both year groups continued their First Aid unit, focusing on how to respond safely and responsibly to someone under the influence. These lessons help students build practical resilience and confidence to act wisely in challenging situations.

Year 10 – Jigsaw Bury Introduction

Year 10 were introduced to Jigsaw Bury, the charity they will be fundraising for.
Next week, students will take part in a sponsored run, football competition or bingo event to raise funds. Your support in sponsoring your child is greatly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference.

Next week's PSHCE lessons focus on topics that help students understand themselves, others, and the wider world—rooted in the Christian values of respect for all people and taking responsibility for our actions.

- Year 7 – Consent & Boundaries
  Students will learn how to recognise consent, respect personal boundaries and understand how boundary-crossing can lead to bullying. These lessons nurture empathy, kindness and respect.

- Year 8 – AI & the UK
  Students will explore whether the UK should lead global developments in Artificial Intelligence, considering innovation, ethics and responsibility.

- Year 9 – Mid-Year Assessment
  Students will complete their PSHCE assessment, demonstrating resilience and reflection on their learning this term.

- Year 10 – Gender Identity & Wellbeing
  Students will examine how discussions around gender identity can impact wellbeing and explored how to challenge bullying and harassment both online and in person.

- Year 11 – International Peace
  Students will discuss how Britain contributes to global peacebuilding, diplomacy and humanitarian work—linking to our Christian call to be peacemakers in the world.

This week, students have also received Advent Communion, a reflective time of preparation that reminds us of the hope, peace and light that Christ brings into the world as we journey towards Christmas.

Finally, we would like to remind families that all students have been asked to create or kindly donate an item for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal – a charity that brings hope, joy and God's love to children around the world through the gift of a simple, thoughtfully filled shoebox.

As we move through this Advent season, we pray that our school community continues to shine brightly in faith, kindness and service, reflecting the love of Christ in all we do.

Kind regards,
Bury Church of England High School