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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another purposeful week at Bury Church of England High School, with pupils continuing to *let their light shine* through the way they demonstrate our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience in lessons, enrichment and wider school life. We are proud to share a few key highlights from our Personal Development provision this week, alongside what pupils will be learning in PSHCE next week.

SHINE and Personal Development

This week, our Year 7 SHINE students showed outstanding Responsibility and Respect by taking part in a festive fundraising event in support of Bury Hospice. Pupils participated in a Reindeer Run, a Christmas decoration craft activity, and a lively Just Dance competition—all while proudly wearing their reindeer antlers. The event was full of energy, teamwork and generosity, and pupils should be proud of the Resilience they showed as they got involved enthusiastically and supported such an important local cause.

We were also incredibly proud of pupils across all year groups who contributed to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. Students thoughtfully created and donated shoeboxes filled with gifts and essentials, with over 30 boxes collected. These shoeboxes will be sent across the world to bring hope, kindness and joy to children in disadvantaged countries. This initiative powerfully reflects our school values—showing Respect for others, Responsibility to support those less fortunate, and Resilience in acting compassionately for the good of others.

Across other year groups, SHINE lessons continued to build confidence and character. Year 8 and Year 10 explored careers in the charity sector, considering how values-driven work can make a difference in communities—an excellent reflection of Respect and Responsibility in action. Year 9 completed their end-of-unit assessment, showing Resilience and focus as they demonstrated their learning. Year 11 continued their First Aid programme, learning how to respond safely and effectively to someone experiencing a serious bleed—developing calm, responsible decision-making and the confidence to act in an emergency.

Careers Education This Week

This week, we have continued with Year 10 one-to-one Careers interviews, helping pupils to explore their next steps and understand the options available to them beyond school. Pupils engaged maturely and thoughtfully, showing Respect during discussions and Responsibility as they reflected on their aspirations and future plans. These personalised conversations are an important part of ensuring every pupil feels supported and prepared for life beyond Bury Church of England High School.

In addition, during Futures Friday form time, pupils learned about the role, skills and expectations of a Carpenter. This helped pupils make meaningful links between their learning now and future career pathways, reinforcing the value of Resilience in developing skills over time and Responsibility in planning ahead.

PSHCE Learning – Next Week

Next week, PSHCE lessons will continue to support pupils' personal development through important, age-appropriate learning:

- **Year 7 – PSHCE**: Recognising unsafe situations, understanding why forced marriage is harmful, and knowing where to seek trusted help and support.

- **Year 8 – PSHCE**: Exploring whether Britain should lead the global energy revolution, including renewable energy, sustainability, and future responsibility.
- **Year 9 – PSHCE**: Accessing medical services safely and responsibly, including consent (Gillick Competence), infection control, and getting help for minor and serious health concerns.
- **Year 10 – PSHCE**: Promoting positive mental wellbeing through self-esteem and resilience, alongside healthy screen use and strategies to protect wellbeing.
- **Year 11 – PSHCE**: Examining how Britain supports people whose human rights have been denied, including international law, aid and global responsibility.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our pupils grow into respectful, responsible and resilient young people who continue to let their light shine.

Kind regards,
Bury Church of England High School