Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a positive week. As we continue our work this term, we remain committed to supporting our pupils to grow academically, socially, and spiritually, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and character needed to thrive both now and in the future. This week's learning across PSHE, SHINE, Careers and Worship has focused on developing respect, responsibility and resilience, while helping pupils to make informed choices and reflect on their own strengths.

Worship and Reflection

This week's worship focused on the story of David being anointed as King. Pupils reflected on how God looks at a person's heart and character rather than outward appearance. Despite being the youngest of eight brothers, David was chosen, reminding pupils that worth is not defined by popularity, status, or being noticed by others.

Through reflection, pupils considered times when they may have felt overlooked and explored how resilience and perseverance can be developed through these experiences. They were also encouraged to recognise their own strengths and reflect on how God helps them grow in confidence, character, and purpose.

Careers Education and Guidance

We have continued to meet with Year 10 pupils on a one-to-one basis to discuss their hopes, strengths, and plans for the future. These personalised conversations help pupils reflect on possible pathways, recognise their developing skills, and feel confident about planning their next steps.

We were also pleased to meet with a group of Year 11 parents, focusing on pupils' transition into college and post-16 pathways. These meetings provided an opportunity to discuss available options and explore how school and families can work together to support a smooth and successful transition.

In SHINE careers lessons, pupils explored careers of the future, learning how skills, qualifications, and pathways link to a changing labour market. Pupils considered post-16 options including sixth form, college, apprenticeships, and work-based training, reinforcing the message that there are multiple routes to success and that informed choices are key.

SHINE Learning

In SHINE lessons this week, pupils explored a range of key themes linked to citizenship, diversity, careers and effective learning:

Year 7 pupils examined the difference between Parliament and Government, helping them understand how the UK is run and why accountability and democracy matter.

Year 8 pupils focused on celebrating difference, exploring identity, diversity and equality, and how respect for others helps to build an inclusive community.

Years 9 and 10 pupils explored future career pathways, learning about post-16 options, skills and qualifications, and how different routes can lead to success.

Year 11 pupils developed revision and retrieval practice strategies, learning effective techniques to strengthen memory and prepare confidently for upcoming examinations.

PSHE – Looking Ahead to Next Week

In next week's PSHE lessons, pupils across all year groups will be exploring important age-appropriate topics that support wellbeing, personal development and future planning:

Year 7 pupils will explore the Equality Act, learning how the law protects individuals from discrimination and how it links to bullying, respect and inclusive behaviour.

Year 8 pupils will learn about labour market information, helping them understand employment rights, responsibilities and future job trends.

Year 9 pupils will reflect on their strengths and aspirations to support informed and realistic GCSE option choices.

Year 10 pupils will examine fertility and family planning, focusing on responsibility and long-term commitment within relationships.

Year 11 pupils will learn how to read and understand a payslip, including pay, tax, National Insurance and deductions, building financial awareness ahead of working life.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

Kind regards,
Bury Church of England High School