28 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another purposeful and uplifting week at Bury Church of England High School, with pupils showing great Respect, Responsibility and Resilience as they continue to *let their light shine* across all aspects of school life.

In Futures Friday, pupils explored careers in the Education sector, focusing on the role of an Apprenticeship Assessor and learning about the skills, responsibilities and opportunities linked to this job. Our Year 11 pupils have also been working hard on their College applications, with staff offering additional advice and 1:1 support as deadlines approach. Please find attached a copy of the careers newsletter this week.

During PSHCE lessons this week students in all year groups have been engaging in vital personal, social and health education that strengthens their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Years 7 and 8 have shown an excellent attitude during their mid-year assessments.

Year 9 learned how to make informed decisions about their health, including how to safely carry out simple self-examinations (breast and testicular). These skills empower pupils to take *responsibility* for their own wellbeing and recognise early warning signs of potential health concerns.

Year 10 explored how influencers, AI chatbots and online behaviours shape the experiences of the "Instagram Generation," helping them build digital confidence and awareness of online risks.

Year 11 examined why the UK donates to international aid agencies and how this supports global development and humanitarian relief. They also

Our SHINE curriculum has also provided pupils with meaningful opportunities to reflect and contribute positively to their community.

Year 7 looked back over their Social Action learning so far, thinking about what social action means, what protected characteristics are, and the skills they have been developing this term.

Year 8 were introduced to the charity they will be supporting, FGRS Community Pantry at Gigg Lane, which some of our families already access. Pupils wrote thoughtful, positive messages to include in the Christmas hampers, and we warmly welcome donations between 1st–12th December to support this wonderful cause.

Year 9 learned where to go for trusted medical advice about private health concerns, what to do if testicular or gynaecological symptoms need urgent attention, and how to seek help safely and confidently.

Year 11 made a strong start to their First Aid unit, learning how to assess a medical emergency and respond calmly if someone is unconscious—an important life skill that builds both resilience and responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, kindness and enthusiasm our pupils show each week. They continue to shine brightly in their learning, their relationships and their contributions to our school community.

Kind regards,
Bury Church of England High School