19 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some key highlights from this week. It has been a purposeful end to the term, with pupils continuing to demonstrate our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, while truly letting their light shine.

Careers Education

In Careers this week, alongside conducting 1:1 interviews with our Year 10 pupils, we have also gathered pupil voice from across the school through the completion of a Future Skills Questionnaire. This has allowed us to collect valuable insights into pupils' aspirations, interests and perceived skills gaps. The information will help us shape future careers provision so that it is responsive, meaningful and tailored to the needs of all learners as they prepare for life beyond school.

PSHCE – Looking Ahead to the New Year

In the new year, students across Years 7–11 will begin Unit 3 of their PSHCE curriculum. These carefully planned units support pupils' personal development, wellbeing, character education and preparation for adult life, in line with statutory guidance and our school values.

- **Year 7 – Global Britain**
  Unit focus: Should we be proud to live in multi-cultural Britain?
  First lesson: Who am I?
  Pupils will explore identity, diversity and belonging, developing respect for others and an understanding of life in modern Britain.

- **Year 8 – Living in the Wider World**
  Unit focus: How do my career choices affect how I manage my money?
  First lesson: What are my aspirations for the future?
  Students will consider ambitions, career pathways and financial responsibility, encouraging informed decision-making and goal setting.

- **Year 9 – Living in the Wider World**
  Unit focus: How do I plan for my future career and what option choices should I make?
  First lesson: How do I turn failure into success?
  This unit supports resilience, positive responses to setbacks and links between interests, skills and future careers.

- **Year 10 – Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)**
  Unit focus: Why is commitment important in relationships?
  First lesson: How do I recognise and build respectful relationships?
  Pupils will explore healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on communication, trust and boundaries.

- **Year 11 – Being British and Living in the Wider World**
  Unit focus: What are my employment rights and how do I manage my money?
  First lesson: What employment rights do I have when I start work?
  Students will develop essential knowledge around employment, pay, contracts and managing money independently as they prepare for post-16 pathways.

Enrichment and Community

In enrichment lessons, Year 8 pupils explored labour market careers that help make Christmas run smoothly, gaining insight into the wide range of roles involved in seasonal employment and essential services.

Our Year 10 pupils also showed great compassion and generosity by taking part in a fundraising event for Bury Hospice. Activities included a sponsored run, a football match and Christmas craft activities. We are incredibly proud of the way pupils engaged with this event, supporting an important local charity and living out our Christian values of service and generosity.

As we now look ahead to the Christmas period, we pray for a time of rest, peace and joy for all our families. At this special time of year, we are reminded of the Christian message of hope, love and light, and we encourage our pupils to continue showing kindness and compassion to others within their communities.

We wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas and look forward to welcoming pupils back in the new year.

With warmest wishes,
Bury Church of England High School