



SHINE newsletter

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Headteacher Update

The week began with another well-attended Open Morning. Once again, our students truly excelled, with many prospective parents commenting on how articulate, welcoming and kind they were. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful young people in our school who consistently give their very best and never fail to let their light shine. Following the event, I took the opportunity to call some parents to share how exceptionally well their children had represented the school. It was particularly heartening to speak with several Year 7 parents who shared how happy their children are at Bury Church and how pleased they are with their choice of secondary school. Hearing such positive feedback was a wonderful reminder of the strong community we have built together.

Such stories were also shared during our Year 7 Settling In Evening on Thursday. We had the opportunity to speak with parents about our outstanding summer results and to highlight the many opportunities available to students at Bury Church, as well as the expectations and support in place to help them thrive as they settle further into the autumn term. We are incredibly proud of all that our students achieve and know that parents share that pride in being part of such a successful school community.

On Thursday, Year 7 attended a service at our local parish church, walking from school into the centre of Bury alongside their teachers. It is important for our students to experience and reflect upon our Christian faith and the values that underpin our school community, helping them to understand how these values can guide and enrich their lives. The students took part in a thoughtful and meaningful service, representing the school exceptionally well throughout the visit. A special thank you to Mrs Byrne for organising the trip, and to the staff who generously gave their time to accompany and support our students.

Over the past two weeks, our wonderful school chaplain has been busy working with students to develop our school garden, creating a calm and reflective space for students to enjoy throughout the day. As they pull up weeds, plant potatoes and care for the garden, students often feel more relaxed and open, leading to meaningful conversations and support. We are excited to see the garden continue to grow into a space designed and shaped by our students, giving them a real sense of ownership and pride.

As ever, we are keen to communicate with parents and carers in the most effective ways possible, and our Arbor app is one of the best tools we have to strengthen that partnership. Over the coming weeks, we will be placing an increased focus on punctuality. We know that excellent attendance and punctuality are closely linked to strong academic outcomes, with habits formed as early as Year 7 having a significant impact on future success at GCSE and beyond. Through the Arbor app, alongside STS scores, you can view your child's attendance record, the number of lates they have received, and the total number of minutes they have been late to school or lessons. We encourage parents and carers to check the app regularly, discuss punctuality with their child, and celebrate positive habits and improvements.

As always, it has been a great pleasure to share the achievements of your children this week. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

S. Wrigley

Upcoming events

7th October – Annual Flu Vaccinations
16th October – B Safe Project
2nd – 13th November – Year 11 Mock Exams
30th November – Year 7 and 8 Assessment Week
7th December – Year 9 Assessment Week
18th January – Year 10 Assessment Week

Transport Buses 2026-2027

Please find a link below to our website to view the new school bus timetables from September 2026

[Bury CE High School - Transport & Buses](#)

Visit our Instagram page

Our Instagram page is full of Bury Church updates and photos of students enjoying our wonderful curriculum. Please follow us!

<https://www.instagram.com/burycehigh/>

Online safety

To help keep your child safe online, please follow the guidance and helpful tips for parents and carers shared by the school.

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

Book of the week

Traitors' Nest
By Frances Hardinge

Traitors' Nest is the brand new YA fantasy novel by Frances Hardinge, in which castles in the Kingdom of Thaletal are moved around like chess pieces by enigmatic Players. The story follows 16-year-old Burr, whose village is disrupted by a new castle and Lord. What starts as a small rebellion escalates when the castle is moved, and Burr learns about a mysterious ancient maiden who uses magpies to collect her debts.



PSHCE Update – The week ahead

- **Year 7 – Are all drugs bad for you?**
Students will explore the differences between prescription medicines, illegal drugs and vaping, considering how substances can affect health and why making informed choices is important.
- **Year 8 – Why are sleep and relaxation important for the development of a young mind?**
Students will consider how sleep and relaxation support physical and mental wellbeing, including concentration, mood and healthy development.
- **Year 9 – What is terrorism?**
Students will develop their understanding of terrorism, considering what the term means, how it differs from legitimate protest and extremism, and why terrorism poses a threat to individuals and society.
- **Year 10 – Why do some people have their rights denied?**
Students will examine harmful practices including honour-based violence (HBV), breast ironing and female genital mutilation (FGM), considering how these practices can deny individuals their rights and where support can be accessed.
- **Year 11 – Why is it important to have good knowledge about STIs and contraception?**
Students will develop their knowledge of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and contraception, exploring how accurate information can help young people make safer, informed and responsible choices.

#BeeWell Survey – Years 7, 9 and 10

Parents and carers of students in **Years 7, 9 and 10** should already have received an email providing information about this year's **Greater Manchester #BeeWell Survey**. As a reminder, students will complete the survey during their **PSHCE lessons in the week beginning 19th October**. The survey gives young people an opportunity to share their views about their **wellbeing, relationships, school and wider lives**, helping schools and organisations across Greater Manchester better understand and support young people's wellbeing.



We are delighted to share that Luke C-M (Year 11) is currently representing England at the World Indoor Cricket Championships in South Africa.



The England team have been performing exceptionally well and are currently sitting in 5th place, level on points with Sri Lanka and just narrowly behind on run difference. They face two crucial matches today against Sri Lanka and New Zealand, which could have a significant impact on the final standings.

Luke is thoroughly enjoying this incredible opportunity and continues to grow in both confidence and skill. While the tournament has presented some challenging moments, he has

shown great resilience, determination and professionalism throughout. We are immensely proud of the way he has conducted himself and represented both his country and our school. Those wishing to follow Luke's journey can view daily photographs and updates via the World Indoor Cricket Federation's social media pages.



We wish Luke and the England team the very best of luck for their remaining matches!



Black History Month – Honouring Our Communities



Thursday 1st October marked the beginning of Black History Month, an important opportunity for our school community to celebrate Black history, culture, achievements and contributions, while continuing to learn about the importance of equality and challenging racism.

During Enrichment lessons this week, students have explored why Black History Month is important and have been introduced to this year's theme, 'Honouring Our Communities'. Students have reflected on the individuals, stories and communities that have made a positive difference, both locally and nationally, and considered how we can all contribute to a respectful and inclusive school community.

As part of our continued commitment to this work, on Friday 16th October we will also be supporting Show Racism the Red Card's National Wear Red Day. Staff and students will be invited to wear a red item as a visible show of solidarity and to demonstrate that racism has no place within our school or wider community.



Year 10 Work Experience – 21st–25th June 2027

A reminder to parents and carers that Year 10 Work Experience Week will take place from Monday 21st to Friday 25th June 2027.

Students should now be actively looking for a suitable work experience placement and contacting employers. Once a placement has been agreed, the relevant placement forms must be completed by the employer and returned by Wednesday 2nd November 2026.

Work experience is an important part of our Careers programme, giving students the opportunity to experience the world of work, develop employability skills, build confidence and learn more about potential future career pathways.

We appreciate that finding a placement can sometimes be challenging. Mr Halden, our Careers Lead, is available to support any students who are struggling to secure a placement. Students are encouraged to speak to him as early as possible so that appropriate guidance and support can be provided.

We would also encourage parents and carers to support students in approaching employers and exploring opportunities within their local networks.

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

This week, students marked Anaphylaxis Awareness Week as part of our In the News programme. Students learned about the causes, signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, the importance of taking allergies seriously, and how greater awareness can help keep others safe.

