



SHINE newsletter

Let your light shine

Headteacher Update

Yet another positive week at Bury Church. This week, I had the opportunity to lead whole-school worship, focusing on our school motto, "*Let Your Light Shine.*" It was a reminder to students to strive to be the very best they can be in all that they do. Following the phenomenal results achieved this summer, we know that we are delivering the very best quality of education. I encouraged all students to make the most of the wonderful opportunities available to them at Bury Church.

Year 7 were delightful in their first worship. It was good to talk with them about our school motto and what it means to us as a school family. They are a fantastic year group, and we have been incredibly proud of how well they have settled into secondary school. Next week sees our Year 7 residential, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Miss Chapman for the enormous amount of work she has put into organising the trip. Opportunities such as this require a huge amount of planning and commitment, and we are incredibly grateful for her dedication. I hope all our students have a fantastic time, create lasting memories and continue building new friendships.

We were delighted to host Rev Julian Heaton in school this week, who visited Religious Studies lessons and met with our Chaplain and Head of RS. He also spent time with students during lunchtime chaplaincy sessions.

Today, I also enjoyed hosting a Headteacher's Brunch for a group of students who had earned the invitation through their efforts and achievements. I always ask students what they enjoy most about school, and it was encouraging to hear so much positive feedback about the Yondr pouch system. Many commented that it has helped them spend more time talking with their friends and reduced distractions throughout the school day, enabling them to focus more fully on their learning.

Some of the new furniture for our canteen arrived this week, and work continues to expand the dining area even further. While the project is underway, lunchtime can occasionally feel a little busier than it will once the full development is completed. Ensuring that the school continues to operate smoothly alongside a major building project inevitably presents some logistical challenges, but the long-term benefits for our students will be significant. We have also seen a substantial increase in the number of students choosing to purchase food from the canteen and spend their lunchtime there. This is a testament to the quality of the menu, the dedication of our catering team, and the improvements that the new facilities and equipment have already brought. We are excited to see the full impact once the project is complete.

I hope you have had the opportunity to follow the school on Instagram. Our page has recently been refreshed and is a great way to keep up to date with upcoming events, trips and the many activities taking place across the school. Please do follow us at **@burycehigh** to see more of what is happening at Bury Church.

As ever, our students never fail to let their light shine, and it remains a true privilege to celebrate their achievements each week.

S. Wrigley

Upcoming events

14th – 15th September – Y7 residential
17th September – Y11 Parent Information Evening
18th September – Year 7 Individual Photographs and Year 11 Group Photograph
23rd September – Open evening
25th & 28th September – Open mornings

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

Stay up to date with our latest news, updates, and announcements by visiting our Instagram page.

<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

The London Eye Mystery
by Siobhan Dowd

Ted, his older sister Kat, and their cousin Salim go to visit the famous observation wheel in London. Salim boards a sealed glass capsule alone, waving goodbye. Thirty minutes later, the pod returns and every single passenger steps off—except Salim



Personal Development



PSHCE – Next Week’s Learning

- **Year 7:** Exploring how to build healthy friendships, recognise the signs of toxic friendships and know when to seek support.
- **Year 8:** Considering why exercise matters and how regular physical activity supports our physical and mental wellbeing.
- **Year 9:** Investigating what conspiracy theories are, where they come from and why it is important to question information we encounter online.
- **Year 10:** Exploring why equality and diversity are central to British Values, using misogyny as a case study to consider the impact of prejudice and discrimination.
- **Year 11:** Examining why people choose cosmetic and aesthetic procedures and considering the influences, risks and responsibilities involved in these decisions.

School Council Elections – Democracy in Action!

Our Year 10 GCSE Citizenship students are becoming active citizens by forming the Bury Church Electoral Commission and organising this year’s free, fair and secret School Council elections.

Next week: The Electoral Commission will introduce the election process during **SHINE Tutor Time**.

Week beginning 21st September: Candidates from each form should submit their manifesto to the Electoral Commission or **Mrs Shelmerdine**, including **two realistic pledges** explaining what they would like to improve at Bury Church.

Week beginning 28th September: Election Week! Forms will vote by **secret ballot during SHINE Tutor Time** to elect their School Council representative.

This is Citizenship in action – giving our students the opportunity to **experience democracy, participation and active citizenship** within their own school community.



Students have settled back into school well and should now know exactly when their practical PE lessons take place each week. We want all our students to participate fully in the PE curriculum. To support this, please ensure that your child has their full PE kit on the correct day, including:

- PE socks or spare socks.
- Suitable footwear
- For students with long hair a bobble to tie this back.

We ask that students bring PE kit to every practical PE lesson even if they are excused e.g. for medical reasons. This means they can still take part as a coach, leader or official.

In addition to lessons, we also have a full extra-curricular programme. I have attached this for your reference. This information will also be shared with students via form tutors and displayed on the school website.

The PE extra-curricular timetable starts on **Monday 14th September** and is open to all students. Please encourage your child to attend. Not only are these clubs a great opportunity to develop their skills and confidence, but they also provide students with the chance to be active, socialise with others and represent the school in fixtures and competitions

PE Extra-Curricular Timetable for Autumn Term 1 in 2026 to 2027 (September to December) – Starts Monday 14th September

	After School PE Clubs from 3.10pm to 4pm Students MUST bring PE kit
Monday	Year 8 Boys Football Practice – School Field (PC)
Tuesday	Girls Netball Practice – Tennis Courts (RLD/HBY) Girls Netball Fixtures (RLD) – N.B. These fixtures will be confirmed with students on a weekly basis Boys Central Venue Football Fixtures (PC/LJK/AJN) – N.B. These fixtures will be confirmed with students on a weekly basis
Wednesday	Year 11 AQA GCSE PE Theory Intervention until 3.40pm – F3 (PC) Dance and Cheerleading Club for All Year Groups – Sports Hall (DTO) Girls Netball Practice – Tennis Courts (RLD/HBY)
Thursday	Year 11 OCR Sports Studies Theory Intervention until 4.10pm – Library (AJN) Year 11 AQA GCSE PE Theory Intervention until 3.40pm – Room TBC (CHI) Girls Football Practice – School Field (DTO) Year 7 Boys Football Practice – School Field (PC/JM) Badminton Club and Basketball Club – Sports Hall (RLD)
Friday	Year 11 AQA GCSE PE Breakfast Theory Intervention from 8am to 8.30am – please meet at the Sports Hall (PC). Please note this AQA GCSE PE theory intervention session is before school

PC = Mr Connolly AJN = Mr Jackson RLD = Miss Lloyd JM = Mr Mort DT = Mrs Toto HBY = Mrs Byrne LJK = Mr Keenan CHI = Mrs Hilton

- Students must bring PE kit for the after school PE events.
- Students must let their parents/carers know if they are attending after school PE events and ensure that they can get safely home.
- Additional PE fixtures/competitions will take place throughout this term and PE staff will update students about these on a regular basis.

Enrichment in Action: Learning for Life

It has been another busy week of Enrichment, with students across all year groups exploring important topics designed to build their knowledge, confidence and understanding of the wider world.

Year 7 – Show Racism the Red Card: Students explored what racism is, how it can affect individuals and communities, and the importance of challenging prejudice and discrimination as part of their *Show Racism the Red Card* unit.

Year 8 – Where in the World is Uganda? Students began their new Uganda unit by locating Uganda within Africa and exploring its geography, culture and communities. This learning will help students develop their understanding of life beyond the UK and prepare them for our exciting partnership work with a school in Fort Portal, Uganda.

Year 9 – CPR: Skills That Save Lives: Students developed essential First Aid knowledge, learning about CPR, how to respond in an emergency and the importance of acting quickly and safely when someone needs help.

Year 10 – Staying Safe Online: Students explored how to protect themselves online, considering privacy, personal information, potential risks and the steps they can take to make safer choices in an increasingly digital world.

Year 11 – What Does Your Digital Footprint Say About You? Students considered how their online activity creates a lasting digital footprint and how this can influence their reputation, education and future employment opportunities.

Your Future Starts Here: Bury Careers Event

A fantastic opportunity for students and families is coming up! The Bury Careers Event takes place on Wednesday 30th September at Castle Leisure Centre, from 3:30pm–7:00pm.

This large-scale event brings together a wide range of employers, colleges, training providers and other organisations, giving young people the chance to explore future careers, post-16 pathways, apprenticeships and further education opportunities.

We strongly encourage students and their parents/carers to attend, ask questions and start exploring the many exciting options available for their future.

[Bury Career Event 30th September 2026 — Bury Careers Event Career+Event+Booklet+2025.pdf](#)



In the News: The Power of Connection

This week, our In the News focus explored the importance of forming friendships and making positive connections with others. Students considered what makes a healthy friendship, why social connections are important and how we can help others feel welcomed and included.

Through discussion and reflection, students were encouraged to think about the small actions they can take to build stronger relationships and contribute positively to our school community.