



SHINE newsletter

Let your light shine

Headteacher Update

This week, we welcomed Year 5 and Year 6 parents into school for our Open Evening. We knew that our reputation within the community had grown and anticipated higher attendance than in previous years, but we were genuinely overjoyed by the number of families who joined us. It was an absolute pleasure to speak with parents about the wonderful things our students achieve every day and to celebrate all that we have accomplished together as a school community. The message was clear: we may be small, but we are mighty. We are small enough to know every child as an individual, yet ambitious enough to ensure that every student is supported and challenged to achieve far beyond what they thought possible.

Having been part of our journey of rapid improvement, it was an incredibly proud moment as headteacher to share the exceptional outcomes our students are achieving. These results are truly life-changing, opening doors to further education, employment and future success.

We have also been delighted by the many emails and messages we have received praising our student tour guides. Their passion for the school shone through and made a lasting impression on prospective families. One parent wrote to say that the exceptional tour given by one of our students was a key factor in their decision to choose our school for their child. Such feedback is a wonderful testament to our students and to the positive culture we have worked so hard to build together.

This week, Mrs Shelmerdine is inviting applications for the School Council. The School Council plays a vital role in helping to shape school life, giving students the opportunity to share their ideas, represent their peers and contribute to future developments across the school. We are keen for all students to have a voice and be actively involved in our community, so please encourage your child to apply and take part. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills, build confidence and make a positive difference to our school.

Having a new canteen and new routines has naturally been a significant change for students since we arrived back for the new term. The popularity of the new facilities has been wonderful to see, with many more children choosing to enjoy a school meal. This increased demand has required us to adapt and refine our systems as we have settled into the new space. As with any new facility, there has been a period of learning and adjustment. We have carefully reviewed our procedures and introduced more organised, single-file queueing systems to ensure students are served quickly, safely and efficiently. These changes have had a very positive impact, and we now regularly serve the entire school within the first seven minutes of their lunchtime, giving students plenty of time to relax, socialise and enjoy their break with friends.

As always, it has been a pleasure to spend time with your children this week and see them let their light shine. We are incredibly proud of all they achieve each day.

S. Wrigley

Headteacher

Upcoming events

30th September – Bury Careers Event Castle Leisure Centre 3:30pm-7:00pm
7th October – Annual Flu Vaccinations
16th October – B Safe Project

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

Invisible Emmie

Author Terri Libenson

Thirteen-year-old Emmie is the quiet girl at school, the one nobody notices. She loves to draw – and is good at it too – and has a best friend, Brianna, but her crippling shyness makes school and interacting with, well, anyone, really scary.





Personal Development

PSHCE lessons for this week:

Year 7 – Staying Safe: Pupils will explore how to keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school, including recognising risks, making safe choices and knowing where to get help.

Year 8 – Pupils will consider how to look after their mental wellbeing, recognise when someone may be struggling and understand how and where to seek support

Year 9 – Extremism and Protest: Pupils will explore the difference between lawful protest and extremism, considering how people can express strongly held views within a democratic society.

Year 10 – Forced Marriage: Pupils will examine why some British citizens may be at risk of forced marriage, how forced marriage differs from arranged marriage, and the law and support available to protect individuals.

Year 11 – Alcohol and Risk: Pupils will explore how drinking too much alcohol can affect judgement, decision-making and personal safety, and why this can increase the likelihood of risky choices.



Year 11 completed their central venue league fixtures this week with a comfortable 4-1 victory over Derby HS. 2 goals from James Paynter, 1 from Layton and one from Faisal wrapped up match!

A cameo from Leo Houghton-Mort was well received as he proved solid in the centre of defence, clearing the ball with ease and using his physicality to his advantage.

As a credit to the team, we were the only school who attended every fixture each week.

Next up - the Cup!



Enrichment Update

Another busy week of Enrichment, with students developing important knowledge and skills for life beyond the classroom.

Year 7 – Show Racism the Red Card

Year 7 explored what it means to be an anti-racist school, considering how we can challenge racism and create a respectful, inclusive community.

Year 8 – The Uganda Experience

Year 8 explored the University of Salford's Ugandan healthcare simulation, using real-life case studies to learn about the experiences of women and girls accessing healthcare in Uganda.

Year 9 – First Aid

Year 9 learnt how to recognise an asthma attack and how to respond safely and confidently to help someone in an emergency.

Year 10 – Digital Literacy

Year 10 explored online tracking and data protection, learning how their information is collected online and how they can better protect their privacy.

Year 11 – Future Pathways

Year 11 began their Future Pathways unit, learning how to create an effective CV that showcases their skills, achievements and experience.

In the News

During form time, students learnt about Andy Burnham and his role as Prime Minister, developing their understanding of British democracy, political leadership and the role of government.

Year 11 Revision Resources and Mock Examinations

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent Year 11 Pie Night.

A copy of the revision booklet, which contains valuable study strategies, parent support guidance, subject-specific revision resources and recommended revision guides, is available to view here: [Year 11 Revision Booklet](#).

We encourage all families to take a look and use the resources to help support students with their revision and preparation for upcoming assessments.

The Year 11 mock examinations will take place from **2nd to 13th November 2026**. The booklet includes revision techniques, exam preparation advice and guidance for parents to help students achieve their best