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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Lincroft Academy has been rated Good in all four key areas – Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, and Leadership and Management – following our recent Ofsted inspection. You can view a copy of the full report here: [Lincroft Academy Ofsted Report January 2025](#).

This represents a significant achievement for our school and reflects the progress we have made since our previous inspection. The report reflects our commitment to ensuring that every child at Lincroft Academy is known, valued, and supported to be the best they can be. This inspection was conducted under Ofsted's revised framework, which no longer includes single-word overall judgements. However, this change does not diminish the overwhelmingly positive findings of the report, which we are proud to share with you:

- Lincroft Academy is a **welcoming and aspirational community** where pupils enjoy coming to school, connecting with friends, and benefiting from a wide range of extracurricular activities.
- The school provides **diverse opportunities for personal growth**, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, cultural trips (including a residential trip to Wales and theatre visits to London), and numerous sports and performing arts clubs.
- The **curriculum is ambitious and well-designed**, ensuring pupils are challenged and build on their existing knowledge.
- Teachers have **high expectations**, and the majority of pupils take pride in their work, completing activities to a high standard and developing strong learning habits.
- Under the guidance of newly appointed leaders and the trust, the school has made significant improvements since the previous inspection. **Leaders have raised expectations and enhanced opportunities** for pupils.
- Pupils, including those who are disadvantaged, **achieve highly, and perform well in national exams**.
- **Significant improvements in behaviour** were noted, with pupils learning in a calm environment where disruptions to learning are rare and managed effectively.
- Pupils with **special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)**, including those in the school's on-site specially resourced provision (ARC), thrive due to tailored support and targeted interventions.
- The school's **reading programmes** support pupils at different stages of fluency, helping them improve their skills and develop confidence in tackling complex texts.



- The **Powerful Words programme** helps students learn ambitious vocabulary, such as "marginal" and "paradigm," enhancing their ability to understand and use complex terms across the curriculum.
- The school is a **safe and inclusive environment** where pupils are encouraged to develop respect for different races and religions and celebrate cultural diversity through events like culture days.

We are also pleased the report recognises our recent GCSE outcomes, which were some of the best in Lincroft Academy's history. These results rank among the highest in Bedford Borough and are significantly above national averages, reflecting the hard work and determination of our students, supported by our dedicated staff.

While it is pleasing to read so many positive comments, school improvement work is not undertaken for OFSTED and is never complete. The report also identifies areas for further improvement, which we are actively addressing. These include:

- Ensuring that teachers consistently check pupils' understanding and provide clear feedback to help pupils build on their knowledge and improve their work.
- Supporting all pupils to fully engage with their learning and meet the challenges of the curriculum.
- Promoting positive relationships, including further education for pupils on the importance of respectful language and encouraging them to report any concerns with confidence.

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the staff of Lincroft Academy for their hard work to raise standards and provide the best opportunities for students.

As part of Meridian Trust, Lincroft Academy continues to benefit from substantial investment in our facilities. Recent projects, including our new dining hall and activity studio, demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing an enriched and modern learning environment for all students. We look forward to opening our [new specialist teaching facilities](#), which will be completed next year.

We were immensely proud of the way the students conducted themselves during the inspection, and we have written to them to thank them for presenting such a positive view of their school. We would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. Your partnership plays a vital role in our success. Together, we will continue to build further on these achievements to provide the best possible education for our students.

Yours faithfully



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**Principal**



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