



Wednesday 15 January 2025

Dear Lincroft Academy Students,

Thank you for the many positive ways that you engaged with our visitors from OFSTED during our inspection in December. The inspectors were very impressed by you; they spoke to students in every year to delve into a wide range of aspects of life at Lincroft Academy. They visited lessons, the ARC, our five pillars of inclusion and Meridian House, as well as seeing you at break and lunchtime. Over the course of this visit, the inspectors described you as polite and welcoming and were appreciative of the time you spent talking to them. I am very proud of you.

I am 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, where the school was graded as Requires Improvement. The report reflects our shared mission to be the best we can be.

We are very proud to share some of the comments from the report 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.

There are also some things they have suggested we work together to improve. These include sharpening some of the feedback you receive on your work, improving the extent to which some of you engage with your work and are challenged to improve, and ensuring that all of you use respectful language and report concerns to adults when they arise.

Last week in assembly, I encouraged you to reflect on your achievements and asked you to think about what you are proud of. I reminded you how proud I am to be your Principal. Together, our community has made significant improvements since our last inspection and I am delighted these have been recognised by Ofsted. This is yet another moment that makes me very proud of you; well done. I hope you are equally proud of yourselves, your school and the inspection outcome.

Yours faithfully



Ms Appadoo
Principal