





Executive Principal: Mr R Spencer

Friday 19 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a super week to end the term at Lincroft Academy. There is much to share with you, which we have published in our half-termly <u>newsletter</u>.

This week at Lincroft Academy

It was a pleasure to be in house celebration assemblies this week. We celebrated our students' successes in attendance, conduct, home learning engagement, PLEDGES and CARE credits. It is fantastic to see how well students are doing and it is particularly pleasing to see how much attendance to school has improved. Thank you for sending your child to school each day; every single day really does make a lifelong difference. You can read more about the impact of days off here.

We started the week with our Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Oakley. It was a wonderful community evening. Well done to the students involved and thank you to families who attended. We finished the week with another house competition; this time it was the 'Christmas photo' competition. Each tutor group had to create a Christmas scene to feature in a photo and they worked very well together to come up with some superb ideas. We all came together as a community for a whole school assembly, just before tutors walked students to the gate to say goodbye for the Christmas break.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Chalmers, SSA for Topaz house, who moves on to pastures new. However, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Hollis as the new SSA for Topaz. Mrs Hollis has been working as one of our Teaching Assistants for the last 18 months and knows the students well. We also welcome back Assistant Principal Mr Lewis in January, to cover Mrs Hood's maternity leave. We say goodbye to Miss Dixon who leaves us to take up post at another school and we wish her very well.

<u>Messages from our Safeguarding Team</u>

We would like to share a number of safeguarding updates and sources of support to help keep our students and families safe and well over the holiday period and beyond.

Families may wish to be aware of opportunities available through Fun 4 Young People (F4YP), a local pastoral support charity that works closely with schools to support young people's wellbeing, particularly those from low-income families or who may benefit from additional emotional, social, or practical support. Further information can be found at www.f4yp.org/afterschoolclubs, with general details about the charity and its wider support services available at www.f4yp.org.



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We would also like to draw attention to important information from the Beds Police Education and Diversion Team regarding the use of <u>e-scooters and e-bikes</u>. As these become increasingly popular, particularly among young people, it is important that parents and carers are aware of the current legal requirements and safety considerations.

With colder weather setting in, we are sharing <u>guidance</u> from Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service highlighting the serious dangers posed by frozen lakes, rivers, and other bodies of open water.

Finally, <u>here</u> is information from BBC/CBC/MK Public Health to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students and families. This guidance offers practical advice and signposts to support that can be used over the Christmas period and beyond, helping young people and parents know where to turn if they need help. There is also further safeguarding information on our <u>website</u>.

Other information

A6 Roadworks in January

From Monday 5 January 2026 there will be maintenance work on Paula Radcliffe Way which will last 30 days. We understand that lane closures will be in place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. More time may need for journeys, to ensure punctual arrival at school. You can read more here.

Looking ahead

Key Dates

Thursday 22 January 2026: Year 11 Parents Evening Thursday 12 February 2026: Year 9 Parents Evening

We will share more information about appointments and booking after the Christmas holidays.

Finally, I would like to remind you that students return to the Academy on Tuesday 6 January 2026. Have a wonderful break. From all at Lincroft Academy, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

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