



Friday 12 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **This week at Lincroft Academy**

This week saw CARE Santa relaunched for 2025! We have given 25 gifts to the students who have got the most CARE credits awarded each day, with no behaviour points. There has been much anticipation during lesson 5 to see if Santa will knock on the door to present a gift. It has been fabulous to celebrate our values of Excellence and Community in this way and, although they might not admit it, we can see that students have been excited by a visit from Santa; however, there is a possibility that this excitement is more about seeing the Senior Leadership Team in a funny Christmas hat than the visit itself!

Assemblies this week were led by Mr Wildman to discuss our Artsmark award journey and remind students that our academy is committed to providing them with the opportunity to experience, enjoy, and excel in the arts. There are many opportunities to be involved in the arts at Lincroft Academy and we encourage students to get involved.

Some of our Year 11 students went to Swavesey Village College on Monday 11 December for the Meridian Trust English Aspire event. Year 11 mock results day took place this week and we are very proud of the students. Remember, there is a [link between school attendance and GCSE grades](#), and we ask for the support of parents/carers to ensure students attend school on time every day and go to their intervention sessions.

On Thursday 11th December, festively dressed in their Christmas jumpers and many accessories, our Vocalise choir went with Mrs Runnells and Mrs Squires to Milton Ernest Hall Care Home. Performing pieces from the recent Winter Showcase and some festive favourites, the students really enjoyed entertaining the residents. With lots of them singing along and even playing tambourines and sleigh bells with gusto, a fun time was had by all!

Today we held our Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day. There was a wonderful, festive community feel. Students ate together, wore their Christmas hats and some even sang along with their peers playing the piano. It was great to see everyone enjoying the event together. Please don't throw your Christmas jumpers away; in the new year, we will be taking donations of Christmas jumpers so that we can recycle and reuse them in our school community next year.

### **Information from our Safeguarding Team: Gaming Safety & PEGI Ratings**

Gaming provides children with great opportunities for fun and connection — but it's important to ensure their online play is safe. Age ratings protect children from inappropriate content, and conversations about who they play with help minimise online risks such as strangers and unsafe chat.



Community



Aspiration



Respect



Excellence



Supporting children to balance their online and offline lives promotes healthy wellbeing.

Parent/Carer Tips:

- Always check PEGI age ratings before downloading games
- Use parental controls to manage communication and spending
- Keep gaming devices in shared family spaces
- Agree screen time boundaries and include regular breaks

Useful links:

Internet Matters – Gaming safety → <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

PEGI Age Ratings Guide → <https://pegi.info/page/parents>

### **Looking ahead**

Next week, we look forward to our Christmas carol concert at St Marys Church, Oakley from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Please join us for this community event if you can. CARE Santa continues and we will be giving more gifts to students each day. House celebration assemblies take place next week, to recognise and share the successes of our students. These will also feature our annual 12 Days of Christmas singing competition and, on Tuesday, Year 7 students will be involved in a PE house competition. On the final day of term, we reveal the winners of the CARE cup for the Autumn term and tutor groups will work as a team to answer the big Lincroft Academy quiz of 2025. They will also create festive photo scenes for the final house challenge of the year!

Finally, a reminder that the last day of this term is Friday 19 December and students finish at 1pm. School transport will run at that time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Ms E Appadoo

**Principal**