



Friday 12 September 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

## **This week at Lincroft Academy**

I hope you had a wonderful week. Our first full week of the academic year has been a great one! Walking around the Academy and going into lessons each day has been a pleasure. Students are well-prepared and ready to learn, approaching their lessons with focus and determination. We are very proud of them. I delivered house assemblies this week, focusing on Community, one of our CARE values. I talked about belonging, and the responsibility we have in our community to make sure that our actions always promote CARE, kindness and safety. I also reminded students about who to approach if they have a concern; any member of staff can help, and our [house teams](#) are the first point of contact for you as parents/carers. For a safeguarding concern, please contact our [Safeguarding Team](#).

## **Information from our Safeguarding Team**

We are excited to let you know that Lincroft Academy will be taking part in Phase Two of the Bedford Borough Council Team Around Schools (TAS) Pilot. This important initiative brings together schools and key local services to work in partnership, ensuring children and families can access the right support at the right time. You can read the full letter, which explains more about the TAS pilot and what it means for our school community, by following the link [here](#).

## **Local CHUMS Workshop**

Please see [attached](#) CHUMS children and families workshops for Autumn and Winter. The link to book and get more information can be found here: [Emotional Wellbeing Service | CHUMS](#)

## **Bedfordshire Police – *Not My Child***

Bedfordshire Police are holding their next [Not My Child](#) event in Bedford on 1<sup>st</sup> October, to raise awareness of the dangers and warning signs of exploitation, county lines and knife crime. For more information, [click here](#).

## **Other information**

## **CARE Awards evening**

On 23 September, we are holding our first CARE awards evening. This is an additional opportunity to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students who truly live our CARE values – Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence. Students who have achieved awards will receive a letter of invitation next week.



## **CARE to Learn: Rewards and Behaviour Policy**

Earlier this week we sent a letter with an update to our rewards and behaviour policy. If you missed it, you can find it [here](#).

## **Bedford Borough Council: SEND Activities**

Blues & Beyond: SEND Activity Sessions for young people aged 10–18 will be starting again on Saturday 13th September at John Bunyan Sports and Fitness. For more information, click [here](#).

## **No More Marking**

Across Meridian Trust this year, we will be working with No More Marking, to provide us with a robust method of moderating pupils' writing. We are looking to improve the efficiency of how we implement No More Marking and we will be trialling an AI based method which validates our moderation process. The method requires us to share anonymised images of student work from writing tasks that will be transcribed and shared with AI cloud services. The data may be transferred to servers in the United States but we ensure it benefits from an adequate level of data protection by relying on Adequacy decisions and Standard contractual clauses. The data is deleted on the backend within 30 days of receipt or generation. The data is not used to train AI models. For further information, please see the [GDPR](#) and [privacy notice](#) from No More Marking.

## **Looking ahead**

Please find a list of key dates for all year groups [here](#).

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents/carers of Year 9 students for our 'Supporting your child through Key Stage 4' information evening. In case you missed it, the invitation letter is [here](#). Year 11 progress reports will be sent home next week and students in Year 7 will be completing CATS tests. More information about these tests is [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Ms E Appadoo  
**Principal**