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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a great week.

This week at Lincroft Academy

There have been lots of student leadership development activities this week. Our antibullying ambassadors received training as part of the prestigious Diana Award on Thursday. 50 students participated in group activities to understand how to identify bullying behaviours and support students who may be affected, building on the firm foundation we have set in school via our <u>anti-bullying charter</u>. On Tuesday, student ambassadors attended the Bedford secondary pupil voice conference, where they represented Lincroft Academy. I had the pleasure of reading Year 10 applications for the role of next year's Head Students this week. It is going to be a very challenging task to shortlist the applications as they are of a very high standard!

Assemblies this week were led by our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Byrne, focusing on White Ribbon Day. This is an international campaign, this year's theme being 'We Speak Up'. Focusing on ending violence against women and girls, whilst encouraging others to speak up about male violence against women. During tutor time this week, students engaged in sessions about road safety, with essential reminders about how to keep themselves and others safe.

Some of our Year 7 students joined the Meridian Trust Maths Challenge at Sawtry Village Academy on Wednesday. They had a fantastic day, worked hard and represented Lincroft Academy very well. Our Year 9 Health and Social Care students enjoyed a trip to Milton Ernest Care Home where they held a water colour painting session with residents, and our ARC students went to Bedford College as part of their post-16 pathway exploration

We celebrate our U13 Girls Football Team who are league champions. Well done to the team; we are very proud of you! What a fantastic achievement. In other sporting news this week, our Year U15 netballers played in the County Netball Tournament and placed third.

<u>Information from our Safeguarding Team : Road, Travel & Community Safety</u>

As winter evenings draw in, being safe on the journey to and from school becomes even more important. We encourage children to show Respect for roads and shared spaces, Excellence in following safety rules, and a strong sense of Community in looking out for one another. Learning safe habits now builds confidence and Aspiration for growing independence as they get older. We ask families to reinforce the message: staying alert and visible keeps everyone safe.

Parent/Carer Tips:

• Remind children to choose well-lit routes and talk through dangers together



Community



Aspiration



Respect



Excellence























- Encourage children to remove earphones or pause phones near roads
- For cycling or scooting: helmets, reflective clothing and reliable brakes
- Remind children to walk with trusted friends or adults where possible Useful link:

Brake – Road safety advice for families → https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/parents-and-road-safety

Other information

Proposed Residential Visits in 2027

We are currently planning our residential visits for 2026 – 2027. We are sharing this information so that families have time to consider which trip(s) they wish to apply for. We expect the residential trips to include:

- February 2027 Iceland open to students studying Geography in Year 10 in the academic year 2026 -2027.
- Easter holidays 2027 Austria Ski Trip during the Easter holiday; open to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 in the academic year 2026 2027.
- July 2027 Berlin open to GCSE German and History students in Year 10 in academic year 2026 2027.

Letters will be sent out in the coming weeks with more information, including specific dates, costs and how to express interest.

Looking ahead

We look forward to our Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea and Winter Showcase on Monday. Our Year 11 students continue NEAs in Media and PE next week. Flu vaccines take place for students with consent on Wednesday 3 December, and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 10 students to parents evening on Thursday. More information here.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Appadoo

Principal