



Friday 5 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Lincroft Academy

We started this week in a festive way; our Year 9 GCSE Food students hosted afternoon tea for local senior citizens and our winter showcase performers entertained with some wonderful pieces. It is lovely for our community to have opportunities to experience how fantastic our young people are. We received some wonderful emails of thanks, including:

'Please pass on my thanks to the music and food staff for a lovely experience. They obviously have excellent relationships with their students. Also pass on my thanks and congratulations to the students. It was nice to see such confident and pleasant young people having the opportunity to show their talents. They did themselves and the school great credit.'

I am proud of the way in which our students welcomed our guests and made sure they were well looked after. Well done to all involved. Later that same evening, the winter showcase took place and our students gave confident, impressive performances that the audience, including me, thoroughly enjoyed. Well done!

Staying on the theme of community, I'd like to thank you for your contributions to our winter collection for the Bedford Foodbank. On Monday, our Head Students and House Captains gave the food to the foodbank on behalf of our school community. Finally, another thank you, this time to parents/carers of Year 10 students, for joining us at parents evening this week.

House assemblies were led by Mr Barry, Deputy SENCO, on the theme of Inclusion and the International Day of Persons with disabilities. We discussed visible and invisible disabilities and how our CARE values, especially those of community and respect, help foster inclusivity.

Information from our Safeguarding Team : Healthy & Safe Relationships

Positive relationships help children feel confident, included and valued. They are still learning about personal boundaries, fairness, empathy and consent — all key elements of safe friendships. We teach children that healthy relationships make us feel good about ourselves, and that everyone has the right to be treated with kindness and respect. If something doesn't feel safe or kind, children should always tell a trusted adult.

Parent/Carers can support by:

- Talking about what makes a friendship safe and supportive
- Helping children recognise warning signs such as pressure, put-downs or exclusion



Community



Aspiration



Respect



Excellence



- Reinforce that it's okay to say "no" or ask for space
- Celebrate compassionate and fair behaviour at home and school

Useful links:

NSPCC – Healthy relationships → <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/healthy-relationships>

Childline – Friendship support → <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/friends/>

F4YP Clubs (*please note these are not run by Lincroft Academy*)

A message from 4YP: Spaces at the FAYP Spring term after-school clubs are currently live though Eventbrite and you can view their upcoming activities [here](#). For families/young people who are struggling with confidence, resilience, social skills and/or wellbeing, as a pastoral support charity, 4YP work on tackling these issues, reducing social isolation and building confidence overall.

Other information

Entertaining lunch times

We now have a piano in our Dining Room. In the style of St. Pancras Station, students have been giving impromptu performances, getting up to have a go on the piano. There have been songs, singing and lots of fun; even a guitar has made an appearance! It would be great to see even more students getting involved in the fun.

Friday 12 December: Christmas dinner and jumpers

We look forward to Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Dinner Day on Friday 12 December. A reminder of the arrangements are [here](#). Students who have not pre-booked a meal will be able to bring their own food or purchase cold food options at our Grab and Go. If students wish to wear a Christmas jumper, they may do so instead of a school blazer or jumper; all other items of school uniform should be worn as usual. Families are invited to make a donation to Save the Children [here](#).

Website Launch

We are happy to announce that we will be publishing our new website very soon. During this time, there may be some areas of the site that remain under construction and previous links that no longer work. We apologise for any inconvenience during this time. Please contact us via your child's house team if you require information that you cannot find on the website.

Looking ahead

Some of our Year 11 students are off to Swavesey Village College on Monday 11 December for the Meridian Trust English Aspire event. On Thursday 11 December our Year 9 Health and

Social Care visit Milton Ernest Care Home and, later in the afternoon, others will visit Milton to sing Christmas carols. We look forward to Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Dinner Day on Friday 12 December.

The final day of this term is on Friday 19 December and school closes at 1pm. School transport will run at this time. The 25 public bus will come onto school site on that day, but will run from Oakley as per the [timetable](#). Our term dates can be found [here](#). Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E Appadoo', written over a circular scribble.

Ms E Appadoo

Principal