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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 'Taste Your Future' careers and work experience programme

We are delighted that your child has the opportunity to take part in Taste Your Future, an exciting careers and work experience programme for Year 9 students at Lincroft Academy.

Sponsored by Bedford Giving, delivered by 4YP UK, and developed in partnership with bpha (Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association), this programme has been designed to help young people build confidence, develop essential workplace skills, explore future career opportunities, and gain first-hand experience of the world of work.

At a time when many young people are beginning to think about their future aspirations, Taste Your Future provides a unique opportunity to learn directly from employers, visit a workplace, and take part in a real-life business challenge.

What will students experience?

The programme is delivered through five connected sessions, including:

- Meeting professionals from bpha and learning about their careers.
- Exploring a wide range of job roles within housing, construction, sustainability and business.
- Visiting a workplace and gaining valuable insight into professional environments.
- Working as part of a team to solve a genuine employer challenge.
- Developing and presenting ideas to employers and receiving professional feedback.

All sessions will take place during school time, please see the schedule below;

Wednesday 11th November Week B	Period 1 - project launch Period 2 - project presentation.
Wednesday 18th November Week A	Period 1 – 2 carousels with employer and project work.
Thursday 19th November Week A	Whole day off timetable to work on their projects. A trip to bpha at 11am-1pm. During the trip, please make sure that your child has a water bottle and a snack.

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Friday 20th November Week A	Period 1 - Classroom presentations for nominations to the Final on the 25th November.
Wednesday 25th November Week B	Period 1 - Project competition presentations and competition prize winners.

Bpha visit – Thursday 19 November

As part of this work experience programme, we will be taking all year 9 students to bpha in Bedford for 2 hours between 11am and 1pm. The students will be able to connect the brief to a real place, collect relevant observations and use these to strengthen and finalise their proposal (further information on this project can be found on the attached information page).

We have organised a coach to transport all students to and from the location. The plan for the day is as follows:

09:05-10.45 | Classroom activity: Before the visit, we will give teams observation prompts linked to layout, homes, shared spaces, safety, sustainability and community needs. Prepare any questions that students must ask bpha to help with their projects.

10:45-11.05 | Travel to bpha

11.05-13:00 | bpha site visit: During the visit, students will go on a tour of the head office, will be given presentation skill support and will hear from apprentices.

14:05-15:05 | Classroom activity: Following the visit, we will ask the students to reflect on the visit and identify what they will add or change to their project as a result.

Students will be required to bring a drink and a snack (no nuts please).

Photographs will be taken of the students when we are there, but they will be from behind, so faces will not be shown. All photos will be passed onto the school to check before they are used.

If you would like to opt-out your child from coming on this visit, please do let us know as soon as possible on trips@lincroft.academy

Please do get in touch if you have any further questions and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Gemma Stapley
Lead Practitioner of Science