

WINTER TERM LINCOLN UTC NEWS



As we approach the end of the first term of the 2025–26 academic year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an exceptionally busy but very successful start. Our students have embraced every challenge, every opportunity, and every experience with energy and enthusiasm, and it has been a privilege to watch our community thrive.

One of the highlights this term has been the growth of our Strong Girls initiative (sponsored by local businesses), empowering our female students with confidence, resilience, and leadership skills. Alongside this, our Careers Fair, supported by extensive outreach work, assemblies and visits to other schools, has helped students gain a deeper understanding of their 'next steps' with many actively exploring their future options.

Our trips programme has been equally impressive. Students have enjoyed a memorable visit to London – visiting the Houses of Parliament and the Foreign Office, inspiring English theatre trips, and a truly extraordinary cultural and STEM experience in Hong Kong. These opportunities broaden horizons and reinforce the confidence our students develop here at the UTC.

As always, our students showed outstanding maturity and respect on Remembrance Day, demonstrating the values that define our community. Closer to home, it has been wonderful to see families coming together for our Lego Evenings – fostering creativity and teamwork, and to welcome so many new families during our Open Evening events.

We have also enjoyed exceptional success in competitions. Our students represented us superbly at UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, finishing as regional winners, while our engineering teams excelled at the Plant Works competition, winning the Best Build Quality Award. At Greenpower International Finals at Goodwood, our students once again demonstrated technical skill, teamwork and determination... finishing 17th in the world! And in a more unusual highlight, our UTC Fishing Competition offered a brilliant day of friendly competition and calm reflection.

Our students have also shown remarkable community spirit, raising funds for World Mental Health Day through – another example of the compassion and maturity they bring to school life.

Our students represented the UTC brilliantly at Vertikal Days, engaging with industry professionals and gaining hands-on experience that truly reflects what makes our school unique.

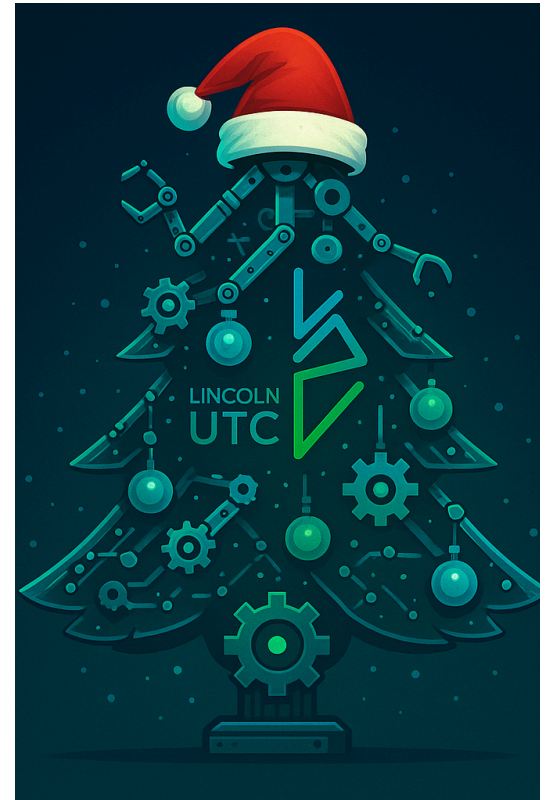
We are always proud of our alumni, and this term we celebrate Timur, who has secured a place at Cambridge University – a testament to his hard work and the dedication of the staff who supported him. At the start of this academic year we welcomed to our board of governors, a former alumni Izzy Latimer, who went on from Lincoln UTC to study Mathematics at university, and has since transitioned to a PhD in Fluid Dynamics, where she studies hydrogen release in nuclear waste at Sellafield.

On 17th December 146 students travelled to Stamford to watch A Christmas Carol at the Stamford Theatre, a two person production by Dickenson Theatre Company. This was our biggest trip to date and was a huge success!

As we head toward the Christmas break, I want to thank all our students, staff, families and partners for their continued support. This has been an exceptional term, and I am excited to see what the rest of the academic year brings.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

STUART HAMER – PRINCIPAL



HONG KONG 2025

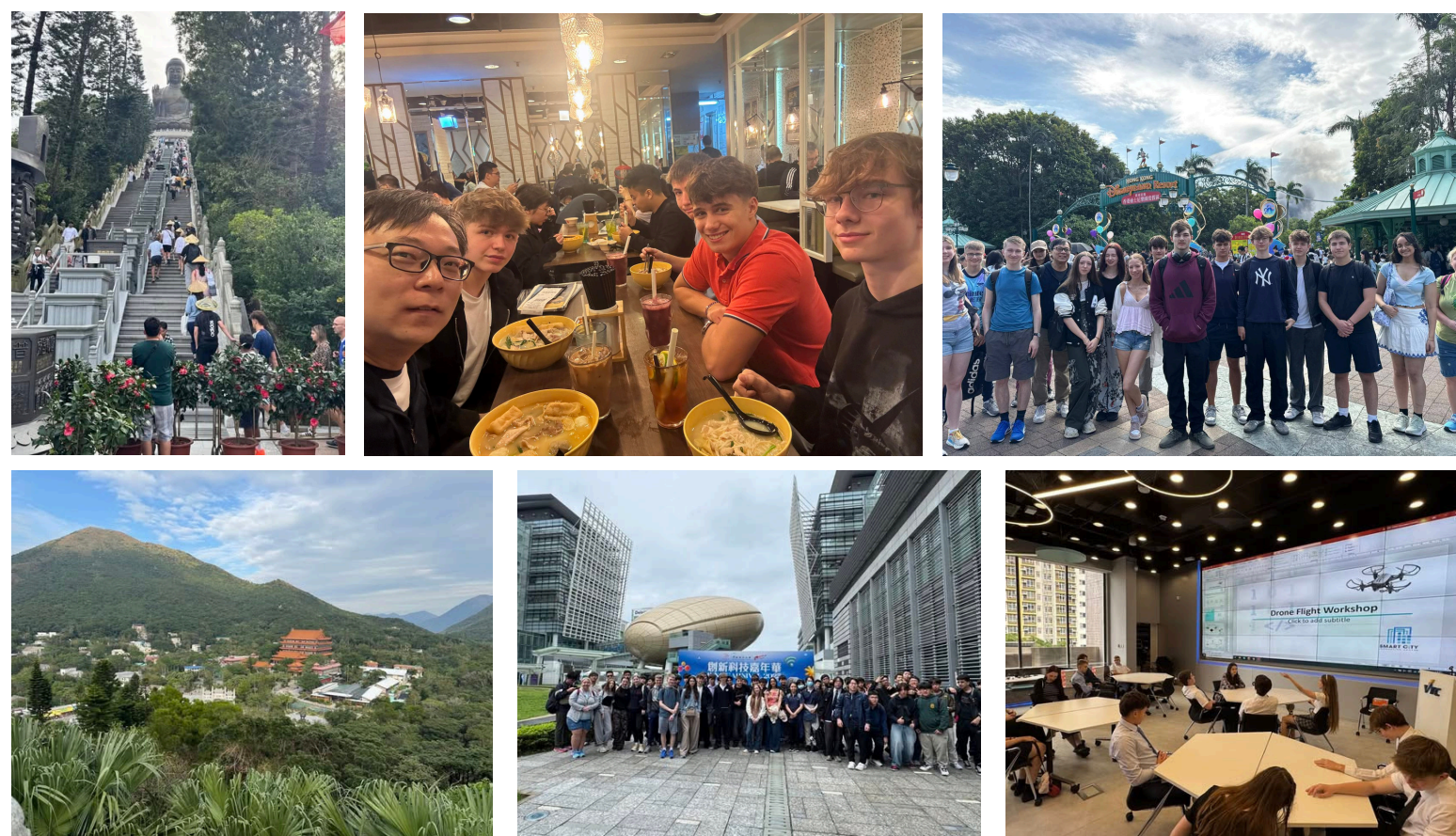
What an incredible experience for our Lincoln UTC students in Hong Kong!

From exploring the culture, food, and education at HKVTC to visiting InnoCarnival 2025 – the city's biggest STEM expo – our students made unforgettable memories.

They toured HKVTC's stunning Tseung Kwan O campus, experienced Hong Kong's longest escalator, and were wowed by the creative fashion and art facilities.

Highlights included a magical (and very long!) day at Disneyland, a visit to the Big Buddha and Po Lin Temple, breathtaking cable car views, and some well-deserved shopping before heading home.

We're so proud of how our students represented Lincoln UTC and a big thank you to Mr Chung and Mrs Hardiman-Crust for accompanying the students.



SEE YOU SOON MRS DICKINSON

As we reach the end of term, we are delighted to share some wonderful news from our English Department. Our fantastic English Teacher, Mrs. Dickinson, is heading off on maternity leave as she begins an exciting new chapter with her growing family.

We will miss her passion, creativity, and unwavering dedication in the classroom, but we couldn't be happier for her as she prepares to welcome her new bundle of joy.

On behalf of the whole Lincoln UTC community, we send our warmest wishes for a smooth, joyful maternity leave filled with special moments.

We can't wait to meet the newest addition to the family and look forward to welcoming Mrs. Dickinson back after her maternity leave.



FISHING COMPETITION

Some of our students spent the day at Hanworth Country Park for a fishing competition – and there were some impressive catches!

- 🐟 Leon – 11 lb 4 oz
- 🐟 Reuban – 9 lb 10 oz
- 🐟 George – 7 lb 2 oz
- 🏆 Special shoutout to Marley, winner of the “Small Fry” award!

Well done to everyone who took part – what a brilliant day out!



YOUNG CARERS

We are incredibly proud of Bakoory, who has made a significant contribution to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers, supporting a parliamentary inquiry into education, training, and employment opportunities for young adult carers.

In recognition of his impact, Bakoory has been invited to the House of Commons in January 2026 for the launch of this landmark report, supported by Chris Vince MP and Alison Bennett MP.

This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to Bakoory’s dedication and advocacy for others. Well done – we are extremely proud.



CAREERS FAIR 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Careers Event today!

It was a fantastic success – our students were fully engaged, asking brilliant questions, and exploring an incredible range of career and university pathways. We’re so grateful to all the employers, training providers, and universities who took the time to attend and inspire our students:



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND FOREIGN OFFICE TRIP

Our students had an incredible opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – a day none of us will forget!

We were extremely fortunate to meet Hamish Falconer, MP for Lincoln and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Dr Bryony Mathew, Her Majesty’s Ambassador to Iceland. Both took time out of their incredibly busy schedules to speak with our students and answer their questions – an experience that was as inspiring as it was unique.

Our students also enjoyed fascinating tours of both the Foreign Office and Parliament, gaining a behind-the-scenes insight into the workings of government and international diplomacy.

A huge thank you to Hamish Falconer and his team, and everyone who made the visit so special. It was an unforgettable day, and we’re so grateful for the warm welcome and the opportunity to give our students such a memorable experience.



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY



Students came together for a moving Remembrance Assembly led by our UTC cadets. They delivered a powerful message to their peers about the importance of honouring those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

We are incredibly proud of our cadets for their composure, respect, and dedication in leading this important occasion.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURS

Lincoln UTC took part in a dynamic Business Entrepreneur Day at the University of Lincoln, diving into a full programme designed to spark innovation and ambition.

The day kicked off with an inspiring series of lectures on what it really takes to become a successful entrepreneur, giving students insider insights into mindset, strategy, and opportunity-spotting. They then explored the world of business degrees at the university, discovering the pathways, skills, and real-world experiences that could shape their future careers. Something that already feels comfortable and familiar to LUTC students.

The highlight of the event was a fast-paced business concept competition, where teams pitched business ideas, showcased their creativity, and battled to impress the judges.

It was a day packed with energy, enterprise, and excitement – empowering Lincoln UTC students to think big and turn their ideas into action.



MOVEMBER

We finished the month of November with a non-uniform day and a bake sale to raise money for the Year 11 Prom.

We also raised funds for the Movember charity by selling moustaches, with many staff and students showing off the impressive ‘mos’ to raise awareness for Men’s mental health!

To top it off, Mr Hamer even shaved off Mr Archer’s beard in front of all the students.



STRONG GIRLS SQUAD

A huge thank you to Kristen from Strong Girls Squad for delivering a session and inspiring our new year 10 students this term.

To continue offering these valuable sessions and keep empowering our girls, we rely on sponsorship from our business community.

We are incredibly grateful to the fantastic businesses who have already enabled us to run these sessions so far.

If you would like to sponsor our Strong Girls programme and help us continue to support girl's mental health and wellbeing, please do get in touch. A big thank you to **M M Forgings, Waldeck Consulting, A Green Engineering and GPC Industries** for all their support so far.



UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE WINNERS

We are so pleased that we are UKMT Senior Maths challenge regional final winners! We're incredibly proud of our talented students who represented Lincoln UTC in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge regional final at The University of Lincoln.

Competing against 13 teams from schools across the county, our students demonstrated outstanding problem-solving, teamwork and mathematical thinking throughout the competition.

A huge well-done to our brilliant team:

- ★ Bube Nduanya (Y13)
- ★ Jan Kostic (Y13)
- ★ Oliver Rees (Y12)
- ★ Michael Lam (Y12)

Your hard work, commitment and passion for maths truly shone through – you were fantastic ambassadors for Lincoln UTC.

The UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge (STMC) is a national competition that brings together teams of 16-18-year-old students to solve challenging mathematical problems in a fast-paced, collaborative environment. Run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust, the competition aims to deepen students' mathematical curiosity while developing teamwork and communication skills.



ART AND DESIGN CREATIVE - VICTORIA MALTANSKA

Lincoln UTC is continuously evolving, and with that, it pushes to open new doors. Recently, the school has taken a leap into the new generation of creative subjects – introducing a BTEC in Art and Design, where practical skills matter! Moreover, there's no exam at the end of the course... it's all in practice.

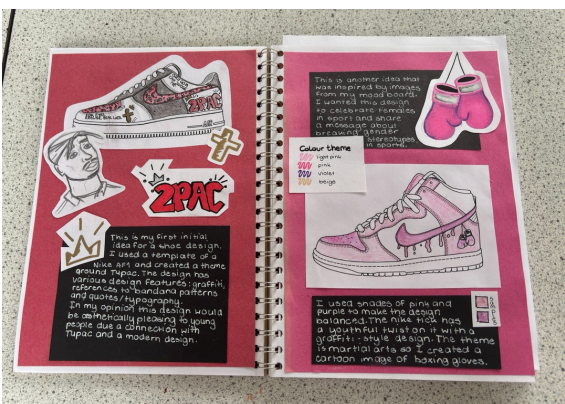
I, firsthand, am part of the first year to take on the course. I must admit that this decision was quite a scary move for me as I headed into Year 12 – to take on a course that is new to the school, that differentiates from the other subjects, and that is all assessed practically. However, as a student who has always felt more connected to the creative industry yet enjoyed studying at UTC, a STEM college, it was like a miracle when the school offered this opportunity. I was able to stay in the place that makes me flourish, feel confident, and feel safe, while also taking a creative course.

Currently, there is a handful of students on the course, and everyone is eager to know what the course is like. On this course, we complete multiple small projects, with different teachers, from which we will select our best pieces to be graded. The lessons are versatile, with each project focusing on different skills: scale modelling, graphic design, textiles... you name it! Due to the small size of my group, students can build close relationships with the teacher and receive one-on-one feedback. The lessons are relaxed and provide freedom for our creativity; the course is very self-led, as the teachers allow us to present and conduct our coursework in a way that suits us. The teachers provide us with support as we work in our free time and welcome us to use their workshops whenever we need too.

One of the projects that the group is currently working on is a haunted house scale model. We received a 'client' brief explaining what we were expected to create. The brief replicates a real-life situation and gives us an insight into how the industry functions. After assessing what the 'client' asked for, we began gathering ideas for each of our individual scale models. The school, fortunately, organised a trip to local architectural sites so that we could gather inspiration for our designs. Each of the students is constructing their design using the wide range of materials that the school has. We use CAD and CNC machines to produce parts of our models, alongside craft skills. This expands our knowledge and helps craft intricate and unique designs.

I interviewed my peers to gain insight into their perspectives. This is what they said:
"I enjoy the freedom to use our own creativity and ideas to create products and art while gaining skills that can be transferred to future careers and universities."
"I enjoy the calm environment and how we can talk one-on-one with the teachers about our creations."
"We have so many different materials provided for us that there are no limits on what we want to design."

Now, doesn't that sound like new opportunities knocking at your door?



A LEVEL ENGLISH TRIP TO SEE OTHELLO

Our A Level English students had an unforgettable experience watching Othello live at the Theatre Royal Haymarket in London as part of their studies. This powerful production of Shakespeare’s tragedy brought the text vividly to life and gave our students an incredible chance to see themes of jealousy, manipulation, and betrayal played out on a real West End stage.

The show stars David Harewood in the title role of Othello, with Toby Jones as the cunning Iago and Caitlin FitzGerald as Desdemona — all under the direction of award-winning director Tom Morris (best known for War Horse). The production also features atmospheric music by PJ Harvey and a striking creative design that really makes Shakespeare’s storytelling leap off the page.

Seeing Othello performed by professional actors helped deepen our students’ understanding of character, language, and dramatic tension — and it was so exciting to hear them discussing the play with such insight afterwards.

Huge thanks to everyone who made the trip such a success — what a fantastic way to bring Shakespeare to life



STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr Joseph



Huge congratulations to UTC TA Nathan Joseph who completed the Lincoln Half Marathon in an impressive time of 2 hours and 1 minute!

A brilliant achievement demonstrating determination and resilience.

Mrs Taylor



Huge congratulations to our science teacher, Mrs Taylor, on completing the Great North Run!

Not only did she smash the challenge, but she also raised money for the amazing charity Mummy’s Star, which supports women and families affected by cancer during pregnancy.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Cdt Moran and Cdt Donelly!

We’re delighted to share that both cadets have been promoted to Corporal in the Air Training Corps, 1237 North Hykeham Squadron.

A fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work, dedication, and leadership.



Congratulations to Ben Kirk, who attended the Lincoln Sea Cadets’ Presentation Evening at Sobraon Barracks to mark the end of the year.

Ben was awarded Best Dressed Cadet of the Year and the Endeavour Award, recognising his dedication and outstanding representation of the Corps’ values.

He also took part in the Tri-Service Band, performing at the start of the evening.

PLANTWORKS COMPETITION - BEST BUILD QUALITY AWARD

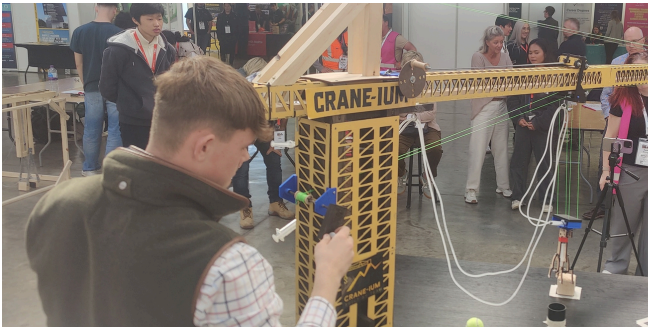
Congratulations to our students who competed in the Plantworks Competition (the UK’s largest working construction exhibition) at the Newark Showground.

The challenge was to design and build a machine capable of lifting and moving a variety of objects.

Lincoln UTCs team won the Best Build Quality Award – an incredible achievement!

Well done to: Joe Rooke, Keira Lynch, Archie Oliver-Dallas, Olli Sinclair, Rueben Robinson, Josh Cole, Nichole Burrows

Your creativity, teamwork, and dedication truly shone through. A huge thank you as well to Mr Marshall and Mr Willford for their guidance and support.



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9TH FEBRUARY

5PM-7PM

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Our Sixth Form provides a specialist education for students wishing to pursue a future career in science, engineering, maths or technology. Post-16 outcomes are consistently strong.

Small class sizes allow us to provide personalised support and intervention which leads to excellent results. Students have a mature and proactive attitude to learning and benefit from a calm and purposeful learning environment.

The Post-16 curriculum is based around the core STEM subjects. Approximately half of our students follow A Level programmes of study and the other half choose to complete a three A Level equivalent BTEC in engineering. Students can also choose to complete a combination of A level and vocational subjects.

To find out more, visit our LUTC6 open evening on Monday 9th February 2026 or to book or a personalised tour please call 01522 775990 or email; admissions@lincolnutc.co.uk