

SPRING TERM LINCOLN UTC NEWS

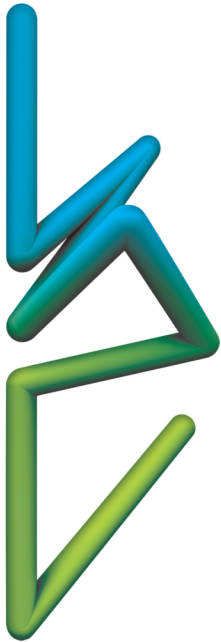
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LUTC – STUART HAMER

Taken from the official opening day of Lincoln UTC Dr Rona Mackenzie standing proud at the front of her new school, with the Latin phrase 'Disce aut Discede' on the welcoming plaque, meaning 'learn or depart'. It's kind of what we operate by now, 10 years on.

Greestone House, the old segment of what is now Lincoln UTC, is a special place for lots of people. From the original students who attended when it was an all-girls school, followed by the Lincoln's art college students, everyone who visits holds fond memories from their time here.

Whilst we have been open as a UTC 11 years, we have only been accommodated in our present building for 10 of those. The first of our students attended the UTC in Chad Vara House, just up the hill, in the Bailgate area of Lincoln.

Team UTC has been on a remarkable journey since. We are now oversubscribed year on year and operate substantial waiting lists. In the early days, we worked with many primary schools, building and trebuchets to raise our profile – and knocking down walls! We have a local charity that we regularly support – Project Compass. We have welcomed students from over 40 schools. Our female contingent has grown from 20 to 30%. The specialisms we have are now recognised and acknowledged by other local schools. Ofsted hold us in high regard, as do Baker Dearing, the trust who started the UTC movement.



We have celebrated nearly 1450 students taking the leap of faith in year 10, moving to the UTC from their 'home' school. We have had some casualties along the way, but we have never shied away from, and never will, suggesting that the UTC is not for everyone. Afterall, we are not just a typical school.

With no standard uniform, no lesson bell, excellent student teacher relationships, 96+% attendance for the past 6 years, low staff turnover, high student and staff morale, we are very much atypical!



MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Our recent Mock Interview Day was a fantastic success, providing students with a valuable opportunity to develop their interview skills and prepare for the workplace. Held in collaboration with a range of businesses, including the RAF, Computacenter, Wright Vigour, Lindum Construction, the NHS, and many more, the event gave students first-hand experience of professional interviews.

Throughout the day, students engaged in one-to-one interviews with industry professionals, gaining insights into what employers look for in candidates. Each interview was followed by constructive feedback, helping students identify their strengths and areas for improvement. This experience not only boosted their confidence but also equipped them with essential skills for future job applications.

Employers were highly impressed with the enthusiasm and preparedness of our students. They shared valuable advice on CV writing, communication techniques, and the importance of demonstrating key employability skills. Many students commented on how the experience helped them feel more confident and better prepared for real-world interviews.

As we continue to focus on preparing our students for their future careers, we look forward to hosting similar events and strengthening our connections with local and national industries. If you are a business interested in getting involved in future initiatives, please get in touch!

Thank you once again to everyone who made the day a success!



REMEMBERING STEVE COUPE MBE

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of Steve Coupe MBE on Sunday, 23rd March. Steve was a valued member of the Lincoln UTC community, serving as an invigilator and dedicating himself wholeheartedly to supporting our students. His kindness, dedication, and unwavering commitment made a lasting impact on everyone he worked with.

Beyond his work at UTC, Steve's passion for helping others extended far and wide. He was awarded an MBE for his incredible charity work and gave so much of his time and energy to the British Legion, working tirelessly to support veterans and their families. His generosity and selflessness knew no bounds, and his contributions will be remembered for years to come.

Steve was not just a colleague but a friend to many, and his presence will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Steve. Your kindness and dedication will never be forgotten.



IMAGESKOOL GRAFITTI

We are delighted with our art work around the UTC, after 10 years in the building it felt right to make some changes and update the white walls. Thank you to imageskool for their talent and vision.



BE INSPIRED - MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On 26th February, a group of UTC students attended the Lincoln University 'Be Inspired - Mental Health' day.

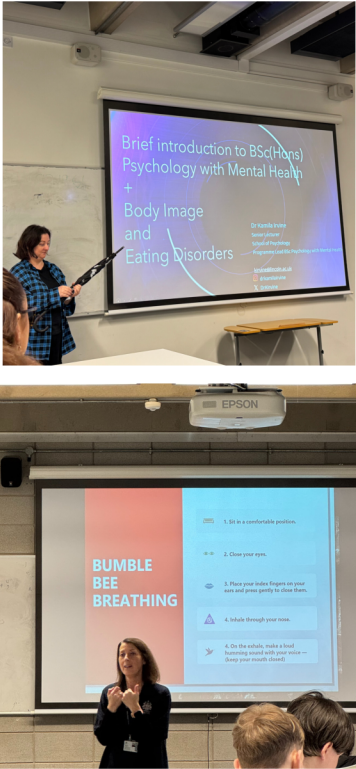
The day consisted of four workshops designed to provide students with an opportunity to gain an insight into various mental health courses on offer at Lincoln University and the potential career paths these programmes can open.

The 'Psychology with Mental Health' workshop began with an overview of the role psychologists play in understanding the causes of mental distress and the ways they can help people with different disorders. The session focussed on body image and eating disorders and opened up discussions about the factors that impact on body image, prejudices caused by 'weight stigma' and ways to make it easier for people to live a healthy lifestyle.

The 'Health & Social Care' workshop focussed on public health & human behaviour and began with an interactive activity to explore the advantages and disadvantages of stress. This involved moving around the room to show how different personality types react differently to the same stressful scenario. Students then spent time in small groups discussing effective ways to reduce stress and how adrenaline can be channelled in useful ways.

The 'Social Work' workshop began with an introduction into the roles social workers play in promoting human rights and improving people's lives. The mental health dimension involved in social work and the different 'social models' were explained. The workshop ended with a short video of a young adult talking about the challenges he has faced living with schizophrenia. This led to discussions about ways to communicate with people whose experiences are not shared by others.

The students from Lincoln UTC engaged well with the workshops and gave useful contributions to the discussions throughout the day. The event gave students a real feel for each subject area and the chance to discover some of the study options available should they wish to pursue a career in Mental Health.



YEAR 10 BOXING CHAMPS



Huge congratulations to Lincoln UTC students Harry Ledger Thompson and Oscar Harrison on their incredible boxing achievements!

Both boys competed in Doncaster in February. Oscar marked his debut with a stunning win, while Harry showcased his skills with an impressive TKO in his fifth fight. We are really proud of you both for your hard work and dedication! 🌞

MR HAMER MAKES A SPLASH

Fighting it out for a podium position in the recent County Championships, our Principal, Stuart Hamer, going toe-to-toe with the young guns across Lincolnshire.

Despite being the oldest in the field by nearly two decades, he managed a 3rd in 100 Breaststroke, 6 in the 50 Butterfly, 8th in the 200 Breaststroke, 8th in the 100 Individual Medley and 4th in the 50 Breaststroke. Setting 5 county records for his age group.



MISS SPRAKES ROCKS FARMROX

Miss Sprakes took part in the Farmrox competition at Farmyard Gym in February.

Competing alongside a partner against numerous teams, she tackled a series of running and functional workout stations in the ultimate test of strength and endurance.

The challenge included ski erg, plough pulls, yoke carries, and rowing, with a 600m run following each station. A huge congratulations to Miss Sprakes for securing 2nd place in the event!



AG CAREERS

Each year the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society host an Ag-Career event at the Lincolnshire Showground.

The event enables students to learn more about the exciting world of agriculture, horticulture, and the food industry.

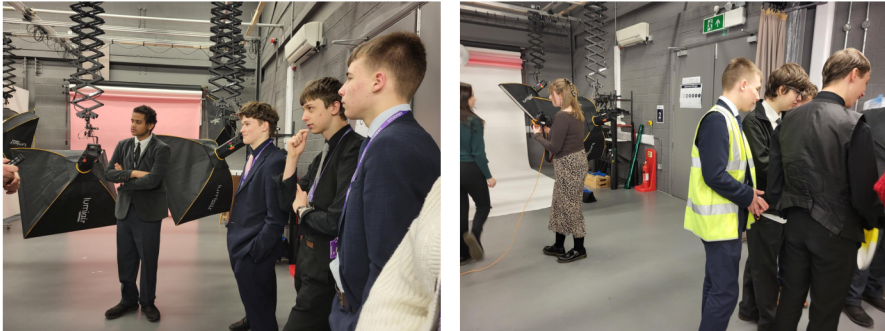
We took our students along who are interested in careers in this sector to gain a real insight into the diverse, forward-thinking and rewarding careers available!



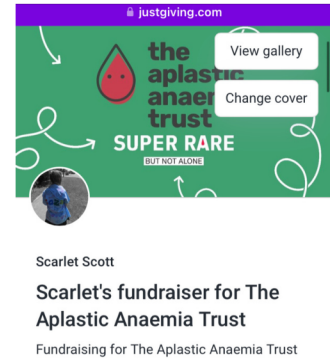
BE INSPIRED - CREATIVE DAY

Our year 11 art students had the chance to visit the University of Lincoln for their 'Be Inspired' creative programme day.

The students attended three highly engaging and interactive workshops giving them the opportunity to think about how some of the most creative products and promotional campaigns are put together.



SCARLETS CYCLING CHALLENGE



We are incredibly proud of Scarlet Scott, a Year 10 student who recently took on an 80km cycling challenge to raise funds for the Aplastic Anaemia Trust—a cause close to her heart, as she lives with this rare disease herself.

Scarlet's determination and resilience shone through as she completed the ride, raising an amazing £475 to support vital research and awareness for aplastic anaemia. Her efforts are truly inspiring, and we couldn't be prouder of her dedication to making a difference.

LOCAL MP VISIT

We welcomed Hamish Falconer - Labour MP for Lincoln, Kate Ambrosi - CEO of The Baker Dearing Educational Trust, and Simon Connell - Chief Advisor to the Baker Dearing Trust, to the LUTC.

Their visit included engaging discussions about the educational bill and a fantastic chance to interact with our students during project sessions. They visited our specialist engineering and science departments where they spoke to many of our key stage 5 students regarding their studies.

The visit culminated with a presentation from Hamish about 'Life as a Politician', followed by a Q&A session, where our students posed some thought-provoking questions on local and topical issues.



WORLD BOOK DAY



To celebrate world book day our students immersed themselves in the world of storytelling as they listened to an instalment of Compassion Circuit, a short story by John Wyndham, at the start of each lesson—completing the entire story by the end of the day.

At Lincoln UTC, we love reading and strive to inspire the same passion in our students.

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of literature, and we couldn't be prouder of our staff for making it such a fun experience for the students.

LUTC SLEEPOVER

We held a sleepover at Lincoln UTC which helped raise funds for our chosen charity, Project Compass. We were lucky enough to have representatives in from Project Compass to talk to our students about a life on the streets and the daunting realities for homeless people today.

The students also had the opportunity to go on the ghost walk around Lincoln Bailgate to learn about the 'haunted' steep hill area where the UTC is located.

Thank you to the students and staff who stayed and to Project Compass for giving up their time to talk to our students about this important topic.



CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL



From September, Lincoln UTC will be offering an exciting new qualification for students passionate about engineering.

The Cambridge National Technical Level 3 is set to replace the current BTEC programme, providing a cutting-edge curriculum designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for careers in engineering and related industries. This new course is equivalent to three A Levels and offers a

comprehensive, hands-on learning experience that integrates both theoretical and practical elements. Students will develop a deep understanding of engineering principles, problem-solving techniques, and industry-standard practices. The qualification is highly regarded by universities and employers alike, ensuring excellent progression opportunities for those looking to enter higher education or move directly into the workforce.

Lincoln UTC has a strong tradition of delivering high-quality engineering education, and this new course aligns with our commitment to providing students with the best possible foundation for their future careers. With state-of-the-art facilities and expert teaching staff, students will gain valuable experience using industry-standard tools and technologies.

For more information on this fantastic opportunity, please contact admissions@lincolnutc.co.uk.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

We are delighted to announce our new Head Students for this academic year. After a rigorous selection process, which included presenting their vision to senior leaders, our new leaders demonstrated outstanding leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm for representing our school community.

Congratulations to our Head Students, Damien Dennis and Grace Long, and our Deputy Head Students, Camilla Laczny and Szymon Gajewski!

Taking on these roles is no small feat, and we commend them for their dedication and the passion they have shown throughout the process. They will play a key role in representing the student body, leading initiatives, and helping to shape the future of our school.



ENGLISH THEATRE TRIPS

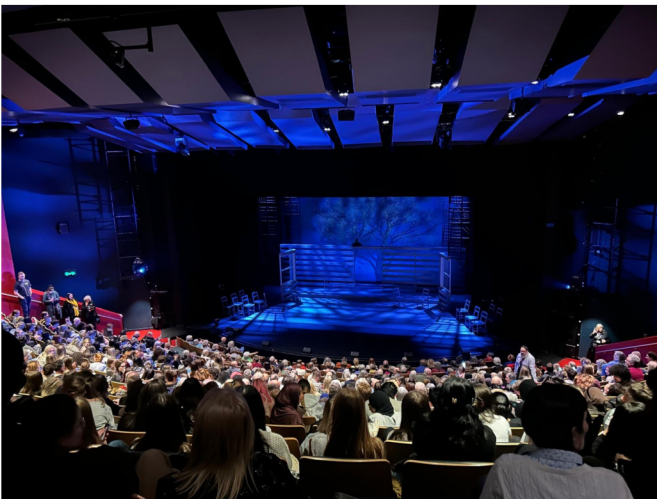
This month, our students had the fantastic opportunity to experience two iconic plays, broadening their understanding of theatre and enhancing their classroom learning. Our theatre trips to An Inspector Calls in Hull and Death of a Salesman in Birmingham were truly unforgettable.

First, we travelled to Hull to witness the stunning production of An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley. Set in 1912, this thrilling mystery challenged students to think critically about the societal issues the play addresses, such as class, responsibility, and moral accountability. The atmosphere in the theatre was electric as the talented cast brought this timeless classic to life, and the powerful message resonated deeply with our students. It was a fantastic experience for everyone, sparking thought-provoking discussions on the play's themes and its relevance to today's world.

Next, we headed to Birmingham for a captivating performance of Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller. The emotional depth and raw intensity of the play left a lasting impact on our students. The tragic story of Willy Loman's struggles with his dreams, his family, and his identity was brought to life with incredible performances. As students watched, they were given the opportunity to reflect on themes of the American Dream, success, failure, and personal sacrifice, all within the context of a powerful theatrical experience.

These trips were more than just outings; they were enriching cultural experiences that gave students the chance to engage with literature in a new and exciting way. By attending these performances, our students not only enjoyed world-class theatre but also gained a deeper understanding of the plays and the social issues they explore.

Next up we head to London to watch Oedipus, another exciting trip!



KOOTH ASSEMBLY

Our Year 11 students had the valuable opportunity to attend an insightful assembly delivered by Elouise from Kooth, an online mental health and well-being support service for young people. With exams on the horizon, Elousie provided essential guidance on managing exam stress and maintaining positive mental health during this crucial period.

Elousie’s talk covered a range of practical strategies to help students cope with exam pressure, including:

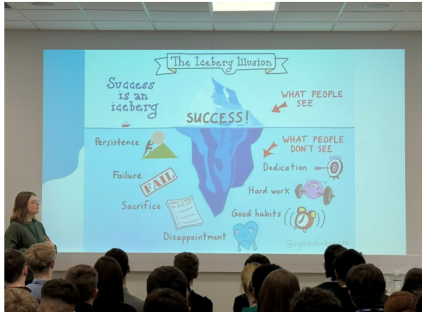
- Time Management: Organising revision schedules effectively to avoid last-minute cramming.
- Healthy Routines: Ensuring a balanced diet, regular exercise, and good sleep to support overall well-being.

Seeking Support: Encouraging students to talk to friends, family, or trusted teachers about their concerns.

She also highlighted the free, confidential support available on the Kooth platform, where young people can access counselling, peer support, and a wealth of self-help resources.

The assembly was an important reminder that while exams are significant, mental health should always come first. We encourage all our Year 11 students to make use of the strategies discussed and reach out for support if needed.

For more information on Kooth and the support they offer, visit www.kooth.com



BUSINESS MARKETING

A group of our students had the exciting opportunity to attend the Be Inspired Day at the University of Lincoln. The event, tailored for those interested in business and marketing, provided an invaluable insight into the dynamic world of entrepreneurship, branding, and consumer engagement.

The day was packed with workshops from industry experts, interactive workshops, and engaging activities designed to develop students’ understanding of marketing strategies and business



INFINITE MEDIA



Roddy McMillan, the owner of Infinite Media, recently visited Lincoln UTC to speak with our students about careers in media and animation.

With years of industry experience, Roddy highlighted the diverse opportunities within the sector, from film and television production to digital marketing, game design, and visual effects.

He emphasized the importance of creativity, adaptability, and technical skills such as video editing, 3D modeling, and motion graphics. Students also learned about the growing demand for professionals in animation and media, with roles available in both traditional studios and emerging digital platforms.

His insights provided valuable guidance on how aspiring media professionals can develop their portfolios, gain industry experience, and take advantage of networking opportunities to build successful careers.

RAF TALK

Sgt. Johnathan Wood of the Royal Air Force recently hosted a business lunch focused on career opportunities within the service.

The event brought together our aspiring UTC recruits to discuss the diverse roles available in the RAF, from aviation and engineering to cybersecurity and logistics. Sgt. Wood provided valuable insights into the skills, training, and career progression the RAF offers, highlighting the benefits of serving in a dynamic and highly respected organisation. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of how a career in the RAF could align with their ambitions.

The lunch time meeting served as an engaging platform to inspire and inform those considering a future in the armed forces.



LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW

We are pleased to confirm that students will be granted “authorised absence” to attend the Lincolnshire Show on Tuesday, 18th June.

This fantastic event provides valuable learning opportunities outside the classroom, showcasing agriculture, business, and local heritage and career opportunities.

A form will be sent to parent/ carers and must be returned in order for the absence to be authorised.

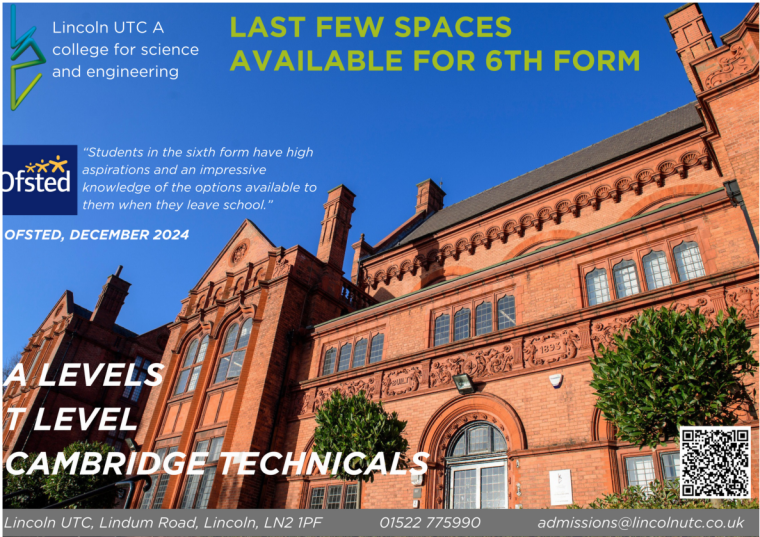


DATES FOR THE DIARY

7 th April	Easter Holidays
22 nd April	Return to school
28 th April	Mocks
5 th May	Bank Holiday
12 th May	A Levels start date
12 th May	GCSE start date
28 th May	Half Term
23 rd June	Year 12 work experience
23 rd June	Year 10 mocks
27 th June	Prom
30 th June	Year 12 Induction
7 th July	Year 10 induction
7 th July	Outward Bound
14 th July	Hong Kong incoming
18 th July	Last day of term

APPLY NOW FOR 6TH FORM

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.

We still have a few remaining places to study with us for 6th form If you would like to know more or visit us for a personalised tour please call 01522 775990 or email; admissions@lincolnutc.co.uk