SUMMER 2026

LINCOLN UTC NEWS

THE TERM THAT NEVER SEEMS TO SLOW DOWN...



There is something about the summer term that always catches me by surprise. You convince yourself it will be a little quieter after the intensity of winter, only to discover that it becomes the busiest, most rewarding few months of the academic year.

As I look back over this edition of the newsletter, I'm reminded just how many opportunities our students have embraced. From Mock Interview Day, where Year 12 students impressed employers with their professionalism, to celebrating success at our annual Awards Evening, it has been another term full of ambition, achievement and memorable experiences.

What makes Lincoln UTC special has never been just what happens inside the classroom. It's the willingness of our students to say "yes" to new experiences. Whether camping overnight at our annual sleepover, representing us at the Lincolnshire Show, taking part in Countryside Lincs, visiting universities, completing work experience, or inspiring younger pupils through our primary school outreach programme, our students continue to demonstrate the confidence and maturity that employers tell us they value so highly.

Our engineering and STEM specialisms have once again taken centre stage. From Greenpower successes and our winning team at the Sellafield Robotics Competition in London, to inspiring visits to Silverstone – meeting with Lewis Hamilton, our students have continued to experience opportunities that most schools simply cannot offer. These experiences don't just create memories, they help young people discover where their passions and future careers may lie.

Internationally, our partnership with Hong Kong continues to flourish, giving students the chance to experience different cultures and educational systems, while our Outward Bound programme challenged others to step outside their comfort zones, developing resilience, teamwork and leadership in equal measure.

Closer to home, it has been wonderful to welcome so many families through our ever-popular LEGO events, while numerous business lunches and the launch of our apprenticeship pathway have strengthened the already exceptional relationships we enjoy with local and national employers. Those partnerships remain one of the defining features of a UTC education, ensuring our students leave us with not only excellent qualifications, but a genuine understanding of the world of work.

Of course, this term also brings examination season. I want to congratulate every student who completed GCSEs and A Levels this summer. Whatever the results may bring, the determination, perseverance and resilience shown over many months of preparation deserve enormous recognition. We are incredibly proud of every one of you.

Finally, as one group of students prepares to move on to exciting new destinations, we also look ahead with great optimism. It has been a pleasure welcoming our new Year 10 and Year 12 students during induction and seeing the enthusiasm they already have for becoming part of Team UTC.

As ever, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our outstanding staff, the unwavering support of parents and carers, and the commitment of our industry partners, governors and wider community. Thank you for everything you do to make Lincoln UTC such a unique and inspiring place to learn.

I hope you enjoy reading about another remarkable term. Have a wonderful summer break, take the opportunity to rest and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year ahead.

Stuart Hamer
Principal

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AT OUR ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING









Our Annual Awards Evening was a truly memorable occasion, bringing together students, families, staff and special guests to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our young people.

The evening recognised the hard work, determination and success of students who have embraced our unique STEM-focused education and consistently demonstrated excellence throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all our award winners, whose commitment and ambition continue to inspire our entire college community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the families and friends who joined us for this special event. Your encouragement and support play a vital role in our students' success, and it was wonderful to celebrate these achievements together.

We were delighted to welcome Steve Judge as our keynote speaker. Steve shared his remarkable personal journey, delivering a powerful and inspiring message about resilience, determination and overcoming adversity. His story left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

We were equally honoured to hear from Steve Leahey, Director of Curriculum Innovation, who gave an insightful address on the UTC movement, highlighting the unique opportunities it provides for young people and the important role it plays in preparing students for successful futures.

The Annual Awards Evening was a fitting celebration of excellence, ambition and opportunity, recognising not only academic and personal achievement but also the values and aspirations that define our college community.

Congratulations once again to all of our award winners. We look forward to seeing what you achieve next.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Our Year 12 Mock Interview Day was a tremendous success, providing students with invaluable experience as they prepare for their next steps into higher education, apprenticeships and employment.



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the local businesses and industry professionals who generously gave their time to support the event. Their expertise, encouragement and constructive feedback created an authentic interview experience that challenged and inspired our students.

The response from both employers and students has been overwhelmingly positive. Throughout the day, it was fantastic to see our students rise to the occasion, demonstrate their skills and professionalism, and grow in confidence with every interview. The experience not only helped them develop essential interview techniques but also gave them valuable insight into employers' expectations.



We are especially delighted that several students have already secured apprenticeship opportunities as a direct result of the connections made during the event. This is a remarkable achievement and highlights the value of building strong partnerships between education and industry.

Events such as our Mock Interview Day play a vital role in preparing students for life beyond school, equipping them with the confidence, communication skills and employability needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.



A heartfelt thank you to every employer and volunteer who took part. Your support has made a lasting impact on our students and continues to strengthen the opportunities we can offer as part of our commitment to career-ready education.

STUDENTS ENJOY ANNUAL SLEEPOVER WITH LEARNING, REFLECTION AND LOCAL HISTORY



In excess of 40 students enjoyed a fantastic evening at this year's annual sleepover, enjoying a memorable experience filled with learning, reflection and a touch of mystery.

We were delighted to welcome Becky Frost from Project Compass, who delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking talk about the charity's vital work supporting people experiencing homelessness. Becky shared powerful insights into the realities of homelessness in Lincoln, helping students develop a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by some members of our community.

The evening also included the ever-popular Lincoln Ghost Walk, where students explored the fascinating ghost stories, legends and myths connected to our historic building and the surrounding area. The walk offered a unique opportunity to learn more about Lincoln's rich history while enjoying a fun and atmospheric experience.

The annual sleepover was a wonderful opportunity for students to build friendships, gain new perspectives and create lasting memories. It was an evening that perfectly combined education, community spirit and a little bit of adventure.

UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING AT COVENTRY



Our students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to Coventry University, where they had the opportunity to experience life as future engineers.

The day featured a series of engaging taster sessions delivered by the University's engineering academics, providing students with hands-on experience in both Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Through practical activities and interactive learning, students explored real-world engineering concepts and discovered how the skills they are developing today can lead to exciting careers in the future.

The visit also gave students valuable insight into university life, helping them to understand the opportunities available through higher education and the pathways into engineering professions.

A huge thank you to Coventry University for hosting such an engaging and inspiring day. Our students returned full of enthusiasm, new ideas and a greater understanding of the exciting possibilities that await them in the world of engineering.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS GAIN VALUABLE WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 students recently completed an incredible week of work experience, gaining valuable insight into the world of work while exploring a wide range of career opportunities across different industries.

Work experience is a key part of the Lincoln UTC curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to apply their classroom learning in real workplace environments. Throughout the week, students developed essential professional skills, built confidence and gained a greater understanding of the knowledge and behaviours employers value.

At Lincoln UTC, our strong partnerships with industry are central to preparing students for their future. Experiences like these help students see how science, technology, engineering and mathematics are applied in the workplace every day, while inspiring them to explore the exciting career pathways available beyond school.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the employers and industry partners who welcomed and supported our students throughout the week. Their generosity and guidance helped make this an invaluable experience.











STUDENTS TAKE ON INDUSTRY ROBOTICS CHALLENGE IN LONDON

Our Year 10 and Year 12 students recently travelled to London to take part in an exciting robotics challenge, working on a real-world engineering brief set by Sellafield.

The challenge tasked students with designing and developing a robot capable of safely entering an irradiated environment – a project directly linked to the complex work of nuclear decommissioning. This unique opportunity allowed students to apply their engineering knowledge, problem-solving skills and creativity to a genuine industry challenge, providing valuable insight into careers in the sector.

Year 10 students began the day by receiving their project briefing before developing their ideas, while our Year 12 students quickly got to work bringing their robotic designs to life.

We were thrilled to announce that our Year 12 team was crowned the overall winner of the robotics challenge. Their success is a testament to their dedication, teamwork, innovation and technical expertise throughout the competition.

This outstanding achievement highlights the incredible talent of our students and demonstrates what can be accomplished when classroom learning is applied to real-world challenges.

Congratulations to our Year 12 winners, and well done to everyone who took part. We are incredibly proud of all our students for representing the college so brilliantly.



STUDENT MOTORSPORT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Lincoln UTC student Melissa Adrian on an exciting milestone in her motorsport career.

Melissa has joined the highly respected Guy Cunnington Racing team, marking a significant step forward in her racing journey.

Her dedication, determination and passion for motorsport have helped her achieve this fantastic opportunity, and we are incredibly proud of her success.

Lincoln UTC community wishes her the very best of luck for her future, we look forward to following her progress and will be cheering her on every step of the way.

Good luck, Melissa!



BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE THROUGH DOCUMENTARY PROJECT

Our Year 10 students recently visited the International Bomber Command Centre as part of an exciting documentary project, giving them the opportunity to combine historical research with hands-on media production.

The project is designed to help students develop industry-relevant skills in planning, filming and editing digital content using professional software and equipment. Throughout the experience, students are learning how to create compelling narratives, capture high-quality audio and video, and evaluate information for accuracy, authenticity and impact.

Working collaboratively, students are also strengthening essential employability skills, including teamwork, communication, creativity and time management, as they take each stage of the production process from concept to completion.

The visit to the International Bomber Command Centre provided a meaningful backdrop for their work, enabling students to engage with local history while producing thoughtful and informative documentary content.

This project offers a fantastic opportunity for students to gain practical experience and build the technical and creative skills that will support future careers in media, journalism, marketing and the wider creative industries.





SUCCESS IN TAEKWONDO COMPETITION



Congratulations to Asmaa Shahin on an outstanding achievement at her very first Taekwondo Poomsae competition in Liverpool.

Competing on 17th May, Asmaa proudly represented Lincoln Quest Taekwondo and delivered an impressive performance, earning a fantastic third-place finish. Her dedication, confidence and determination were evident throughout the competition, making this an incredible accomplishment in her debut event.

We are extremely proud of Asmaa's success and delighted to hear that she may be competing again in London this September. We wish her every success as she continues her Taekwondo journey and look forward to celebrating her future achievements.

Well done, Asmaa!

BUSINESS LUNCH APPRENTICESHIPS



We were delighted to welcome Alex Kyle, Apprenticeship Development Officer at Lincoln City Council, to Lincoln UTC for one of our Business Lunches.

Alex visited with a group of current apprentices to speak to our students about the wide range of opportunities available within the County Council, from business administration and finance to planning and public services. Students gained valuable insight into apprenticeship pathways, application processes, and what employers are really looking for.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear first-hand experiences and explore meaningful routes into local careers.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

We were delighted to take a group of our Year 10 Engineering students to Siemens Energy to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day and explore the exciting opportunities available within the engineering sector.

The visit provided students with a fascinating tour of the Siemens Energy facility, where they learned more about the company's innovative work and the vital role engineering plays in shaping the future. Students also took part in inspiring sessions celebrating the achievements of women in engineering and discovered the wide range of career pathways available within the industry.

One of the highlights of the day was a team engineering challenge, where students were tasked with designing and building a structure using only straws and marshmallows. Demonstrating outstanding teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills, the Lincoln UTC team rose to the challenge and proudly secured first place.

The day was a fantastic celebration of innovation, collaboration and engineering, while encouraging the next generation of engineers to consider the exciting careers available to them. Congratulations to all of the students who took part and represented Lincoln UTC so brilliantly throughout the day.



STUDENTS INSPIRED BY ENTREPRENEUR JOHN GREED

We were delighted to welcome John Greed, Managing Director of John Greed Jewellery, to Lincoln UTC for an inspiring talk on entrepreneurship.

Students gained valuable insight into what it takes to build a successful business, exploring the importance of creativity, resilience, communication, problem-solving and taking calculated risks. John also shared how strong leadership and learning from setbacks have shaped his own journey, encouraging students to think about their future aspirations and careers in business.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to John for taking the time to share his experiences and inspire our students, and we are looking forward to him returning next academic year to meet with our new cohort.



CAREERS IN MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN



This week, students from Lincoln UTC had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Be Inspired Medicine Day at the University of Lincoln, where they gained first-hand insight into the exciting world of medicine and healthcare.

Throughout the day, students took part in a range of interactive sessions led by university staff and healthcare professionals. These experiences provided a valuable introduction to the diverse career pathways within the medical sector, while helping students develop a deeper understanding of the knowledge, skills and dedication required to pursue a career in healthcare.

The event also gave students the opportunity to experience university learning, ask questions about studying medicine and explore the many opportunities available within the profession.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone at the University of Lincoln for hosting such an engaging and inspiring event. Experiences like these play an important role in helping our students make informed decisions about their future education and careers.

CROFT DELIVERS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING GREEN POWER RACE WEEKEND

Croft marked our second race event of 2026, and what an incredible day it was. From the first starting flag to the final chequered finish, our Greenpower team demonstrated exceptional determination, teamwork and resilience both on and off the track.

Following damage to the nosecone and steering column during the previous race, the team faced a significant challenge to repair both cars and have them race-ready in time for Croft. Working under tight deadlines and plenty of pressure, students and staff came together to overcome every obstacle. Their commitment and hard work paid off with a fantastic set of results.

F24 Results
Race One saw both teams make a superb start, putting everything they had learned in practice into action:
The Angel – 1st Place
The Imp – 2nd Place

Race Two brought more exciting racing, excellent teamwork in the pit lane and confident driving:
The Angel – 2nd Place
The Imp – 4th Place

F24+ Results
Our Sixth Form drivers once again showcased their skill and determination, delivering outstanding performances throughout the race:

The Angel – 1st Place
The Imp – 3rd Place

Six Trophies for the Team!

The team's efforts were rewarded with an incredible six trophies across the event. We are really proud of every member of the team. Their resilience, commitment and willingness to learn continue to drive their success, and each race provides new experiences, valuable lessons and even greater motivation for the challenges ahead.

Congratulations to everyone involved on another exceptional race weekend.



STUDENTS INSPIRED AT ASTON UNIVERSITY STEM RACING EVENT

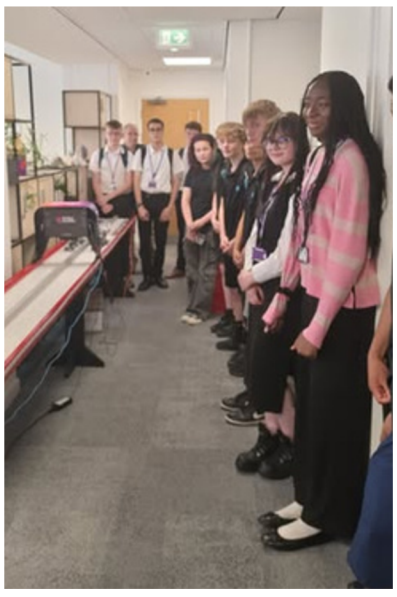
A group of Lincoln UTC students attended the STEM Inspiration Event at Aston University, where they took part in on-track racing, industry-led workshops, university tours and sessions with STEM Racing experts and UTC alumni.

The visit builds on the STEM Racing programme introduced at Lincoln UTC this year, helping students develop valuable skills in engineering, design, teamwork and project management while gaining insight into careers in the industry.

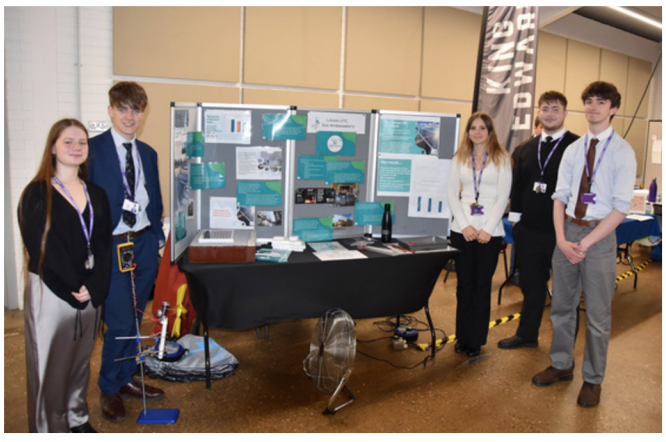
We are excited to announce that Lincoln UTC will be entering the national STEM Racing competition next academic year. Previous winners have gone on to represent the UK internationally, and we look forward to seeing where this exciting opportunity takes our team.

Congratulations to the students who represented the school so brilliantly: Willow Evans, Shallom Akintune, Taha Afshar, Alfie Middlebrook and Theo Bush.

We are really proud of their enthusiasm and can't wait to see what they achieve next.



LINCOLN UTC SHINES AT THE LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW







Lincoln UTC enjoyed a fantastic couple of days at this year's Lincolnshire Show, where we had the opportunity to meet hundreds of prospective students and their families while showcasing everything that makes our school unique.

Our stand was buzzing throughout the event as visitors discovered more about our specialist curriculum, industry partnerships and the exciting opportunities available to students at Lincoln UTC. It was wonderful to speak with so many young people considering their next steps and to share what life at Lincoln UTC is all about.

Alongside the exhibition, our students also took part in the LAS Schools Challenge, which focused on the important theme of Climate Leaders of the Future. Working collaboratively, they demonstrated outstanding creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills to tackle this year's challenge.

We are delighted to announce that our team achieved an impressive second place in the competition – a fantastic accomplishment that reflects the dedication and enthusiasm of everyone involved.

A huge congratulations to all of our students who represented Lincoln UTC so brilliantly throughout the show. We would also like to thank everyone who visited our stand and took the time to learn more about our school.

We are already looking forward to returning to the Lincolnshire Show next year!

PROM 2026

We had a fantastic evening celebrating our amazing Year 11 students at the beautiful Assembly Rooms for their Prom.

It was wonderful to see everyone dressed to impress as they marked the end of an important chapter and celebrated all of their hard work and achievements. The evening was filled with laughter, dancing, great memories, and a real sense of excitement for the future.

We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 11 students have accomplished and can't wait to see what comes next, whether that's sixth form, an apprenticeship, college, or employment.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so special, and to The Assembly Rooms for being such a fantastic venue.

Congratulations, Year 11 – we wish you every success for the future!

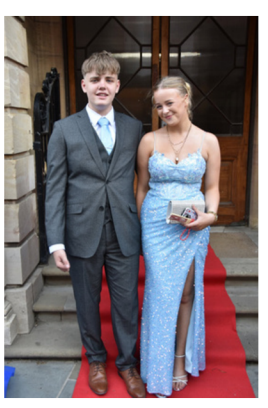














JOIN US FOR OPEN EVENING

Choosing the right school is an important decision, and we'd love to welcome you to Lincoln UTC to discover what makes us different.

Join us on Monday 14th September, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm, to explore our specialist STEM facilities, meet our dedicated staff and students, and find out how our employer partnerships and hands-on approach to learning prepare young people for successful futures.

Whether you're considering joining us in Year 10 or Sixth Form, this is the perfect opportunity to see Lincoln UTC in action.

Book your place by emailing: admissions@lincolnutc.co.uk
Or simply scan the QR code.

We look forward to welcoming you!



ACADEMIC CALANDER 2026

Term 1: 7 Sept – 16 Oct
Staff Training: 3 & 4 Sept
Half Term: 19–30 Oct

Term 2: 2 Nov – 18 Dec
Christmas Holiday: 21 Dec – 4 Jan

Term 3: 5 Jan – 12 Feb
Staff Training: 4 Jan
Half Term: 15–19 Feb

Term 4: 22 Feb – 25 Mar
Bank Holidays: 26 & 29 Mar
Easter Holiday: 30 Mar – 9 Apr

Term 5: 12 Apr – 28 May
Bank Holiday: 3 May
Half Term: 31 May – 4 Jun

Term 6: 7 Jun – 21 Jul
Staff Training: 22 & 23 Jul
Summer Holiday: From 22 Jul

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 14th Sept - Open Evening

Mon 12th Oct- Open Evening

Mon 9th Nov- Y11 Parents Evening

Mon 23rd Nov - Y10 Parents Evening

Mon 7th Dec - Y12 Parents Evening

Mon 25th Jan - Y13 Parents Evening

Mon 8th Feb - Post 16 Open Evening

Wed 24th Mar - Awards evening

Mon 19th Apr - Y12 mocks

Mon 24th May - Y12 intervention evening

Mon 28th Jun - Y12 work experience

Mon 28th Jun - Y10 mocks

Mon 5th Jul - Y10 work experience

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Great British Summer Savings

Families can enjoy more for less this summer thanks to the Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, VAT has been temporarily reduced from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to many attractions. Children aged 5–15 can also benefit from free bus travel throughout August in England.

To help families find participating venues nearby, an online attraction finder is available at summersavings.gov.uk.

Take advantage of these offers and enjoy a fun-filled summer for less!