



Lincoln UTC
A college for science
and engineering

Newsletter

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Principal's Foreword

Holiday Freedoms

Although the national legislation may have relaxed or removed many of the restrictions that have been in place this year, I doubt that this will be a totally normal summer. Concerns for our own health or the health of others may still influence our behaviours and we might think twice about foreign travel.

Sometimes it can help to focus, not on '*freedom from*' but '*freedom to*'.

Looking back on our second pandemic year, we have been free to do a great deal. We were free to plan and implement our own approaches to keeping students and staff safe. Our students have been able to continue with practical lessons in all subject areas...which hasn't been the case in all schools. We have been able to continue with our project programme and work together in teams...growing as individuals, working collaboratively, and developing those important skills and relationships. Things in the UTC feel remarkably 'normal' with students and staff happy at their work and happy to be here.

The summer break is an important opportunity to re-charge your batteries. There will be work to do next year. However normal it may feel now, there's no denying that we have missed out on some learning opportunities this year. If some catching up is needed it helps to be well-rested.

Try to focus on the things that you can do this summer (rather than the things you can't). Look after yourself. Spend time on your hobbies and the things you enjoy. Try something new. Most of all, spend some quality time with the people who matter... friends and family. We don't need to be on a beach in Spain to enjoy the company of those we love.

Without wishing the summer away...looking forward to having you all back in September.

John Morrison

Principal

UTC Awards 2021

The last two years have been extremely difficult. Our students have had so much disruption to their learning and to the support that they would ordinarily expect when they are able to be on-site, working with our teachers. Despite this, they have done an amazing job and thoroughly deserve to be congratulated for their hard work and commitment to learning.

At this time of year, we ask all of the teaching staff for nominations...for those students who deserve to be singled out for particular praise and recognition. With this in mind we would like to take the opportunity to celebrate our award winners for the 2021/22 academic year.

The Award for Curious

KS4 Chloe Bayliss
KS5 Molly McHugh

The Award for Motivated

KS4 Kelsie Anderson
KS5 Calvin Parsons

The Award for Independent

KS4 Max Cooper
KS5 Katie Ritchie-Thompson

The Award for Collaborative

KS4 George Casson
KS5 Ben Carney-Scott

The Award for Analytical

KS4 Anna Gathergood
KS5 Harry Barber

The Award for Organised

KS4 Elise Pridgeon
KS5 Elise O'Grady

The Award for Big Picture

KS4 Elsie Taylor-Camm
KS5 Alistair Appleton

The Award for Creative

KS4 J Smela
KS4 Anna Chapman

The Award for Ambitious

KS4 Sam White
KS5 Joseph Frisby

The Award for Resilient

KS4 Ruby Whitelock
KS5 Benjamin Brown

Outstanding Scientist Award

KS4 Gabrielle
KS5 Mark Bradshaw

Outstanding Engineering Award

KS4 Brooke Evans
KS5 Emily Dickson

Outstanding Mathematician Award

KS4 Chelsea O'Rourke
KS5 Rudi Konrath

Industrial Placement Award

Georgina Smith
Eloise Winterflood

Commitment to Online Learning Award

Year 10 Hayden Smithett

Year 11 Henri Smith

Year 12 Joseph Purcell

Year 13 Rosa Smith

Student of the Year Awards

Year 11 Gabrielle



Year 10 Chloe Bayliss



Year 12 Matthew Spendlove



Year 13 Rudi Konrath



A Level & GCSE Results Day 2021

Results this year are published on the following dates in August:

A Level, EPQ & BTEC Level 3 Results Day:

Tuesday 10th August

GCSE, BTEC Level 2 & Cambridge National Level 2 Results Day:

Thursday 12th August

The UTC will be open from 8.30am on both days for the collection of results. There will be an opportunity on the day to discuss results with staff members and to receive career advice. On GCSE results day we will also be open for the enrolment of external year 12 applicants.

If students are not able to collect their results in person, they must let us know in writing who will be collecting them on their behalf.

Year 13 students who have applied to university should not be out of the country on 10th August as they may need to contact the university directly about their place. Students will be able to access the UCAS website, from 8.30am, at the UTC to check the status of their offers; however, they must remember to bring their access codes and passwords with them.

Facebook Parent Community

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to join our private Facebook group 'Lincoln UTC Parent Community'. Parents can join the page by clicking here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LincolnUTCParentCommunity>.

We created this group to allow parents of students at the UTC to connect. The group is managed by our Marketing and Communications Manager, Ellie Lowe, and all posts are subject to approval. It provides our parents with a platform to ask questions, share opinions and interact with each other.

Balfour Beatty Project

Year 10 students have been working alongside Balfour Beatty, a multinational infrastructure company, on an engineering project to design and manufacture a cable drum handler.

As part of their brief Balfour Beatty challenged students to create a comprehensive functional specification, as they would in an engineering role in the real world. Students then used a giant Meccano set; which includes Dexion warehouse racking, bolt, fixings, drill motors and bicycle parts, to construct a working prototype with moving parts.

The winning team will have the opportunity to visit a Balfour Beatty site in September.



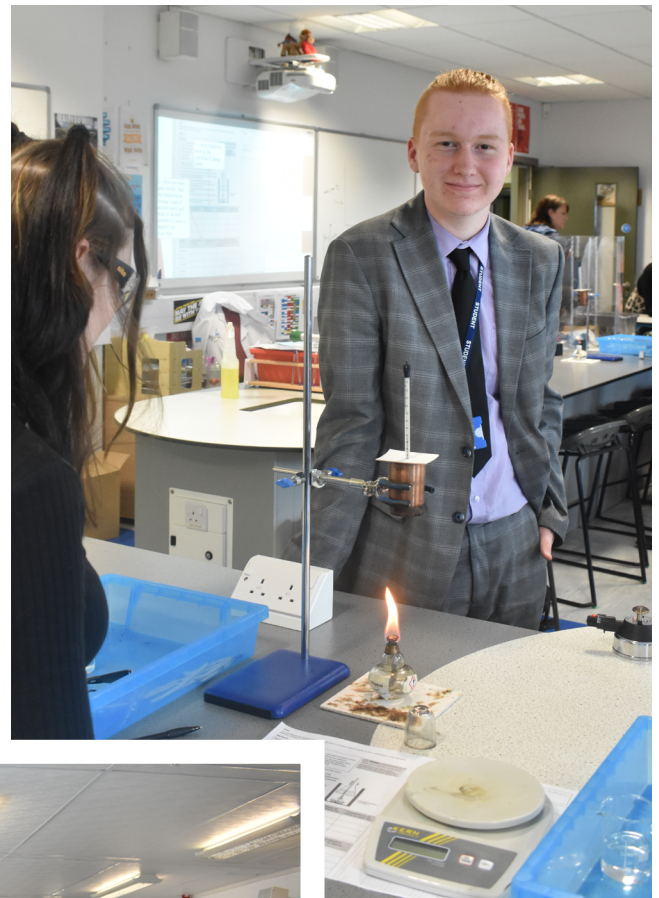
Balfour Beatty
Construction



Y10 & Y12 Induction Days

This term we welcomed our new students in year 10 and year 12 into the UTC for induction days. Students were given tours by existing students, met their Head of Key Stage and enjoyed taster sessions in a variety of subjects.

We look forward to welcoming all of our new students in September.



Promotional Shoot

On Wednesday 30th June, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of July Electric Egg visited the UTC to film video footage and take photographs in all subjects. The students involved in the shoot were helpful, professional, and mature. Our visitors, Kieran and Steve, were thoroughly impressed by their positive attitudes and subject knowledge.



T Level September 2022

In September 2022 Lincoln UTC will become the only provider in Lincolnshire to offer a T Level in Engineering.

T Levels are an alternative to A Levels, apprenticeships and other 16-19 courses. Students will spend 80% of their course in the classroom learning the skills that employers need, and the other 20% in a meaningful industry placement putting those skills in action.

The Department of Education recently launched T Levels to provide students with valuable experience in the workplace and allow employers to get early sight of new talent in their industry.

UTC Principal, John Morrison, said: “As a university technical college we already have a significant number of employer partners involved in the delivery of our curriculum, which makes us uniquely well positioned to deliver the T Level qualification.

“UTC students in all year groups are provided with the opportunity for work experience every year, and many of our Level 3 BTEC engineers also choose to complete a longer industrial placement in parallel with their studies.

“The large majority of our alumni that have now secured apprenticeships did so as a direct consequence of the relationships they formed with these employers whilst students at the UTC, and we hope that our T Level graduates will continue this trend.”



UTC Invigilator Awarded MBE

Our invigilator, Steve Coupe, has been named in the Queen's Birthday Honours list and awarded an MBE for his services to charitable fundraising and voluntary work.

Steve served in the Royal Air Force for over 40 years, including as a Training Flight Sergeant for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force Regiment at RAF Waddington.

He started his fundraising in Germany in the 1970s and has raised money in locations such as Kuwait, as well as across England, including in Lincoln. He has completed around 30 marathons, a trek in Nepal, a freedom trail from France to Spain and a tandem sky dive.

Steve has raised over £80,000 for charities and organisations including Cancer Research, Royal British Legion, Children's Ward at Lincoln County Hospital, St Barnabas, The Gurkha Welfare Trust, Children with Leukaemia, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and The Ethan Maull Foundation.

The casework he is still doing for the Royal British Legion involves him visiting veterans, assessing their needs and making recommendations to help improve their standard of life.

Steve is an inspiration to us all and we feel very lucky to have him as part of our team at the UTC!



Term Dates 2021/22

Term 1

6th September - 15th October

Staff Training Days: 2nd & 3rd September

Holiday: 18th October - 29th October

Term 2

1st November - 17th December

Holiday: 20th December - 4th January

Staff Training Days: 4th January

Term 3

5th January - 11th February

Holiday: 14th February - 18th February

Term 4

21st February - 1st April

Holiday: 4th April - 18th April

Term 5

19th April - 27th May

Bank Holiday: 2nd May

Holiday: 30th May - 3rd June

Term 6

6th June - 20th July

Staff Training Days: 21st & 22nd July

Holiday: 21st July - 31st August