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Principal's Foreword

“It’s not how hard you hit ...”

I often take inspiration from and quote from the works of famous authors and classic literature. I don't think that, before now, I would have considered Sylvester Stallone as a sage or a wordsmith. I am, however, reminded of the words of Rocky Balboa when he said:

“It ain't about how hard you hit: It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. It's how much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done.”

When I look at our students I am humbled by their fortitude and resilience. They are a generation whose experience and education have been hit so much over the last few years. It has been wonderful this year to see them 'come back fighting'.

As we go into the half term break, we are two weeks into a five-week examination season. Our students have, without exception, been exemplary in their conduct and their preparation for these exams. They are a credit to themselves and to you, as parents and carers.

I would encourage all students to strike a balance over the break. Revision and preparation for the exams that are still to come is important but it is equally important to carve out some time for rest and relaxation.

I look forward to the results days in the summer and have a lovely image of students running up our front steps, punching the air in celebration.

Sweaty, grey, track suits and hoodies (for anybody wanting to recreate the Rocky moment) are optional.

Best of luck. Be kind to yourself. Keep moving forward.

John Morrison

Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Morrison', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gold Career Mark

Lincoln UTC has achieved a Gold Career Mark, the national award for career advice and guidance approved by the Department of Education.

Assessment for the award involved a full audit of the career's curriculum against key criteria by a Career Mark adjudicator. The final judgement demonstrates confidence that the UTC is continuing to provide a comprehensive programme that allows students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes required to be successful in their next steps.

The assessment feedback highlighted that a committed and purposeful approach to careers education is embedded into the ethos of Lincoln UTC. Everything from the business dress code, to the extended working hours and mutually respectful relationships between staff and students echo a professional work environment. The UTC was specifically praised for adapting to the challenges that the recent pandemic presented and continuing to deliver successful outcomes for students.

In presenting the award to the UTC, the Career Mark adjudicator said: "Students are very engaged in their next steps and are taking control of the process. It is clear that CEIAG is firmly embedded within Lincoln UTC and that it is making a real impact upon students."

Stuart Hamer, Vice Principal and Head of Careers at Lincoln UTC, said: "Our careers programme is supported by a number of partners that include Siemens, The University of Lincoln, and the local business community. Collaboration is the key to its success."

John Morrison, Principal of Lincoln UTC, said: "At Lincoln UTC our vision is to ensure that every student develops the skills required to secure the next step of their chosen career, either at university or in employment. In light of this, achieving a Career Mark for the third time validates our careers programme with the gold standard seal of recognition it deserves."



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Army Engagement Day

This term the British Army visited Lincoln UTC with representatives from our local recruitment office, the Royal Military Engineers, and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

The team delivered a careers presentation to students from all year groups interested in a future career within the British Army. Year 10 students then participated in team building workshops with a Q&A.

It was a great opportunity for our students to explore the careers that the British Army can offer, and find out more about engineering roles in particular.



Lincoln UTC Alumni Community



The Lincoln UTC Alumni Community

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We recently set up 'The Lincoln UTC Alumni Community' on LinkedIn. In future we hope to use this group to connect with our alumni, find out more about their experiences since leaving the UTC, and inform career guidance for current students.

Since starting the group we have enjoyed receiving updates from our alumni, many of which now have a successful and established career.

Calvin Parsons studied A Levels in Computer Science, Product Design and English Literature. He said: "Since leaving Lincoln UTC, I have continued to lead my company Sunscorched Studios as its CEO. Recently, I secured a £400,000 investment from a Swedish venture capital firm founded by the ex-VP of Electronic Arts.

Development of our debut title, Negative Atmosphere™ (which I was working on whilst attending the UTC) has continued with haste and the team has expanded. I now remotely manage a multi-national team of 13+.

Whilst every day brings new challenges and opportunities, I am incredibly thankful for all the support and understanding the UTC provided me during my time there."

Over the next few months we will be relaunching our business lunch programme, and inviting UTC alumni in to speak with a small group of students about their area of expertise.

Staff vs. Student Football Match

This term our year 11 students challenged UTC staff to a football match to raise money for prom. The game finished 5-3 to UTC staff. Well done to all involved!



Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience represents an exciting opportunity for students to learn about the world of work, explore potential career paths, and build links with local businesses. Whilst this has not been possible for the last 18 months due to Covid restrictions, we are very glad to now be in a position to provide students with this opportunity again.

During the last week of term our year 10 students visited a range of businesses for a week long placement relevant to their career aspirations. Companies included A Green Engineering, Linwave, the NHS Trust, Lindum, Core Architects, the RAF and Meta Mission Data.



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!



Mallory Park Trip

This term the year 10 Greenpower Go-Kart Team visited Mallory Park Raceway in Leicestershire for the regional heats of the Greenpower Project.

The car covered a total distance of 23.65 miles during the 90 minute race, averaging around 15.8 miles per hour. Jayden put in our fastest lap of the 1.25 mile circuit at just 2:59:920. The rain came down during the last 10 minutes, but it didn't dampen the spirits of our fantastic year 10 students!

We would like to thank Industrial Diesel Power Ltd. and DMW Consultancy Services Ltd. for sponsoring the project by donating £200 each, and Craig Willford from Bardney Racing Federation who visited the UTC to work with both teams on fiberglass body work.



Induction Days 2022

Next term we look forward to hosting our induction days for students starting in year 10 and year 12 in September 2022.

The induction days will consist of a range of activities spread over two days. Throughout both days students will experience a sample of lessons from their chosen subjects as well as a project experience to provide a full taste of life at Lincoln UTC.

We hope that students will become more familiar with the UTC and enjoy meeting some of their teachers and other students who will also be starting in September. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

Clothing for the two days should be either current school uniform or smart business dress. Food will be available to buy using cash or card payment from our canteen during break and lunchtime or alternatively students may wish to bring a packed lunch.

Y10 Group 1: Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th July 9.30am - 3pm

Y10 Group 2: Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July 9.30am - 3pm

Y12 BTEC & T Level Engineering: Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th July 9am - 4.15pm

Y12 A Level: Thursday 14th 9am - 4.15pm & Friday 15th July 9am - 3.35pm

Please email admissions@lincolnutc.co.uk with any questions regarding the induction days.



Ski Trip 2023

We are currently in the process of organising a week long skiing trip to Folgarida, Italy, for the 2023 February half term break. Folgarida is an attractive and popular, purpose-built resort in the Italian Dolomites. The skiing that will be available to us will link to a network of slopes above Madonna di Campiglio. Folgarida's local skiing slopes have a good mixture of blue and red runs, but more advanced skiers can enjoy the steeper terrain on the Monte Spinale side of Madonna.

Trips outside the UK provide a rare opportunity for our students not only to enhance their skills in teamwork, communication, and organisation, but also to develop as young people. These trips develop self-discipline and self-reliance, along with an opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and cultures of other nations, whilst having a lot of fun.

The price of this trip includes travel to the resort by coach which will take approximately 18 hours. Full board en-suite accommodation, ski equipment, 36hrs of instruction over 6 days, winter sports insurance and evening entertainment. The total cost will be £1150.

There are 42 spaces available on this trip and we expect it to be oversubscribed. If your son/daughter would like to express their interest in attending this trip, please contact us for a letter with more information (if you do not already have one).

