



Lincoln UTC  
A college for science  
and engineering

# Newsletter

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# It's a Wonderful Job

It has been another difficult year for everybody in education. Covid related absences haven't made it easy to help students with catch-up in readiness for their examinations (if they go ahead). Spiralling energy prices haven't helped as we crank up the heating in classrooms with all the windows open.

The Christmas and New Year break offers some much-needed respite. Whilst we would hope that this is a joyous time of year it is a holiday that comes with its fair share of challenge and stress, considerable expense and, for some, a heightened sadness for absent friends and family.

I think of Frank Capra's 1946 classic, 'It's a Wonderful Life'. It's Christmas Eve and George Bailey (played by James Stuart) is struggling to cope. He's on a bridge and planning to take his own life. In his thoughts, the world would be a better place if he'd never been born. Clarence Odbody (angel 2nd class) pulls him back from the brink and shows him a world in which George didn't exist. It's not a pleasant place and one in which so many people's lives are much the worse for not having George 'in their corner'. When George returns home, expecting to be arrested, he finds that the entire town have rallied round to support him. His brother, Harry, toasts him as the "richest man in town" and Clarence reminds him that no man is a failure if he has friends.

(I'm welling up here, as I type. If you haven't seen this film, you really must. Apologies for the spoilers ... but it has been out for over 70 years.)

When I consider the trials and tribulations of a teaching career, I remind myself of how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to influence and impact on the lives of so many young people. Here at Lincoln UTC, we have the good fortune of working with the most talented and delightful students. We equip them with the skills and provide them with the opportunities that will set them on the path for future career success. It's a privilege to be 'in their corner'.

The atmosphere in the UTC is unique and the relationships that exist are uncommonly positive. I know that all the staff here (teaching and non-teaching) share my view that we've never worked in a friendlier place.

In that way, I consider myself to be "the richest man in town" (Sorry, George!). I hope that this year, across the breadth of Lincolnshire, Christmas tree bells ring loud as 'Clarence's get their wings and all of us who work in schools raise a toast in appreciation of all the young people who make this the most rewarding job in the country.

John Morrison  
Principal

# You Before Two

This term we welcomed Dr Becky Foljambe from You Before Two, a charitable foundation created to promote sexual and mental health education.

Over a series of weeks Dr Becky delivered sexual consent and gender-based violence workshops to small groups of year 11 students. The sessions aim to empower teenagers to understand and consider choice, consent and confidence.

Her focus on the law surrounding sexual consent meant that students were well informed on the realities of situations that might arise and how best to deal with them. Students reported that following the workshops they were clear on the legislation and felt more secure in making firm decisions regarding consent in the future.





# UK Maths Challenge

In November we had a brilliant turnout of A Level mathematicians that chose to enter the UK Maths Challenge. Huge congratulations to Oliver who achieved the best score in year 12, and Harry who achieved the best score in the school. Well done to the following students that achieved bronze and silver certificates.

In year 12: Oliver Dawson, Ross Butcher, Ryan Homden-Maplethorpe, Joe Irvine, Arthur Jones, Nikos Katsouris, Reuben Lanchbury-Empson, Ewan Mould, Gabrielle Pirie, Elsie Taylor-Camm.

In year 13: Harry Baber, Benjamin Brown, Emily Dickson, Molly McHugh, Edward Pitts-Drake, and Matthew Spendlove.





# Industry Event

On Wednesday 17th November, we invited a number of local engineering companies to attend 'Engineering Your Talent Pipeline: A Networking Event' at Lincoln UTC.

In September 2022 we will become the only provider in Lincolnshire to offer a T Level in Engineering. T Levels allow employers to get early sight of new talent in their industry, and can help to build a pipeline for junior positions or apprenticeships. Facilitating a placement will provide an opportunity for employers to work alongside the next generation of engineers, ensuring that they develop the knowledge, attitude and practical skills to succeed.

During the networking event attendees heard from students and employers who have already benefited from partnerships and work placements, explored the facilities at Lincoln UTC, and met fellow local employers and industrialists.

The evening was a resounding success, with companies commenting positively on the UTC ethos, our engineering department, and the attitude of our students. Following on from the event we are forging new links with some exciting engineering companies, which will join the significant number of industry partners that are already involved in the delivery of our curriculum.

After meeting company representatives at the event Y13 engineer Jonty was invited to visit ParkAcre, a market leading vitamin manufacturer, for a day of work experience. Jonty made a great impression on George Ritchie, ParkAcre's Lead Engineer, who commented on his enthusiasm, professionalism and engineering skills. George has now agreed to support Jonty with a long-term industrial placement alongside his studies.



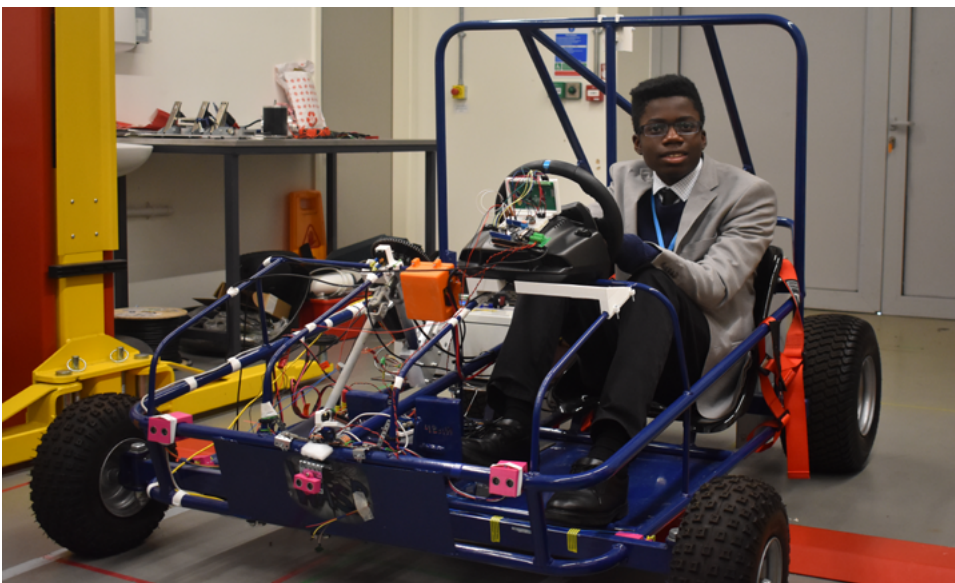


# University Visits

This term UTC students visited the School of Engineering at the University of Lincoln on two occasions. Year 13 engineers enjoyed a guided tour and a masterclass, which provided a valuable insight into studying engineering at degree level.

The close connections between Lincoln UTC and the University of Lincoln provide our students with opportunities to explore the subjects of science and engineering alongside researchers within state of the art facilities, starting their careers well ahead of their peers.

Over the course of the academic year all students will visit the University's laboratories and workshops on multiple occasions to strengthen their subject knowledge and use a wide range of industry grade equipment.





# Christmas Charity Fundraising

## Lincoln's Little Heroes

We were thrilled to support Lincoln's Little Heroes Christmas Experience for the second year by donating bespoke Christmas decorations designed and manufactured by a group of our year 10 students. We would like to say a huge thank you to Lathams Ltd for donating the wood free of charge.

Lincoln's Little Heroes was started in 2020 by George Clark, to try and create a bit of festive magic for children in the Lincoln area who are undergoing cancer treatment, immunosuppressed or shielding. Because these families would find it difficult to go out and see Father Christmas, Lincoln's Little Heroes provide a safe visit to their house to make a special memory.





## The Nomad Trust

On Friday 10th December students and staff took part in a Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for the Nomad Trust, which provides emergency access accommodation to those in need. We raised over £70 and collected donations of tinned food, selection boxes and toiletries to donate.

The Nomad Centre is the only direct access night shelter service in Lincolnshire. The centre provides shelter to adults aged 18 and over in the form of an en-suite room, laundry facilities, three meals a day, and a safe and supportive environment with access to a housing support worker.



# Post-16 Open Event

Over the coming months we will be encouraging all of our year 11 students to begin planning for the future and considering their options for next steps after completing their GCSE examinations.

The Lincoln UTC sixth form was graded 'outstanding' by Ofsted in June 2019. Achievement is consistently well above that made by other students nationally and our year 13 leavers continue to be very successful in securing their desired place at university or in industry.

In September 2022 we will become the only provider in Lincolnshire to offer a T Level in Engineering. This course will expand on current post-16 option choices, which include a range of STEM-based A Levels and a Level 3 BTEC in engineering.

On **Monday 31st January** we will be hosting a Post-16 Options Evening for year 11 students and their parents/carers. During this event students will have two opportunity to attend an options presentation and explore the choices available through short taster sessions.

We fully support our students in making the best decision for themselves as individuals and all staff members are available to offer advice and provide guidance as needed.





# Exam Invigilator Vacancy

Are you looking for a part-time job working in a school?

Lincoln UTC is looking for Exam Invigilators to join our expanding team. You will work as part of a team of invigilators who will ensure exams are carried out according to the Exams Code of Conduct under the direction of our experienced exam manager.

Exams take place in May/June and then continue in November, January and March. The rate of pay is £10.00 per hour.

Previous school and exams experience is preferred although not essential as full training and on-going support will be provided.

Exam Invigilator jobs are fantastic for candidates looking for part-time and flexible work to fit around other commitments.

You will be required to provide a minimum of 2 recent and relevant references. The role is also subject to an Enhanced DBS check, overseas police clearances where applicable and the UTC will carry out checks on eligibility to work in the UK and qualification checks where appropriate.

For an application form please email [hr@lincolnutc.co.uk](mailto:hr@lincolnutc.co.uk).



# Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Full time or part time

£19,000 per annum (pro rata) term time only

Closing date - 14th January 2022

Lincoln UTC wishes to appoint a new teaching assistant to join our small but exceptional team (judged to be outstanding by Ofsted). The college is smaller than most schools but is growing in popularity. We currently have just over 300 students on roll (up from only 235 last year). Looking ahead to September we expect our student population to grow again ... to just over 350. We want our SEND team to grow in line with this, in order to continue meet the needs of all our students. Lincoln UTC currently has 23 teaching staff and a team of 6 teaching assistants. We are an uncommonly 'tight knit' and supportive community. Behaviour at the college is very good and the relationships that exist between students and staff are exceptionally positive.

The successful candidate will be actively involved in all aspects of college life and work with students across multiple subject areas, alongside the existing team.

Prior experience would be an advantage but is not a pre-requisite. Full training and support will be available. This would ideally be a full time, permanent position (term time only) but we will be happy to consider applications from strong candidates who would prefer a part time position.

The atmosphere at Lincoln UTC is both unique and special. We would welcome (indeed encourage) visits to the college so that you can see for yourself what we have to offer. Equally, we understand that this is not always possible and we will not view applications from candidates who have not visited less favourably.

For further details, for an application pack, or to arrange a visit please email [hr@lincolnutc.co.uk](mailto:hr@lincolnutc.co.uk).

