

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

Following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, **Phoenix College will be closed on Monday 19th September** for the Queen’s state funeral.

Over this week, students have shared their feelings and reflected on the role of the Queen and Her Majesty’s legacy during tutorials and during our *Politics & Culture* course. All students are taking home a social story to support their understanding of our closure on Monday. Please do let us know if you need any further support on this.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

We are very excited to share with you our Programme of Study for this academic year. Our aim is to offer a diverse range of courses which relate students' skills, needs and interest, creating a variety of potential career pathways. If you'd like any further information, or have any feedback, then please get in touch. Best wishes,

Rick Nunn, Curriculum Lead

PARENTS FORUM

4th October – 4pm

We are hosting our first **Parents Forum** for this academic year on the 4th October. This is going to be an **online event** where we are going to discuss:

- Phoenix College: curriculum and courses
- New staff structure
- Course duration and transitions after graduation

I look forward to seeing all parents there!

OPEN HOUSE

20th October – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Our first **Open House** is taking place just before the half-term break. This is going to be a **face-to-face event**.

This is an opportunity for new and returning parents to meet with teachers, instructors and the support team. Alumni and former parents are also going to be invited to join us.

Please save the date!

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THIS WEEK

Thom has really enjoyed his first full week at College. He has participated in all lessons which has involved group discussions. He is now starting to feel comfortable with his new peers and presented his 'About Me' work during *Politics & Culture* in front of the whole class. Well done, Thom!



Darren, Fitness Instructor



Maryam Amjad is our student of the week! She has been exceptional in lessons, fully focussed and engaged. Every morning Maryam asked her peers how they were feeling and she supported Mustafa with his timetable in the morning.

Elena, Beauty Therapy Instructor

Great dynamics started to form in our new class during this week and new students coming from different schools are happy to support each other. Lisa was helping Mohammed during our first *Travel & Tourism* course, just like a proper teaching assistant. Maybe we witness the beginning of a new career here? Well done, Lisa!



Frank, eLearning Instructor



All the students had a productive week at college with their new timetable. Returning students are supporting new students. They have been enjoying their *Hair & Beauty* and *Horticulture* sessions. Students also enjoyed learning about local offers and *Travel & Tourism* sessions. This week, Aşton worked really well in transitions around the college and engaging in all sessions. Aston has shown a lot more confidence in class and interacting with his new friends in class and during break times. Aston really enjoyed making soup in our *Catering* course. All the students are making great progress and improving their focus and ability to concentrate on positive targets during the day. **Mohammed, June and Mish**

Have a restful long weekend,



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