

*“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”*

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Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the term. And what a term!

In **September**, we started the academic year by welcoming 15 new students to Phoenix College. It has been remarkable to see all of them making new friends, learning new skills and planning their future careers.

In **October**, we hired a consultant from *NATSPEC (National Association of Specialist Colleges)* to conduct a Health Check at Phoenix College. She gave us very good feedback on our systems, curriculum and outcomes and that visit really helped us to prepare for *OFSTED*.

In **November**, we had *OFSTED* visiting us for our first Monitoring Visit. They gave us very good feedback and we are happy to have worked so hard in the preparation for that visit.

Now, we get to **December** and I could not be more excited to share with you our plans for the first Stay Up Late event for this academic year: all students are going out for a Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

#### **WINTER FAYRE**

**12<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00 to 14.00**

Please do join us for our 11 Winter Fayre. We now have a debit card machine so please save the day for your festivities shopping! Scented candles, t-shirts, shopping bags... We have a great range of products for you.

#### **STAY UP LATE**

**13<sup>th</sup> December – 15.00 to 19.00 (last day of the term for students)**

Students are very excited to go out at night with their friends for our first Movie Night!

We are going to have our own cinema room at Genesis!!! Could parents and carers please make sure that:

- **All students bring in their Freedom Passes;**
- **Students should bring £10 with them if they would like to buy snacks and drinks at the cinema.**

It would be great if you could help your child to choose what movie they would like to watch. We can pick any of the movies that Genesis Cinema is showing at the moment.



Please visit their website: <https://genesiscinema.co.uk/GenesisCinema.dll/Home>

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**FREEDOM PASS**

**All students must come to College with their Freedom Passes.** Students can only access our curriculum fully, including class trips and work placements, if they have their Freedom Passes.

**THIS WEEK**

Shucayb's communication skills have improved greatly this term. Working as a Library Assistant alongside his Job Coach (Kenan), Shucayb has taken on more tasks and responsibilities. He was given a task which is normally given to people who are being interviewed for a library assistant job. His managers expected him to take a couple of sessions to adjust and pick up the skills required for that task but he learned how to do it in 10 minutes! This is such a massive achievement. Great work, Shucayb!

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, eLearning Instructors**



All the students have been working incredibly hard and progressing in all areas of the curriculum. The students are enjoying the rotation of the timetable and transitioning to different learning areas around the college. The first term has flown by and the year is coming to an end. We have more exciting teaching and learning planned for the new year!

Throughout the day, we encourage and support all students with their communication. We have different augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices in place for each student, in accordance with their communication levels and support needs.

This week I want to say a huge "well done" to Syeda! Syeda has shown great confidence and strength in her reading and writing skills. Syeda has also been speaking more confidently to staff and peers in class and during break times. During her baseline assessments, Syeda has shown huge progress in maths and English.

**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering instructor**

Have a good weekend,



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