

*“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”*

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Dear parents and carers,

Our **Curriculum Team**, especially instructors and teachers, have been commenting on the great improvements seen at Phoenix College this term, particularly around communication skills, confidence and positive behaviour. A big **WELL DONE** to all students! That is such a great reason to celebrate, especially as we took 15 new students in September.

We also have to celebrate the achievements from our **Careers Team**. Students have returned to their work placements and new opportunities are coming up soon. It is especially exciting to have more students being offered paid positions. That has been shifting student’s perspectives and aspirations around employment. This week during lunch break, **Nae’ma** approached me and said: “Renato, I am working at Starbucks and **Sanjida** is working at Tate Modern. We are happy! But I want to be paid.”. Truly remarkable!

Once again, if there are any career opportunities that you would like your child to explore, please let us know. It might be the little shop at the corner of your house looking for a shop assistant, your brother-in-law’s office that needs a new cleaner or your local pizzeria that needs someone for leafletting. Please let us know about any work opportunities in your communities and our Careers Team will be in touch!

#### STAY UP LATE

09<sup>th</sup> February – 3.15pm to 7.00pm

Students will join their second social twilight, our Stay Up Late programme, at the end of this half-term.

**We have now booked Rich Mix for a true Valentine’s Disco experience.** A big **THANK YOU** to our Enterprise Lead, **Alfie Begum**, for organizing this.

**Please save the date!**

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**THIS WEEK**



Hamza and Samiya have been great this week, showing good developments with their verbal communication. Hamza has been communicating with staff when he needs help using full sentences and Samiya has been reading books with more confidence. They both have been expressing themselves through dance during *Fitness* and *Performing Arts* courses this week, showing their ability to follow verbal and visual instructions! Great work, guys!

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**



Shaquil is turning 21 this Saturday so the whole college sang Happy Birthday to him at the lunch hall on Friday morning. Momo came prepared: he went to his local shop last night to buy a cake and some treats to Shaquil. This week both of them worked really hard

and took part of classroom activities. For *Keeping Safe*, students created a diagram explaining their favourite private and public activities. Well done guys, you deserve to celebrate!

**Frank Kasa  
eLearning Instructor**



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Saira had a fantastic week. She was able to verbally read the daily timetable independently. She has remained engaged and focused throughout the whole week. Saira has been proactive and has followed all the instructions given by staff. She has been participating in all her lessons, completing all tasks and learning new skills. Well done, Saira! We are so proud of your achievements!

**Elena Vata, Beauty Therapy Instructor**

This week, all the students have worked extremely hard on their personal targets. They have visited Rich Mix theatre to look at the art gallery with our teacher Sarah, which they all enjoyed and were all engaged. Two students in particular have excelled immensely; Syeda and Aston. Aston has been super engaged in all lessons, particularly during *Performing Arts* and *Fitness*. Aston's confidence has grown and he was showing the whole class his dance and fitness moves.



Syeda has also shown her growth in confidence in general, reading out loud, speaking out more often and also showing her dance and fitness moves to the whole class. Syeda has also excelled in one of her personal targets. Well done, Aston and Syeda! Keep shining and keep up the good work. We are so proud of you!

**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor**

Have a wonderful weekend,



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