

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

It was fantastic to have students back to Phoenix College this week. I hope you had a nice half-term break!

All students looked very excited to start their new courses. We will have very exciting units this term with students making different types of pizza during *Catering*, going for long outdoor walks during *Fitness*, learning about massage therapy during *Beauty Therapy* and getting information around online safety during *Digital World*, among other very exciting topics. We are sending home the Curriculum Map for this half-term so you can get more information on what your child will be learning at College.

TEACHER STRIKES ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

Teacher strikes are planned to go ahead next week. Our Admin Team will be in touch with will at the beginning of the week to discuss how that will affect the College.

FREEDOM PASSES

As mentioned in my letters to you since September, all students must have their Freedom Passes with them when attending Phoenix College. As mentioned in my letter to you before the half-term, students who do not come to Phoenix College with their Freedom Passes will not be able to join class trips from now on.

Our Admin Team will contact you again if that is the case.

All our students have the right to travel for free with their Freedom Pass and that is an essential part of our curriculum.

OPEN HOUSE

30th March – 3.15pm to 7.00pm

After a remarkable **Valentine's Disco**, our next twilight will be an **Open House**. On that evening, you will have the chance to discuss your child's progress with the whole team and attend training delivered by our therapy team. That is also an opportunity to meet potential students, parents and carers that might join us in September and for your child to meet students that have graduated from Phoenix College in previous years.

Please save the date!

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THIS WEEK

The beginning of this week was a busy one for Mo's class, who took part in a tree planting event in Victoria Park during *Environmental Action* and *Local Offer*. The students demonstrated their amazing teamwork skills to dig the holes, prepare the soil, ensure the tree roots were released, secure the tree in the ground and cover it up with soil and mulch. Ilyas in particular was fantastic at working with his group, ensuring that everybody got involved and supporting peers that found the task trickier. The students then chose to name their trees 'Stewie' and 'Mo' 😊 It is fantastic to think that Phoenix has had a part to play in the landscape of Victoria Park, and I know the students are looking forward to being able to visit their trees in the future.

Sarah Spiro, Teacher



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All students were happy to be back to College after the half-term break. It has been really fantastic to see all the students enthusiasm and motivation during our sessions, especially during *Environmental Action*. Students learned to identify DIY equipment and how to use them safely. Students worked as a group cleaning and using sandpaper to scrape and smoothen the pallet. They also organised the equipment, putting them in the right places. Really well done, everyone!

Elena Vata, Beauty Therapy instructor



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The students from our class were happy and excited to return to College after the holidays. This week in *Keeping Safe* we learned about different cultures and their identity. The class had fun getting to know about each other's traditions and values but also traditional food dishes from other countries. It was a pleasure to see the students taking such an interest in the topic and have discussions about their own identity. Great work, guys!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



Shaquil has been having great weeks at College. He has taken more responsibilities and he really improved his ability to follow instructions during lessons. This week he also helped me with our Movie Club during lunchtime by setting things up and showing great adult behaviour.

Rayhan Ahmed, Assessment TA

Have a fantastic weekend,



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