

*"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we have got to the end of the half-term. And what a busy seven weeks we had!

Students are now at the end of their baseline assessments for English and Maths, Vocational Profiles are being updated and many new work experiences (internal) and work placements (external) have started.

We have also great news around paid supported employment: **Ifiti Hossain**, who is graduating in July, was offered a paid position at [Ottolenghi](#)! We could not be prouder – great work, Ifiti!!!

**Please remember that students are returning to Phoenix College on Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> November.**

#### **FREEDOM PASSES**

As mentioned in my letters to you last academic year, all students must have their Freedom Passes with them when attending Phoenix College. We have contacted all parents, carers and families with reminders about this.

**This academic year, students will only be able to attend Phoenix College if they have their Freedom Passes.**

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

#### **STAY UP LATE**

**WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3.15pm to 7pm**

Our next twilight is taking place on the 20<sup>th</sup> December! We are really looking forward to our first **movie night at Genesis Cinema**! Please do support your child to choose which movie they would like to watch on that day.

#### **STAY UP LATE**

**THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> January – 3.15pm to 7pm**

This is going to be our second **movie night at Genesis Cinema**. Students are very excited to see a different movie every term. This will be another opportunity for students to choose the movie that we will watch.

#### **STAY UP LATE**

**WEDNESDAY, 07<sup>th</sup> February – 3.15pm to 7pm**

Valentine's Disco!

**Please save these dates!**

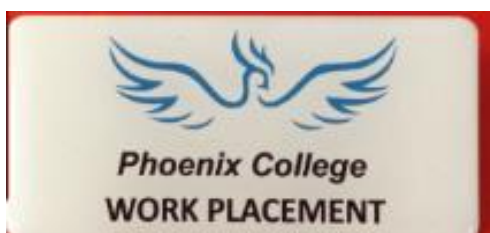
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## THIS WEEK

We now have some lovely new badges for our students and their Job Coaches to wear when they go out on work placements in the community. Future employers and members of the public will now be able to see our students' amazing employability skills. We hope you agree that they look great!

**Carolyn Davis, Employment Engagement Officer**



This week in Mo's class all students have been working hard and enjoying their last week before the half-term break. The student who has really worked hard on her independence skills this week and has shown such an improvement is **Samiya**. Samiya made an omelette independently during our *Cooking* session this week. We are so proud of you! Well done, Samiya!

**Mich Lecce, Job Coach**



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Throughout the term, it has been incredibly enjoyable to witness the friendship between Fida and Ryan during their dedicated 1:1 Personal Training sessions. Their unwavering support and encouragement for one another have undeniably fostered a positive and motivating environment. The unwavering enthusiasm and determination they both bring to each session is truly amazing to see.

It has been a true delight observing their individual growth and progress over the course of these sessions. Notably, both Fida and Ryan have exhibited remarkable improvements in their ability to attentively follow instructions, along with a noticeable enhancement in their physical coordination and self-assurance. Well done, Fida and Ryan!

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**



When Ifti is out in the community he has evolved into an extremely mature and professional person and represents Phoenix College with great pride. He exhibits wonderful leadership within his group of peers and shows a huge interest in all of the many different things and activities that he encounters. Above all, he does this with a keen humor and a very positive and infectious energy. All of his interactions with other people in the community have been very courteous and polite. Well done, Ifti. Amazing work.

**Andy Storey, Job Coach**

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We finished the first term of the academic year with many reasons to celebrate. New students settled in well and many new friendships have flourished. All students have been fantastic this week! They have shown a huge improvement and being independent in all areas of curriculum. It was a pleasure to meet parents, carers and families during our Open House yesterday. We discussed student's progress and achievement by sharing good practice at college and at home. Gathering crucial information will help us to make changes and to support students' needs even more.

On a sadder note, it has been a pleasure having Riadh in our class but we had to say goodbye today. We wish Riadh the best of luck in his new placement at Apasen.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents, carers and families for their continued support.

**Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor**



Thank you to all parents, carers and families that attended our Open House yesterday! It was fantastic to see so many of you and to share the amazing work that our students are doing at Phoenix College.

Have a fantastic half-term break,



**Renato Marques**  
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