

*"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you had a good week. Students have worked really hard despite the wet weather.

I have very exciting news from our **Assistant Principal – Careers, Natasha Wood**: we have now reached the number of **50 WORK PLACEMENTS**! This is the first time that we reach that number and we could not be prouder! A big thank you to Natasha and the Careers Team: **Carolyn Davis, Employment Engagement Officer** and **Alfie Begum, Enterprise Lead**. What an amazing achievement!

Another exciting news is that our students will design Christmas Cards soon. On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** we will have "photoshoots" for those cards so please feel free to support your child to wear any festive clothes on those days. Christmas jumpers, Santa's hats and any other festive items will be very welcome on that day.

#### **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

Hamda has had an exceptional week at college, showcasing remarkable achievements across various courses. In *Keeping Safe*, Hamda demonstrated she is able to follow written instructions successfully by creating her own profile page with diverse layouts and visuals. Her leadership skills were evident in *Expressive Arts*, particularly during a drumming session where she confidently led the group, providing clear verbal instructions to her peers. This not only highlighted her musical abilities but also effective communication and teamwork. Hamda has also excelled during *Self-Care* sessions with our Instructor, Elena Vata, engaging in one-to-one sessions focused on nail care. She carries out a high-level nail care routine and reads a script as if she was addressing customers. Great week, Hamda Jama!

### Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



This week for Festive Friday, I have chosen Mo's Class during their *Self-Care* session. The reason is because students were very focused on learning about their shoe sizes. They were measuring each other's feet by using blank paper, pen and a ruler. They drew their feet on paper so they could measure their shoe size. We have also linked *the Self-Care* session with *Travel Training* this week so students got the confidence and independence to learn and try their shoe sizes. Well done, everyone. Great work!

### Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



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This week in the college kitchen, our junior cooks were challenged to prepare a simple brunch meal given from four different recipes which they have been working on in the previous weeks. Students really showed off their skills to prepare the dishes in accordance with a list of common techniques and styles to prepare a particular dish. Junior cooks selected a recipe and then created a shopping list with the right ingredients. They then visited our local shop to buy the right ingredients with growing independence. Next term we will be working together to create some amazing dishes that demonstrate culture and family traditions.

Well done to all Junior Chefs!

**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor**

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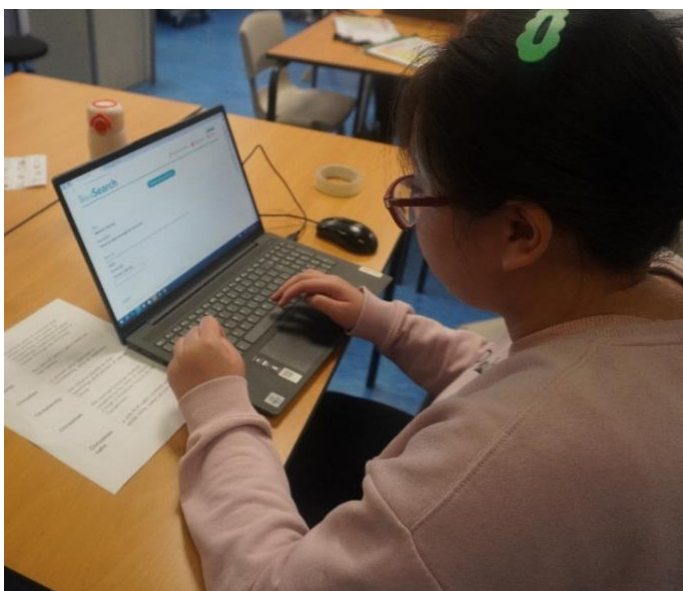
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We started our work experience creating Christmassy colouring pages and word searches for **The Ten Academy**. We used an application that transforms coloured images into colouring pages and another one to make word search pages from scratch. **Abied, Fida** and **Lisa** excelled and created plenty of fun worksheets that soon will be accessible for autistic students to help them learn. Well done, team!

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**



Have a wonderful weekend,



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