

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

... and December has arrived! Today we celebrated the beginning of the new month with students decorating our Christmas trees. They were so excited! Students took charge of buying the lights for the trees with **our teacher Sarah Spiro**, creating their personalized decoration with our **teacher Helen Gillan** and decorating the trees. The joy and excitement from students were amalgamated with a special sense of togetherness this week. We are all looking forward to celebrating the festive season with our **Christmas Lunch** on the **12th of December** and our **Enterprise Fair** on the **14th of December**. [Please see the poster attached!](#)

Please note that we have renovation works taking place at our reception so students are using an alternative route to enter the building at the moment.

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, 20th December – 3.15pm to 7pm

Our next twilight is taking place on the 20th 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, 18th 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, 07th February – 3.15pm to 7pm

Valentine's Disco!

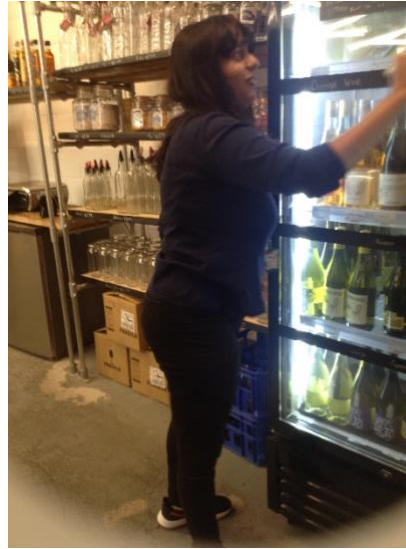
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THIS WEEK

Elena's Class had a great week - the energy displayed in all lessons has been a pleasure to see. On Tuesday we had Students Led Conferences. First, I would like to thank all the parents that attended the scheduled meetings. Students were very excited to see their parents and to show them the work that they have done and photos and videos from different lessons. All parents were very pleased with their child's progress. Moreover, this week Saira has been highlighted as the student of the week. She has showed great improvement in all areas. She has remained engaged and focused throughout all sessions. Saira has been going to two different work placements: Mudchute Farm and Refill Therapy. On those, she has been following all the instructions given by employers and the Job Coaches. Overall, Saira has made huge progress and gained new skills in each job and I believe she will continue to flourish and succeed.



Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor

Aniqa has continued to showcase her successful integration into College life, providing numerous examples of her accomplishments this week. In cooking lessons, she is growing more confident in navigating the kitchen, successfully following visual step-by-step recipes to prepare breakfast dishes with minimal assistance from staff. During Fitness, Aniqa enthusiastically embraced learning a new sport, volleyball. Aniqa contributed positively to the atmosphere as she played alongside her peers and staff. Furthermore, Aniqa is demonstrating increasing consistency in completing her daily personal care checklist. Excellent work, Aniqa!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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We are approaching the end of the first term and the new year. It has been a great start to the academic year with all the students showing great progress in all areas of the curriculum. I am super proud and have great faith as we have many leavers at the end of this academic year. Some students have continued with their existing work placement from the previous year and some have started new placements. Employers have given great feedback: fingers crossed our students will end the academic year with paid supported employment.

I would like to highlight this week's super star: Aston Ekoh. He has shown great progress and confidence in all areas, especially in *Expressive Arts*. Students have really enjoyed themselves with this week's Christmas theme, dressing up and rehearsing class choice Christmas carols. Well done, keep smiling!!!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



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Tahmid was working really hard this week at Phoenix College and excelled with different IT tasks. He worked mostly independently when we created English worksheets for The Ten Academy. He was engaged painting a canvas together at *Politics and Culture* and also gave us a unique view of using virtual spaces and AI to figure out information about online shopping at *Digital World*. Beside that, Tahmid enjoyed group activities during break time such as a very exciting round of "hot chair". Very well done!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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