

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is incredible to reach the end of our first term for this academic year with so many accomplishments. We reviewed the targets for each individual student today and two classes had 100% of targets achieved! We have reached the percentage of 75% of students in external work placements and 32% of students already being offered paid supported employment.

The last week of the term was very busy with our traditional *Christmas Lunch* on Tuesday and our first evening trip to Genesis Cinema this year as part of our *Stay Up Late* programme – students loved the movie Wonka! Students also enjoyed the rest of the week very much and you can see some of that in the photos over the next pages.

Moreover, we had incredible news today: **Starbucks sold £600 in Phoenix Enterprise products last week!** A huge **WELL DONE** to our **Enterprise Lead, Alfie Begum**, for creating and nurturing this partnership!

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

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.

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WEDNESDAY, 07th February – 3.15pm to 7pm

Valentine's Disco!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

It was a fun last week of term for all involved. On Tuesday, students wore Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a delightful Christmas dinner which was made by our **Catering Instructor, Mo**, and our **Job Coach, Jorna**. It was pleasing to see students from all 4 classes socializing with each other and enjoying their meal together in a wonderful atmosphere. After the meal, all students got the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning in *Expressive Arts*, dressing up in festive clothing and singing their chosen Christmas carol song.

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to update you on students' progress. It has been a busy and productive term for our students, filled with growth, learning, and meaningful experiences.

All students have shown dedication and enthusiasm in their studies, and I am pleased to share that their efforts have been commendable. They have actively participated in class activities, demonstrated curiosity, and contributed positively to the learning environment. As we approach the Christmas holiday, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your family. May this festive season bring joy, relaxation, and cherished moments spent together.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to the upcoming term with excitement and optimism.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From Elena's Team - Elena, June, Rayhan, Anila and Jessy



Students in Frank's Class worked very hard to organise and set up our *Christmas Lunch* this week. From moving furniture to assemble in a choir and present our Christmas song to the whole group working well as a team. We enjoyed Wonka as a reward on our last day and found it mesmerising.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

What a wonderful way to end the year, great food and great company. Great way to bring people together and have a good time. Students have worked incredibly hard to end the year with a bang. Our beautiful Christmas lunch and setting was all planned and executed by our amazing students, with joy and laughter. Whether it is shared experiences, conversation starters, or special occasions, food is the way of bringing everyone together and creating memories.

Please encourage the students to help or make simple meals for themselves or a family member at home (think healthy). I want to say a massive thank you to each and every Young Chef and staff for all the hard work. Have a lovely and joyful holiday and a happy new year!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor

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Merry Christmas
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