

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Students had a very active week at Phoenix College! Please see below some outstanding achievements during our Fitness, *Cooking*, *One-to-One Workshop*, *Keeping Safe* and *Politics and Culture* subjects. It is inspiring to see students making progress throughout all the subjects included in our Preparation for Adulthood course.

Students are still talking about our Stay Up Late event at Genesis Cinema last week. They loved Aquaman 2, even though the reviews from staff about the movie were not as exciting. Please see below the calendar for our next twilight events – students are already talking about our Valentine’s Disco on the 7th February!

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, 07th February – 3.15pm to 7pm
Valentine’s Disco!

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, 06th March – 3.15pm to 7pm
Open House to all parents.

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 01st May – 3.15pm to 7pm

This is going to be our third **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.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Saira has been selected as our 'Student of the Week' for her exceptional engagement, focus, and active participation in all our sessions. Throughout the week, Saira consistently demonstrated a high level of commitment, contributing valuable insights and actively participating in group activities. Her enthusiasm and engagement have not only enhanced her own learning experience but have also positively influenced her peers. This term, Saira has showed a huge improvement in *Fitness* sessions. She has been taking part for longer periods of time in various activities with minimal prompting from staff. Great work, Saira!

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



In *Local Offer* this term, students are learning about researching further learning opportunities open to them after they graduate from Phoenix College. **Afzal, Thomas** and **Shaqil** demonstrated excellent speaking and listening skills this week; they undertook their research together as group, asking each other questions, carefully reading the text to find the answers and helping each other to type up their responses. They patiently supported each other to complete the research and then had a discussion about their own preferences of topics for future learning. Well done all.

Sarah Spiro, Teacher



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The young chefs had another wonderful week in *Cooking* sessions with the Pasta theme this term! Cooking can be such a delightful and educational experience, allowing students to explore creativity in the kitchen while learning valuable skills. The excitement of shopping for ingredients and crafting personalised pasta dishes not only made the learning process enjoyable but also encouraged a deeper appreciation for the food. The students put a lot of effort into their dishes, making them not only delicious but visually appealing as well. Such hands-on experiences build a lifelong love for cooking and a greater understanding of different ingredients and flavour combinations. Celebrating the students' achievements and the joy they find in cooking helps create a positive and supportive learning environment.

Each term 2 students get the opportunity to understand and learn the importance of food and hygiene, participating on a Level 1 Food & Hygiene course. I am proud to announce that **Fida** has successfully passed the course. Keep up the excellent work, and exploration continues to grow!

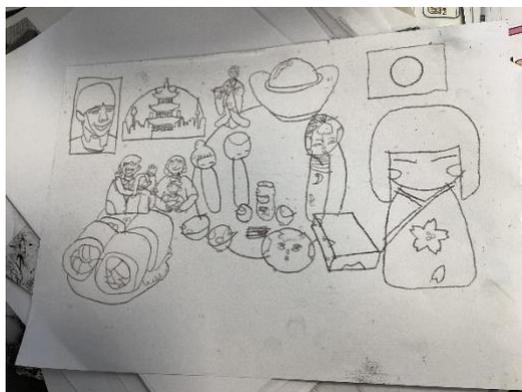
Mohammed Ahmed, Cooking Instructor



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Syeda has made significant strides in achieving several of her termly targets this week. She has actively engaged in various activities that allowed her to showcase and enhance her communication skills. Notably, during the *Keeping Safe* session, when students are learning about romantic relationships, Syeda exhibited confidence by reading aloud her Dating Profile to the entire class, sharing her interests and outlining her perspective on what makes a successful relationship. In both *Fitness* and *Cooking* sessions, Syeda demonstrated her ability to collaborate effectively with classmates. She successfully partnered with different friends to accomplish a variety of tasks. Great work Syeda!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



This is **Thomas Davis'** imprint from *Politics and Culture* session on cultural identity. He worked so hard and included lots of detail!

Helen Gillan, Teacher

Have a beautiful weekend,



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