

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We had a very positive week with Learning Walks at Phoenix College. Our **Assistant Principal, Rick Nunn**, organized for every teacher, instructors and lead to be observed by the Leadership Team and we could not be happier with the results. We saw outstanding practice across the curriculum, with students very engaged and learning in a safe and stimulating environment. Well done, everyone!

Next Wednesday we have our Valentine's Disco! Please encourage your child to wear **pink** or **red** for the party at RichMix!



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

Students are very much looking forward to our annual Valentine's Disco at RichMix!

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

Lisa successfully completed a *Level 1 Food Hygiene Course* this week. Guided by her keen attention to detail and determination, she navigated through challenging food safety protocols mostly independently and scored excellently on the test on her first attempt. This accomplishment is a valuable addition to Lisa's CV, showcasing her knowledge of food safety, hazards, and challenges that hospitality workers encounter on a daily basis. Lisa is enthusiastic about tackling these challenges and is committed to continuous learning within the industry every week. Keep up the fantastic work!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



We are delighted to update you on the remarkable progress students have been making as they actively engage in diverse work placements throughout the week. Our students are working hard to attend placements regularly and arrive to work on time, in these opportunities, working incredibly hard to acquire valuable skills and working with new individuals. This hands-on experience is not only enhancing their practical knowledge but also helping personal growth and development. Moreover, the interaction with the public is a positive aspect of their learning journey. We are proud of each student for showing their enthusiasm and commitment to these experiences.

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on the efforts of **Samiya Begum** this week. Samiya has consistently demonstrated dedication by attending her work placement with commitment. She not only actively engages with her assigned tasks but also showed the ability to take instructions with enthusiasm and complete them with minimal staff support. Well done!!!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor

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Fida and Shucayb are part of a student group who are currently engaged in a work placement with the *TEN Academy*. Every Wednesday, they contribute their talents as **Creative Officers**, dedicating their efforts to designing and crafting inclusive materials for individuals with autism and their families. Their recent work highlights their high level of IT skills. Fida and Shucayb exhibit confidence in utilizing the internet for research purposes and are adept at independently using **Microsoft Publisher** to create worksheets. Their skills have shone through, showcasing a high level of competence. The *Digital World* sessions have become a source of great enjoyment for both, providing them with the opportunity to further enhance their abilities with IT in a supported paid employment role.

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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This week for Festive Friday, I would like to reward all the students that participated in *Self-Care* sessions. In recent weeks, I have observed a remarkable and inclusive initiative within our student's personal care. Many students have actively engaged in *Self-Care* sessions, demonstrating kindness and support by assisting each other with tasks like washing their hair. We celebrate the diverse strengths and abilities of each student, recognizing the positive impact they have on one another. Students have demonstrated a strong commitment to personal care, showcasing engaged and focused behaviour. Whether it is through self-care routines, focused studies, or active engagement in college activities, students are making meaningful contributions to their personal and academic growth. I

wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for all the **Job Coaches** that have been supporting students and giving them the opportunity to achieve their goals.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



Next Wednesday, Phoenix College will be hosting a Twilight event at Rich Mix; for the second time organised by **Alfie Begum, Enterprise Lead**, as students will throw a party in the Valentine's Disco. Poster designed by **Imran Hassan, Job Coach** – please see attachment. We want our students to steal the show and to have a great evening!

Imran Hassan, Job Coach

Have a fantastic weekend,



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