

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of this half-term. It feels like yesterday when students returned to Phoenix College after the Christmas break.

Students closed this half of the term with a bang: our traditional **Valentine's Disco at Rich Mix** was a big success!!! Please see below some great stories and photos from that remarkable night out for our students. Thank you to the whole team for working so hard to organize this beautiful event, especially our **Enterprise Lead, Alfie Begum**.

Please remember that students will return to Phoenix College on Tuesday 20th 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY, 19th June – 3.15pm to 7pm

Open House to all parents. The main focus will be on the transitions for leavers this time.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Students can benefit greatly from having their own mobile phones, especially for learning purposes. One such valuable tool is the 'TinyBit' app. Tailored for families with disabilities, TinyBit aims to simplify daily tasks, schedules, and communication while ensuring safety and well-being. It also has features such as live location tracking, mood insights, and multilingual communication.

We would like to start using this app with your child at College via their personal mobile phone. It would be helpful if you could install the app on your child's phone during half-term and start familiarising yourself with its features. Please then ensure that your child brings their phone to College each day and let the class *Instructor* know via the Home-College book that the app has been installed. We can then start to support your child to utilise the apps many beneficial features at College.



Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal



All students in Frank's class were very excited about the Valentine's Disco on Wednesday night. Each member of the group truly appreciated the opportunity to visit a club-like space with proper sound and lighting, using all the songs we selected together before the event. **Ifti** and **Afzal** often took the DJ role during the party, but they also put their superb energy on the dance floor into cheering up people and keep the party on a fun, intense level. It was a well-deserved relaxing event for the whole class after a successful half-term!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

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I am thrilled to share some wonderful news for our class regarding recent achievements and our exciting end-of-term festivities! I am delighted to inform that students have successfully achieved their course targets and demonstrated remarkable engagement throughout the term. Their commitment to their studies has been truly commendable, and I am incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work. Moreover, to celebrate our students' achievements and the conclusion of a successful half term, we hosted a **Valentine's Disco** at **Rich Mix**. It was a joyous occasion filled with music, laughter, and dancing, and it provided our students with a well-deserved opportunity to unwind and have fun with their friends. The **Valentine's Disco** was a wonderful way to wrap up the term on a high note, and it was heart-warming to see our students enjoying themselves and creating lasting memories together.

I hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable time together. I look forward to continuing our journey of growth and learning in the upcoming term. Have a great half-term holiday,

From Elena's Team: Elena, June, Jessy, Ray and Anila



Darren's class had a fantastic time at the **Valentine's Disco**. They enjoyed dancing and socialising with everyone from college and helped with the playlist choosing their favourite tracks. It was wonderful to see everyone together having fun!

Helen Gillan, Teacher

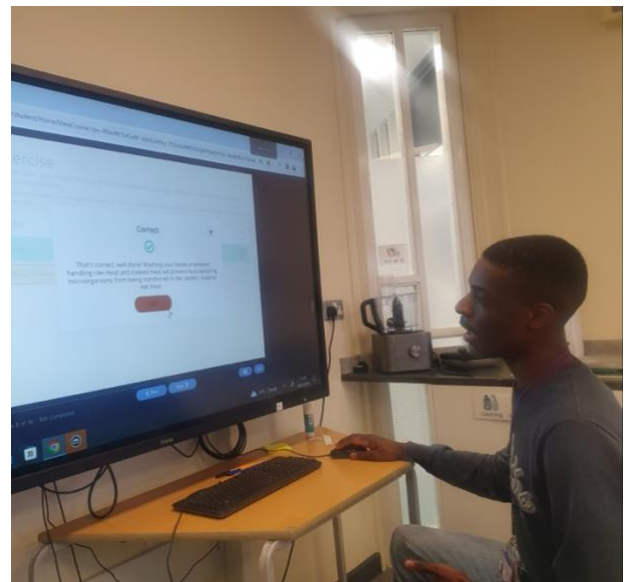
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We have reached the spring half-term, and I am pleased to report that our students have been working on their individual targets and achieving great progress. Their hard work and dedication are celebrated through the weeks, and it is great to see the positive outcomes of their efforts.

This week, I would like to praise **Nathon Weeks** for his exceptional commitment to engaging with his classwork and providing support to his peers. It is Nathon's first year at Phoenix College and he has settled in very well. Not only has he demonstrated progress in all areas, but he has also made friendships across all his classes. Congratulations, Nathon, on your achievements this far, and keep up the outstanding effort!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



Keep up the good work, positive relationships, preparation for work and the conga line!

Have a wonderful half-term break,



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