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Dear parents, carers and families,

Today we celebrate the International Women's Day! This is a time to celebrate women's rights and gender equality. This week we celebrate the achievements of the women in our community, both among students and staff. Our **Assistant Principal, Natasha Wood**, implemented an important new online monitoring system, **Classroom.cloud**, and **Helen Gillan**, our new **teacher**, lead on the election of our new **Student Council**. I am happy to see our students, **Nae'ma, Kaneela** and **Lisa** joining such an important project! Please see more below.

Thank you again to all the parents, carers and families that joined our **Open House** on Wednesday! It was great to discuss your child's progress with you.

#### **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, 01<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

**WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> June – 3.15pm to 7pm**

Open House to all parents. The main focus for our last Open House for this academic year will be the transitions for students graduating this academic year and leaving Phoenix College.

#### **STAY UP LATE – Graduation Party!**

**THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> July– 3.15pm to 7pm**

Graduation party!

**Please save these dates!**

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**THIS WEEK**



Dear All, in the interest of online safety and in line with the recent updates to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', College is using a monitoring system on our IT devices called **Classroom.cloud**. This system maintains a safe and secure learning environment at all times. It has an online safety toolkit where selected staff can monitor online activity, identify those at risk and spot any concerning trends. Its tools help to inform our online safety strategy/policies. Students can report a concern by sending a message in confidence to a trusted member of staff. This supports our safeguarding strategy and ensures that all of Phoenix College are engaged with safe and happy online browsing!

**Natasha Wood, Assistant Principal for Careers and Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Tahmid** showed his excellent IT skills several times during the week. He put extra effort to stay focus on task when we created worksheets for the **10 Academy**. He used an AI software to make unique colouring pages for other students. Later this week, he participated well in our *Digital World* session, used his fantastic math skills and designed several objects, including a shelf with many drawers. Very well done, Tahmid!



**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**

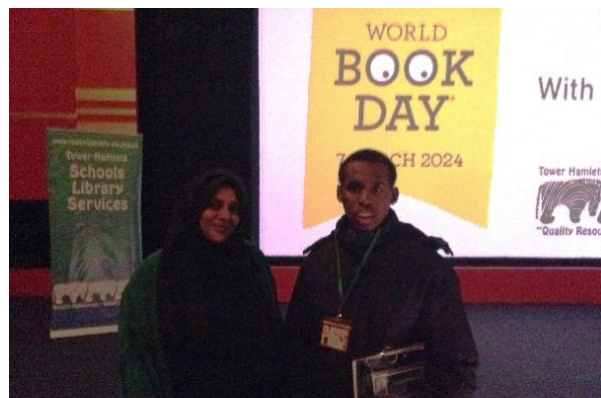
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This week the results of the student council election were revealed in a special results ceremony. Congratulations to the following students: **Kameela, Nae’ma, Aston, Yaminur, Shakel, Fida, Ifti, Afzal and Lisa**. The student council will meet every two weeks to discuss how to make the college a better place for everyone! I look forward to working with the students next week to discuss a *code of values* for both students and staff to follow.

**Helen Gillan, Teacher**



**Shucayb** was rewarded for his dedicated efforts at **Bethnal Green Library**, where he was invited to a **World Book Day** event at **Genesis Cinema** alongside his **Job Coach, Rayhan**. During the event, Shucayb attentively listened to various guest speakers, participated in task-related activities, and had the opportunity to engage in conversations with some of the speakers. The day highlighted Shucayb's adaptability to changes and his confidence in interacting with others. Congratulations, Shucayb!



**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**

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Throughout the week, our students have been fully engaged in various activities and projects. We started the week celebrating **Yaminur** and **Aston**, who have been elected to represent their peers as part of the student council. As representatives, Yaminur and Aston will have the opportunity to voice the concerns and ideas of their classmates, contributing to positive change within our college. Two of the changes that Yaminur and Aston mentioned on their campaign video was "we requested swimming pool sessions and a clean community". Additionally, during our **Open House** event, students were very enthusiastic to present their work to parents, carers and families and to talk about the different *subjects* that they like in college. They have also showed them photos and

videos from different *work placements*. It was wonderful to see students confidently sharing their accomplishments. Today we have also celebrated **Sameera's** birthday as she brought some delicious doughnuts and cookies to share with her friends. Thank you and happy birthday, Sameera!

**Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor**



We had another amazing week at Phoenix College! The students have been putting in a lot of effort during all their sessions. We have been busy with learning and understanding our new setup of the student council. We had great fun and confidence in creating and delivering our speeches on why we should be elected as student council members. Good luck and well done to each and every student. This week, the spotlight is on Nae'ma Islam. I have to say, myself and the other staff have been astonished by her voice and confidence in each lesson, especially during Keeping Safe lessons. Nae'ma's engagement and response to activities were well thought out, and her answers were of high quality. Super proud of her—keep up the hard work.

**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor**

Have a great weekend,



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