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**London, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another term. And we could not be prouder of our students: 91% of the targets for this term were achieved! A big **WELL DONE** to all students and to our dedicated team.

Thank you to all parents that attended our Student Lead Conferences this week. A big **THANK YOU** to **Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal**, for organizing such a successful event! Happy Easter for those celebrating it on Sunday.

**Please remember that students will return to Phoenix College on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

#### **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 leavers.

#### **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**



On Monday, I have attended the National Supported Internship Day in **House of Parliament** (promoting **Project SEARCH**), travelled with **Juned**, 3rd year graduate, and **Chi**, **Project Manager** and main follow-on job coach. I really enjoyed the event, it was a breath of fresh air, I thank Chi for tagging along with me within the journey and I look forward to the next one. As we entered, I took the time to network with a lot of people:

- The interns/graduates from other Project Search sites have very interesting characters.
- **Shona Howes (Head of Advocacy and Engagement of DFN Project SEARCH)** who previously attended our **Careers Fair at Phoenix College** last year. It was wonderful catching up with her and many thanks to Shona for inviting me to showcase my story.
- It was nice to meet **Jane Broderick (Safeguarding/ALS Manager at City and Islington College)**
- And it was a great massive pleasure to meet **Claire Cookson (CEO of DFN Project SEARCH)**. I got the opportunity to meet her before her stepping down from CEO to the Board of Trustees and she was really good to me.

After the meet and greet in Parliament, myself and the others went to the Portcullis House, meeting **MP of Conservative Party: Lisa Cameron** and **Mr Speaker: Lindsay Hoyle**. MP Lisa was curious and wanted to know about

Project Search and what it meant to us, I gave my feedback, praising the internship program, the intern's success, great support from job coaches, a shout out to **Phoenix College** and my huge progression. I have received a standing ovation and a big round of applause from the audience and a huge recognition from the MP.

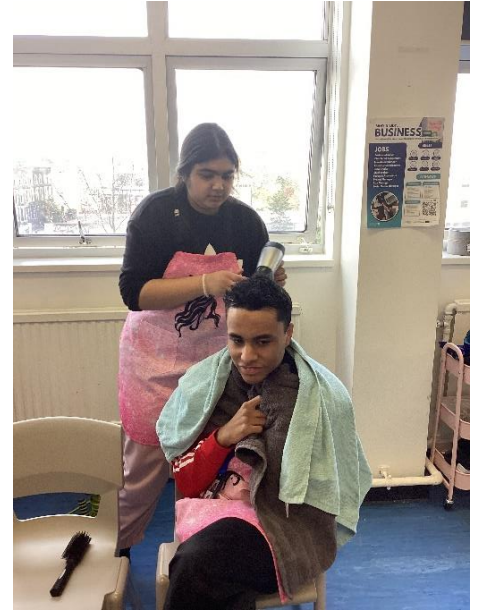
I also met **Laura Davis (the CEO of BASE)** as we spoke, she was very impressed with my positive reputation and on top of that; Laura has given me a warm invitation as she would love to have me attend at the next BASE Conference.

**Imran Hassan, Job Coach**

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I am pleased to inform that all students have been making commendable progress in achieving their skills targets related washing their hair. They have demonstrated consistent effort and dedication during *Self-Care* sessions, which has resulted in noticeable improvements. They also have shown Increased confidence searching on laptop for different hair products and comparing prices from different websites independently. Through consistent practice and guidance, students have been able to carry out the steps involved in washing each other's hair with minimal assistance, demonstrating a growing sense of independence. As we approach the end of the term, we can see that students have consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and dedication to their studies throughout the term. They have actively participated in class discussions, and shown improvement in areas where they previously faced challenges. Overall, I am pleased with their academic growth and commitment to learning. **Looking Ahead:** As we prepare for the next term, I encourage you to continue fostering a supportive learning environment at home and to communicate any concerns or goals you may have for your child's education with us. Together, we can ensure that they continue to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. It has been a pleasure working with them this term, and I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the future. Have a great half-term holiday!



From Elena's Team: Elena, June, Rayhan and Jessy



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The **Student Led Conferences** at Frank's Class was a huge success this term, with a fantastic turnout from both parents and students. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as our students eagerly presented their progress and achievements throughout the term. **Thom, Thomas, Lisa, Kelly** and Ifti all shone brightly as they confidently shared their journey towards reaching their targets and explained how they managed to achieve them. From showcasing photos to walking the audience through

their successes, each student impressed us with their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our students for their determination and confidence in taking ownership of their learning. It is inspiring to see them grow and develop into empowered individuals who are not afraid to showcase their progress. As we wrap up this term and head into the festive season, let us continue to celebrate the achievements of our students and support them in their continued growth and success. Happy Spring Break to Everyone!

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**



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Darren's Class recently participated in a student fashion photoshoot, set to feature in the upcoming edition of the student magazine. With the overarching goals of empowering student voices, fostering teamwork, and encouraging creativity, the photoshoot proved to be a vibrant expression of these ideals. Against the backdrop of the garden area, students showcased their favourite poses, each seizing the opportunity to convey their individuality in diverse ways. The session was not only enjoyable but also served as a platform for self-expression and camaraderie. Wishing everyone a delightful Easter break!

**Darren  
Serrano-  
Griffiths,  
Fitness  
Instructor**



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Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents, carers and families who were able to attend our 2024 **Student Led Conferences**. The enthusiasm and excitement shown by the students upon learning that their parents, carers and families would be present to witness their hard work was truly heartening. The students performed admirably, introducing their friends and showcasing their achievements. As we near the end of the spring term, I want to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support. Our students have shown dedication across all areas of the curriculum, and we could not be prouder of each and every one of them. Their diligence and commitment have been evident towards their termly targets, and it brings us great joy to witness the progress they have made. This accomplishment not only speaks to their efforts but also underscores the vital role played by your encouragement and guidance at home. As we approach the Easter break, I encourage you to take this time to celebrate your child's accomplishments and reflect on their growth throughout the term. On the 16<sup>th</sup> April, enclosed with this message, you will receive a report detailing their progress towards their termly targets. I kindly ask that you take a moment to review it with your child. Your active involvement in their education is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing partnership in their development. Wishing you and your family a restful and fun Easter break.

**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor**



Have a joyful break and Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak!



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