

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a joyful and restful break. It was fantastic to have students back to Phoenix College this week and we are very impressed with the levels of attendance for all students. This week, we started the last term of this academic year. Our main focus this term will be on *transitions*: for the 11 students leaving Phoenix College in July, we will host our **Transitions Fair on the 19th June**. Students that applied to start their courses in September 2024 will attend our **Transition Programme in mid-May**.

We are hosting our Eid Party on Wednesday 24th April. Students are encouraged to dress up for that!

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, 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.

OPEN HOUSE – TRANSITION FAIR

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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, 18th July– 3.15pm to 7pm

Graduation party!

Please save these dates!



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THIS WEEK



It has been a week filled with enthusiasm and growth for **TJ** at Frank's Class, and we couldn't be prouder! Firstly, let's applaud TJ's remarkable improvement in attendance. Despite previous struggles with attendance, TJ has shown amazing commitment this week. It is truly inspiring to witness such positive changes. Throughout the week, TJ has been actively engaging with his peers, sharing experiences, and contributing to the vibrant atmosphere of our college. Whether it was in class discussions or group activities, TJ was right there, eager to participate and learn alongside his fellow students. One area where TJ truly shone was in our fitness sessions. He threw himself into every activity with determination. His energy and dedication served as a motivating force for everyone around him. On Thursday, TJ took his involvement a step further by working on his own presentation for the *Student Blog*. This demonstrates his willingness to take ownership of his learning and share his thoughts and experiences with others. We cannot wait to see the final result (It is going to be about Transformers, as TJ built a new model kit at home lately)! Later that same day, during our *Digital World* session, TJ showed exceptional listening skills and focus. He actively engaged with the lesson and showed genuine interest in his peers' contributions. His respectful attitude and willingness to learn set a fantastic example for his classmates.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



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A great highlight from our first week back after the Easter break, particularly focusing on the exceptional efforts of one of our students, **Samiya Begum**. Throughout the week, Samiya has demonstrated exemplary attendance, showing up to college every day ready to learn. Not only has she been present, but she has also actively engaged in all her lessons, demonstrating a keen interest in subjects such as *Politics and Culture*. In fact, Samiya's contributions to our discussions on activism and environmental awareness, as well as the expression of freedom of speech, were outstanding. Her enthusiasm and participation have truly enriched our classroom environment. Moreover, I must commend Samiya for her involvement in our recent Eid celebration. Dressed in her finest Eid outfit, she looked stunning and shared her beliefs and cultural heritage with her peers. It was a beautiful moment of cultural exchange and understanding. I wanted to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of regular attendance and parental support in ensuring our students make the most of their educational opportunities.

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday filled with joy and memorable moments. It is always refreshing to return from a break feeling excited and ready for new experiences. Throughout the week, students have demonstrated a positive attitude and a willingness to participate in classroom activities related to the theme. Their curiosity and eagerness to explore new concepts and ideas have enriched our classroom environment and contributed to a sense of excitement among their peers. Students have also continued their work placement, experiencing different environments and settings. This expanded opportunity provides valuable exposure to various aspects of the workforce, allowing students to gain a diverse range of skills and experiences. As

always, we appreciate your continued support and encouragement.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor

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The return of students to College after the Easter break has been met with enthusiasm! This week, there has been notable attendance from **Momo** and **Syeda**, much to the delight of their classmates. The consistent presence of these two students has brought joy to their peers, who have appreciated their active participation in group activities and discussions. Additionally, staff members have observed a positive change in **Mohamed Hassan's** focus and involvement during sessions. He is now able to maintain attention for extended periods and is utilizing his "now and next" board more effectively. It is wonderful to have everyone back and engaged in learning!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



Have a restful weekend,



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