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Dear parents, carers and families,

What a fantastic week at Phoenix College! We had **Learning Walks** throughout the week and observed the sessions delivered by all teachers, instructors, leads and job coaches.

We were very impressed with the progress that students are making, the innovative approach to functional skills and the life-changing community inclusion promoted by the whole team. It was an inspiring week

**Next Friday (24<sup>th</sup> May) we are going to have our annual picture day and students are encouraged to dress up on that day. Photographs will be available to all parents so please contact your child's instructor if you would like a digital copy. We are looking forward to some nice headshots!**

#### **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**

##### **OPEN HOUSE – TRANSITION FAIR**

**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**



We wanted to say a massive **congratulations** to our former student **Joshua Barnaby**. Joshua graduated from Phoenix College in 2022 with the hopes of working in the kitchen. Once he graduated, Joshua was offered a position in the kitchen as a Kitchen Porter but only as long-term agency staff. Joshua has successfully taken on that role since graduation and has excelled! More recently, Joshua has interviewed for a permanent position and with the support of his **Job Coach – Caron Bangura** and he is now a permanent member of staff at Phoenix School. Well done, Joshua! We are all so proud of you.

**Alfie Begum, Enterprise Lead**



**Maryam Ahmed and Saira**, have been chosen as Students of the Week! They both have shown significant improvement in their independence and engagement at college. Maryam consistently comes prepared for her swimming sessions, demonstrating her growing sense of responsibility. Additionally, she has been taking her clothes home to wash, which is a great step

towards self-sufficiency. Her confidence and effort are truly commendable. Saira has also shown a huge improvement in her engagement across all subjects. Her participation and enthusiasm have significantly increased, and she is actively working hard to achieve her termly targets. Her dedication and effort are truly commendable. We are extremely proud of Maryam and Saira's achievements and look forward to their continued success.

**Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor**





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**Shaquil** has been putting in a lot of effort to manage difficult situations and improve his communication skills with both staff members and his fellow students. His hard work and dedication are truly inspiring. This week he excelled in his work placement at the **Felix Project Food Bank**. This is a place where food that would otherwise go to waste is collected and distributed to those in need. Shaquil has taken on a key role in coordinating his peers, ensuring that everyone knows what tasks they need to do and helping to keep things running smoothly. His ability to stay calm and focused under pressure is impressive. Shaquil is very motivated to model hard work and adult behaviour to his friends. He is able to show great commitment and responsibility. His positive attitude and willingness to help others have made him a valued member of the team. His progress is a testament to his determination and the supportive environment here at Phoenix College. We are incredibly proud of him and look forward to seeing all the amazing things he will continue to achieve.

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**

**Fida's** good efforts at his work placement, Gardening at **Victoria Park**, warrant recognition. Over the past few weeks, he has showcased many skills, including adeptness in tasks such as weeding and pruning. Fida has left a lasting impression on his job coach, Asenia, through his exemplary work ethic, consistency in task completion, and adeptness in safely utilizing gardening tools with minimal assistance. Moreover, Fida has utilized his work placement as a platform to address his termly targets. He has demonstrated a commendable ability to follow instructions independently for the most part and has extended his support to peers whenever needed. Great work Fida, as well as all the other students and job coaches at the current work placement, for their dedication and hard work!

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**



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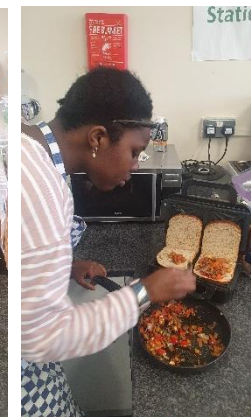


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Another fantastic week in **Cooking** sessions! Our students had an absolute blast in the kitchen. They whipped up personalized quesadillas/toasties and homemade crisps. It was great to see them selecting their own healthy flavorful fillings. The highlight was definitely creating their own flavoured crisps. This term, we have introduced a new change where during Cooking sessions, students prepare their lunch for the day. It is wonderful to see all the students cooking what they love and eating healthily. A well-balanced, nutritious lunch energizes them for the rest of the day. Students worked remarkably well, following tailored recipes and working in small groups. Everyone enjoys cooking and is enthusiastic about experimenting with new ingredients. All our recipes will be carefully crafted and published in our college recipe book for students to recreate their favourite meals with friends and family at home. Yes, you can cook these delicious meals at home with your son/daughter. Let's continue to have fun and create tasty dishes together!



**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor**



Have a fun weekend,



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