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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back! It was absolutely fantastic to have students back to Phoenix College this week. Students arrived with big smiles and great stories from their summer holidays.

This academic year we welcomed 10 new students to Phoenix College and it was exciting to see the new class groups working together as a team. Please see below some good news stories and important dates for this term.

FREEDOM PASSES

As mentioned in my letters to you since September 2023, 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

WEDNESDAY, 23rd October – 4pm to 7pm

Open House to all parents. The main focus for our first Open House is the transition into College for new students and the continued conversation for students graduating from Phoenix College in July 2025.

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 13th November – 4pm to 7pm

Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 18th December – 4pm to 7pm

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

Please save these dates!

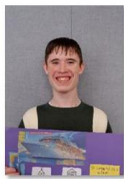
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THIS WEEK

Frank's Class



Shakhel



Thom



Tahmid



Afzal



Kelly



Lisa



Jo



Ibrahim



Fida



Samiya



Frank's Class had a fantastic start to the new academic year! We welcomed two new students, Ibrahim and Joseph, who fit right in and participated wonderfully in all our activities. They especially enjoyed our *Drama* session, showing great focus and engagement. We are excited to have them as part of our class and cannot wait for the learning and fun ahead!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



Ilyas El-Briouki, a Year 3 student. While many of Ilyas's friends graduated in July 2024, he has been incredibly supportive and helpful to his new peers in the classroom and around the college. Keep up the positive energy, Ilyas! I am confident that we will have a great and positive year with excellent outcomes.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new students for the academic year 2024-25. My name is **Mo (Mohammed Ahmed)** and I will be your Instructor for this year. All the students were excited to be at college. This week is Freshers' Week, and it has been wonderful to see the students settling into their new classes and making friends with their peers. Although we had a short week, it has been very productive for everyone, as students have been exploring the college environment, engaging with staff, and interacting with their new classmates. I would like to take a moment to express how exceptionally proud I am of



Mo Ahmed, Catering Instructor

Ilyas

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The first week back at Phoenix College has been a great success, with students smoothly adjusting to their new class. They have actively participated in various group activities, which has helped them get to know each other better. One of our new students, **Khadija**, has settled in exceptionally well. She showcased strong teamwork and communication skills during a group activity where they baked chocolate chip cupcakes. This not only highlights Khadija's positive start but also reflects the supportive environment her classmates have created to help her feel welcome. Well done to everyone for making the start of this term a success!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday! For the new parents and carers, that I have not meet yet: my name is **Elena Vata**, I am **Self-Care Instructor** and pastoral lead for this class. It was great to see all the students returning after the long break full of energy and excitement. They all came back eager and ready to start a new academic year. This week has been all about settling in, with a focus on helping the students get familiar with their classmate and introducing themselves to new students from different classes. In our class, we have welcomed four new students: **Adam, Tavazzul, Hassan** and **Yacqoup**. I am happy to share that they have settled in quickly. They are friendly and have already begun forming connections with their peers. It has been a smooth and positive start for everyone. This year will be a wonderful year, full of learning and fun!

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



Have a great weekend,



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