

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Students had a very busy week at Phoenix College. All new lessons for all the subjects resumed this week and it was really exciting to see students joining *Enterprise, Self-Care, Cooking, Digital World, Keeping Safe, Local Offer, British Values, Fitness, Expressive Arts and Speak Up!* sessions. *Travel Training* and *Work Placements* will resume next week, as we finalize the two weeks of risk-assessments for new students.

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.

TWILIGHTS

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!

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WEDNESDAY, 18th December – 4pm to 7pm **LAST DAY OF THE TERM FOR STUDENTS**

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

We are excited to share that the second week of the academic year was a fantastic success for Frank's Class! This week marked our first full sessions, and our students truly shone. On Wednesday, we kicked off our worksheet-making adventure for **The Ten Academy**. Kudos to our **Job Coach, Jo**, and our student **Thom Davis** for their outstanding work on creating challenging word searches and finding fantastic illustrations. Their creativity really set the bar high! Thursday was another great day as **Shakhel** and **Samiya** excelled on researching **Mudchuthe Farm** (such as the rest of the class). Their independent work was impressive, and they gathered valuable details about the farm's animals, activities, and attractions. This research will help us prepare for our work placement at the farm, which will start next Thursday. Overall, the class is stepping up their game with a strong commitment to improving their skills and quality of work. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



Samiya Begum has made incredible progress this week on attending to college, she was very happy to see everyone again, spending a lot of great time in her new class and participating in all activities.

Imran Hassan, Teaching Assistant

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Darren’s class has had a fantastic first full week of subject sessions. The students have collaborated effectively in small group activities and discussions, demonstrating strong teamwork. They particularly enjoyed their *Enterprise* session, where they revisited candle-making. The enthusiasm for demonstrating and sharing the candle-making process was evident as students eagerly showed their peers how to complete various steps. We would like to extend special praise to **Taylor-Jay**. He has already shown significant improvement in both attendance and engagement. His active participation in sessions and effective communication with peers and staff have been great to see. Well done, Taylor-Jay! We also want to acknowledge **Ray**, one of our **Job Coaches**, whose support has contributed to Taylor-Jay’s positive start this term.

Sarah Spiro, Teacher

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This week for Festive Friday, we have chosen **Maryam** and **Joshua** for their fantastic participation in all of the subjects, especially in *Fitness* sessions. This week's focus was on indoor activities and all the class had a fantastic time. Mariam and Joshua were focused and fully engaged, showing great enthusiasm in the boxing and bean bag games. Their excitement and energy were contagious, and it was wonderful to see everyone happy throughout the session.

Elena Vata, Self Care Instructor



Have a fantastic weekend,



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