

*"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of this first half-term! We are looking forward to seeing you for our first **Open House on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 16.00 to 19.00**. Please book a time slot so you can discuss your child's progress with their teachers, instructors and job coaches. The **last day for students** is going to be **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. **Students will return to Phoenix College on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### **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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm to 7pm**

Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

##### **STAY UP LATE**

**WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> December – 4pm to 7pm**

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

**Please save these dates!**

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### THIS WEEK

This week, we want to give a shoutout to **Aniqa** for all her progress! In **Local Offer** and **Keeping Safe**, she has been putting in a lot of effort to follow multi-step instructions, which is helping her become more independent in these sessions. She has also taken on the role of reading aloud to the class with enthusiasm and has been actively participating by answering questions. It has been fantastic to see her working with her classmates at **The Felix Project**, listening to others and being a great team player to get things done quickly. Keep up the good work, Aniqa!

**Sarah Spiro, Teacher**



It is wonderful to see students forming new friendships and collaborating across different classes! This week's Festive Friday shoutout goes to **Afzal** from Daren's class and **Ilyas**. Afzal has been working on his **Level 1**

**Food & Hygiene course**, while Ilyas has been continuing his work experience in the college kitchen, helping with cleaning and checking expiry dates for food. This week, Afzal decided to join Ilyas in the kitchen and classroom, and it was amazing to see the two friends working together and having great conversations. It shows how much they have grown with the help of their teachers and instructors by learning from each other. Well done, Afzal and Ilyas! Keep up the great work — you are both great role models for your classmates!

**Mo Ahmed, Catering Instructor**





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This week has been another big success for **Fida**, one of the stars of Frank's class at Phoenix College. Fida is now participating in not one, but **four work placements** and he is excelling in all of them! Once per week, you can find him at the ***Museum of Docklands***, where he is warmly greeting visitors, giving helpful directions, and staying organized like a true professional. One morning per week, Fida is at the ***Cove Hotel***, working at the reception desk, using his computer skills to locate

room numbers and assist guests. In the afternoon, he collaborates with our ***Ten Academy*** creative group, focusing this week on creating worksheets about fractions and using his remarkable IT talents to make learning fun and engaging. Fida is also very keen on animal care and cleaning at ***Mudchute Farm*** with his class every week. Fida's hard work and dedication make him a role model in the classroom. His positive attitude, willingness to take on responsibility, and professional behaviour set a high standard for his peers. He is showing everyone what it means to be a successful adult in the workplace. Keep it up, Fida! Your efforts are inspiring us all! 🎉

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**

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**Maryam** has been chosen as the student of the week. This is due to her hard work both in her work placement and college. Maryam has truly shone through, and her dedication to participating in all subjects is commendable. Maryam's special focus in our **Cooking** sessions is particularly impressive – making a delicious wrap with eggs and vegetables shows her skills and creativity! Not only did she cook a meal, but she also took responsibility for cleaning up afterward, independently washing her plate once she was finished with lunch. This is a skill that Maryam has been developing at her work placement and it shows her commitment to responsibility and independence, making her a wonderful role model for others. Well done, Maryam. Great work!

**Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor**



Have a fantastic weekend,



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