

*"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

This week our students really enjoyed our trip to **Genesis Cinema**. What a treat! Please see in the next pages some amazing achievements from all class groups and how students and staff used this exciting trip to achieve EHCP targets. **Stay Up Late** is a very important programme and I am very passionate about it as many adults with learning disabilities do not have the experience to be out and about at night with their friends very often. It has been inspiring to see how Stay Up Late is changing student's views on adulthood, with students adding events like this into their Future Timetables and asking their families for more social nights out.

#### **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.**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

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

**WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> February – 4pm to 7pm**

Valentine's Disco!

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

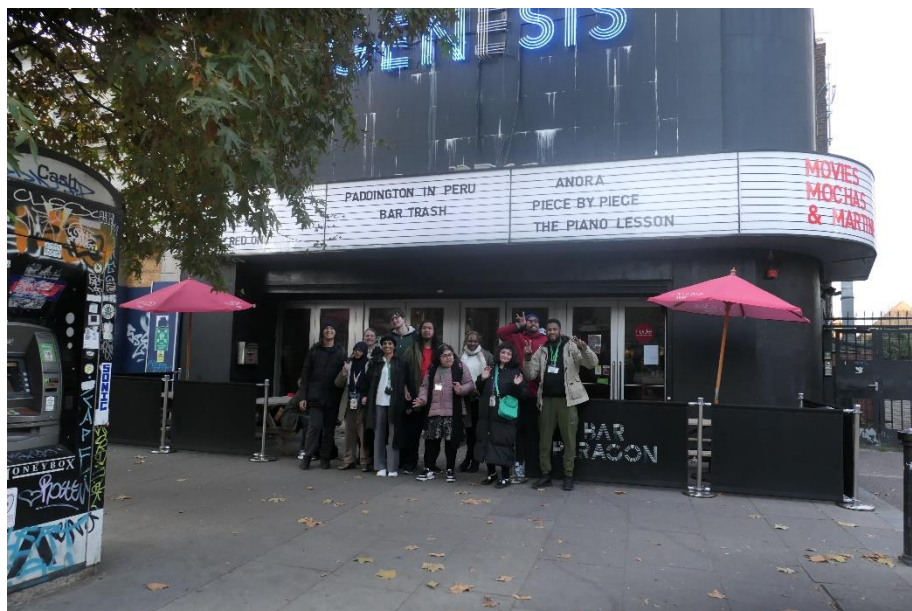
**WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> February – 4pm to 7pm**

Open House for all students, parents, carers and families.

**Please save these dates!**

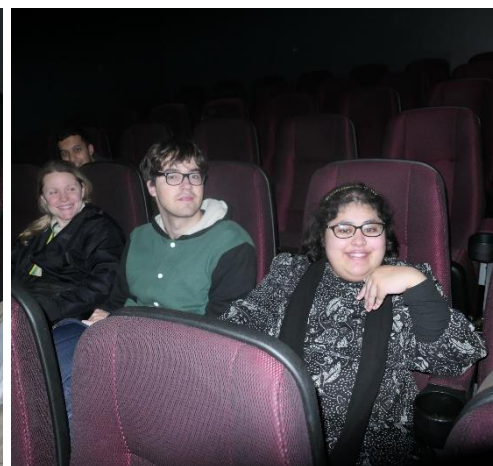
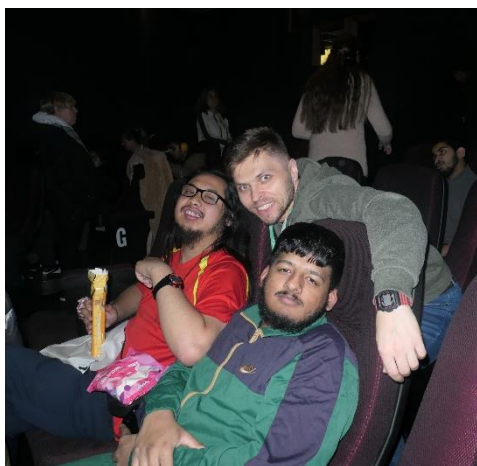
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**THIS WEEK**



On Wednesday night, we held our first **"Stay Up Late"** cinema event of the term, taking a trip to Genesis Cinema to watch ***Paddington in Peru***. The film was chosen by a majority vote from Darren's class, who were very enthusiastic about seeing it. In addition to the fun of watching the movie, students had the opportunity to practice independence by ordering their own snacks and drinks. For many of the students who joined us in September, this was their first time experiencing one of our cinema outings. They thoroughly enjoyed engaging in conversations with students from other classes about the film and sharing laughs with each other, making it memorable and productive evening for everyone involved.

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**



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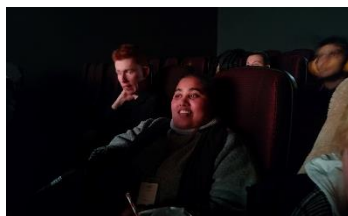


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This week, college has been buzzing with excitement as students prepared for our first cinema trip of the year! After a close vote, ***Paddington in Peru*** was the winning choice, and our students enjoyed the experience and fun of a cinema outing with friends and classmates. For some of our new students, like **Tobi** and **Seayum**, it was their first time attending a cinema trip with the college. It was wonderful to see them engaging with staff to pick out their favourite snacks and truly enjoying the outing together. We are already looking forward to our next cinema trip in December and are excited to continue creating these enjoyable experiences for our students.

**Sarah Spiro, Teacher**



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This week, the students have been working incredibly hard in all their sessions, showing outstanding focus and dedication. We are so proud of their effort and commitment to learning! On Wednesday, we had a special trip to the Genesis Cinema! The class watched **Paddington in Peru** and loved every minute of it. Along with the movie, the students enjoyed popcorn and drinks, making it a memorable and fun day. It was

wonderful to see everyone relaxing and enjoying this time together. A big well done to **Mohammed Hassan** for this week's Festive Friday for being so kind and considerate to his other class mates, listening well to staff during class outings in the community, and showing great cooking skills in Mo's class! Good job, Mohammed!

**Elena, Self-Care Instructor**



We had an amazing trip to the cinema with Frank's class, and it was a day to remember! All students were incredibly patient and well-behaved, whether we were on the busy bus or waiting in the long line at the cinema to buy popcorn. Everyone took turns, stayed calm, and showed real respect for each other, which made the whole experience much more enjoyable. Paddington in Peru was exciting, and we all had a great time. After the movie, **Ibrahim** did an excellent job of summarizing the story for the group. He talked about how dangerous and scary the Peruvian jungle might be, and his thoughts made the adventure feel even more thrilling. It was clear that everyone was really engaged and interested in the film. It was a lovely outing, and we are already looking forward to our next fun trip to Genesis Cinema together!

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**

Have a fantastic weekend,



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