

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is incredible to see that we have now reached the end of the first term of this academic year. This is always a challenging term as new students join a new curriculum and a very different timetable than what they normally have at schools and sixth forms. Despite those challenges, I was very pleased to hear from our **Assistant Principal, Rick Nunn**, that **94% of our students achieved their EHCP targets this term. That is remarkable!** I would like to thank all of you for your constant support to your child and to our team. Have a wonderful break!

STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO PHOENIX COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY 8th OF JANUARY.

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, 12th February – 4pm to 7pm
Valentine's Disco!

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WEDNESDAY, 26th February – 4pm to 7pm
Open House for all students, parents, carers and families.

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WEDNESDAY, 14th May – 4pm to 7pm
Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK



I would like to begin by thanking you for all your support this term. It has been a great start to the year, and I am truly appreciative of the dedication from both staff and students in helping everyone meet their targets and develop new skills. Our students have been working remarkably hard across all areas, with a particular standout in cooking. They have shown incredible transferable skills that will serve them well both at home and in future work experiences and placements. This week's special shout-out goes to all the young chefs, especially **Shaqil** and **Khadija**, for their exceptional efforts in preparing the **Christmas Lunch** for friends and staff. While students from all classes contributed to the meal, Shaqil and Khadija worked tirelessly, independently and as a team, ensuring everything was taken care of. It is fantastic to see students taking ownership of the kitchen and understanding what is expected of them. This is the result of all your support! As we head into the festive season, I want to wish everyone a restful, joyful break and a very Happy New Year. I have also sent home the recipes that students have been working on this term, so please feel free to support them in preparing meals for you and themselves during the holiday. Thank you again and well done to all!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



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What a fantastic last week of term we have had! On Monday, we visited the **magical Trafalgar Square Christmas Market**, where **Samiya** was mesmerized by the fairy lights, and everyone enjoyed the festive spirit. Tuesday brought us a delicious **Christmas Lunch**, thanks to **Mo** and his amazing team, with **Lisa** helping a lot in the kitchen. **Joe, Fida, and Tahmid** did a brilliant job decorating, making everything look so festive and cozy. Our **Cinema Night** at **Genesis Cinema** turned out one of the smoothest with calm transitions and great adult focus from everyone. We are now all ready for a well-deserved holiday and cannot wait to come back fresh and full of energy in January. Happy Holidays!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



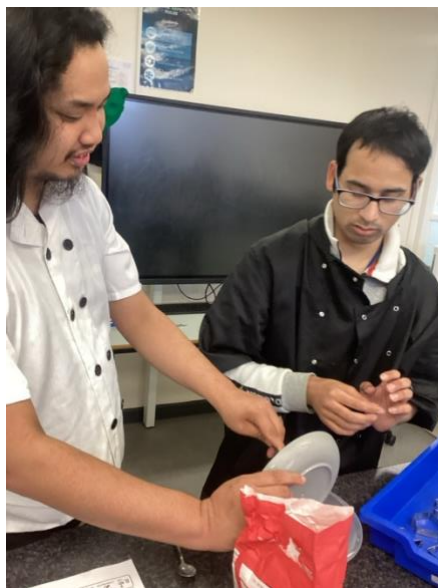
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Chef **Shaqil** deserves a big round of applause for his dedication and positive spirit this week! Leading festive baking sessions, spreading joy with gingerbread cookies, and collaborating with **Mo** and **Jorna** on Tuesday to prepare a delicious **Christmas Lunch** for the entire college are no small feats. It is clear that his hard work and enthusiasm have helped bring holiday cheer to everyone. We hope that everyone has a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. 🎄🍪👨🍳

Sarah Spiro, Teacher



For those of you celebrating, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Have a wonderful festive season,



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