

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Happy New Year!!!

Students returned to Phoenix College with big smiles this week. It was inspiring to see students so happy to see their friends, colleagues and staff. This is going to be a very busy term, with two **Open Mornings**, two **Stay Up Late** events in **February**, including our now traditional **Valentine's Disco** and the start of Ramadan in the beginning of March. We are really looking forward to the new year ahead!

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!

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 26th February – 4pm to 7pm

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

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 14th May – 4pm to 7pm

Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Happy New Year, and welcome back! It is fantastic to see that students have settled in so well as we begin the new term. This week, we are kicking off our **Cooking** sessions by focusing on creating a healthy meal. Our first dish is jacket potatoes with a filling of the students' choice. I would like to highlight **Maryam Ahmed** for her outstanding effort this week. Maryam showed great focus and responsibility, making sure to gather all the necessary equipment for the task. She followed the instructions carefully and successfully prepared a jacket potato with her chosen filling. Her dedication and attention to detail were impressive, and she should be proud of her work. Keep it up, Maryam!

Mo Ahmed, Catering Instructor



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We are excited to see our students back at Phoenix College after the Christmas holiday, ready to learn! **Joe Walsh**, from Frank's class, is a shining example of how to start the term positively. Joe stays focused, puts in extra effort and inspires his classmates with his positive attitude. He is also gentle and supportive, always ready to help his peers. We are so proud to have Joe in our class. On Thursday morning, the students played drama games as the **Mudchute Farm** work placement will only start from next week. They mirrored movements, formed statues, and played games to improve focus and teamwork. Joe and his classmates joined every activity with enthusiasm, making it a fun and productive session. Thank you, Joe, for showing us the power of hard work and kindness. Here's to a great term ahead!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a relaxing holiday season. It has been fantastic to see all the students returning to college, full of excitement and ready for the new term.

This week, the students started back on Wednesday with a **Cooking** session. They were thrilled to try out a new recipe for this term—jacket potatoes—which they thoroughly enjoyed preparing.

Looking ahead, this term is packed with exciting **enrichment activities**, including **dancing**, **Arabic calligraphy**, and **pottery**. The students had the opportunity to choose activities that interested them most, and they are eagerly looking forward to starting these sessions next week.

We are all set for a very busy and engaging term filled with creativity, learning, and fun. Thank you for your continued support, and we cannot wait to see how the students grow and develop through these enriching experiences.

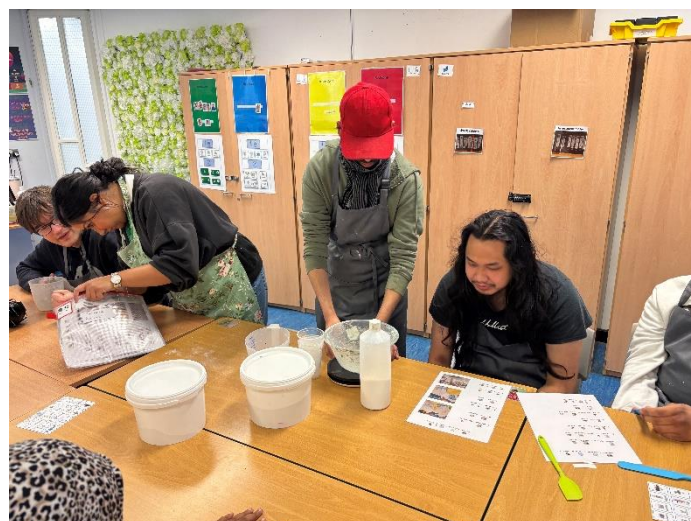
Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor

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I hope everyone had a restful Christmas break and a Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see the students return to college full of enthusiasm and energy. Although it was a short week, they still managed to produce some excellent work. In the **Keeping Safe** sessions, students engaged in meaningful group discussions about the importance of maintaining a healthy body, as well as understanding good hygiene and cleanliness. In **Enterprise**, they worked well together, taking turns to read instructions to each other as they produced Jesmonite. It is great to be back!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



Welcome back and have a great weekend,



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