

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back!

Students had a very busy first week back to Phoenix College! It was great to see all of them so excited to meet their friends, staff and to re-engage in learning. It was also good to see so many parents attending our **Open House – Transition Fair 1** on Wednesday. I hope you have enjoyed discussing **Future Timetables** with our team.

REEDOM 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

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE: 1pm-5pm

WEDNESDAY, 19th March

The best opportunity for students to share their work with you.

STAY UP LATE: 4pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 14th May

Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

STAY UP LATE: 4pm-7pm

THURSDAY, 11th June

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

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK



Expressive Arts has been focusing on movement this term, with students exploring music, dance, and body percussion. They have been developing their skills in both copying and improvisation. **Abied** has shown exceptional engagement in these sessions, demonstrating strong leadership and creativity. This term, our cross-curricular theme for all subjects is professional relationships, and Abied has exemplified a mature and professional attitude throughout. It has been a real pleasure to have him participate in these sessions.

Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal



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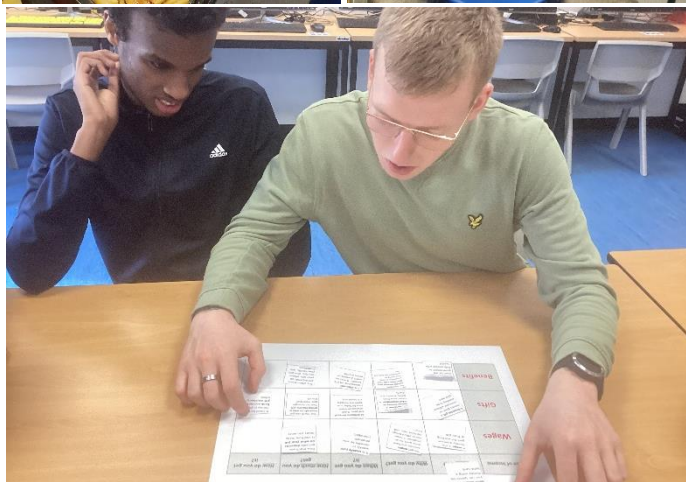


We are back from half-term, and all the students are excited to learn and take part in **Cooking** lessons. This half-term, students are creating and cooking their own version of loaded fries, with the freedom to choose the toppings they wish to use. This week, the student who has truly stood out is **Raihan**. He has taken charge of selecting the vegetables for his toppings and has demonstrated impressive chopping skills, requiring minimal support. Well done, Raihan!

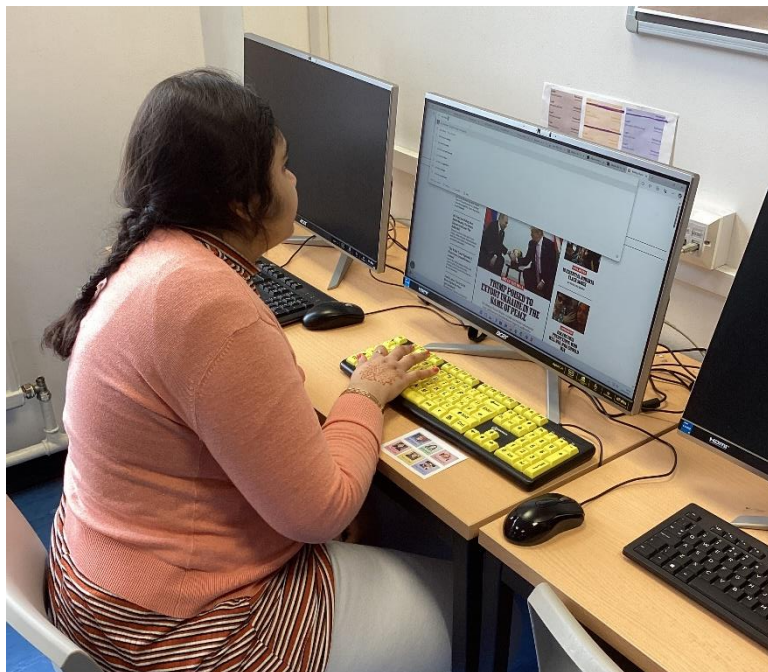
Mo Ahmed, Catering Instructor

This term in **Local Offer**, students have begun exploring the topic of **Money & Benefits**. Over the coming weeks, they will be learning about different ways to receive and earn money, how to apply for benefits, where to seek support if they have financial concerns, and how to budget effectively. During our first lesson on Tuesday with Frank's class, I was particularly impressed by **Lisa** and **Joe's** engagement and thoughtful approach to the discussion. Lisa spoke fluently and confidently about her understanding of benefits, generously sharing her knowledge with her peers. Meanwhile, Joe asked insightful and thought-provoking questions, demonstrating a curiosity and critical thinking skills. It's wonderful to see students engaging so meaningfully with such an important topic, and we look forward to further discussions in the weeks ahead!

Sarah Spiro, Teacher



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It was wonderful to see all the students returning from half-term feeling refreshed and ready for a new term. **Na'ema** has been chosen for Festive Friday due to her hard work in every session. She has shown great independence, especially in the **Digital World**, demonstrating excellent computer skills. Additionally, she has been a kind and helpful friend, assisting others by zipping their coats and reminding them to wash their hands. Well, done, Na'ema! I would also like to extend my gratitude to the parents who attended the Open House, helping to share important information for future timetables.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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