

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear Parents, carers and families,

We've had a short but very productive week at the College, and our class teams have prepared some fantastic updates to share with you.

Renato has greatly appreciated your kind messages of support, and he has asked us to pass on that he is feeling positive and strong at this time. Please do continue to send your well wishes, as they mean a great deal and help him feel the strength of our community during this challenging period.

This week, the leadership team met with the Trustees to present our strategic response to Renato's absence. I'm pleased to share that they were supportive of the interim staffing arrangements outlined in last week's newsletter. I would like to thank the Trustees for their ongoing support, particularly Stewart Harris, our Chair of Trustees, whose guidance and increased presence have been greatly appreciated by myself, Rob (Acting Principal), and the wider leadership team.

FREEDOM PASSES

As mentioned in Renato's 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: 4pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 14th May

Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

SUMMER FAYRE & TRANSITIONS EVENT : 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 11th June

Open for all students, parents, carers and families

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

This **summer** term, **Mo's class** has been taking part in swimming sessions with **Darren** as part of their **fitness** lessons. It has been truly heartwarming to see the entire class engage with such delight and focus during each session. Whether **swimming** lengths or learning the basics, every student has been enthusiastically participating and showing great progress in the pool. There have even been a few joyful moments of splashing and laughter, adding to the fun atmosphere. After swimming, the students head to the changing rooms to shower and get ready to return to **college**. This routine also supports their independence as they take care of their personal needs. This week, we would like to give a special shout-out to **Sameera** and **Maryam**. Both students demonstrated excellent independence by getting ready on their own and confidently using the hair dryers. We are so proud of their efforts! Well done, Sameera and Maryam!

Michelina Lecce, Job Coach



In **Keeping Safe**, students were asked to recognize unsafe behaviours in others. It was encouraging to see them confidently stand in front of their peers, showing strong reading and speaking skills as they answered questions and role-played both safe and unsafe scenarios. During **British Values**, students had another opportunity to present to the class. They created personal posters using **Canva**, each one reflecting their individual code of values through thoughtful descriptions and carefully chosen images. Staff were particularly pleased to see how respectfully and maturely the students offered feedback on each other's work. Well done everyone in **Darren's Class**, keep up the great work!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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Tom has had a brilliant few days back at **Phoenix College** after the bank holiday. He came in with a big smile and a very positive attitude. It was lovely to see him using more words and answering questions more often. Tom also showed great confidence by engaging with staff he doesn't usually work with! On **Wednesday** Afternoon, Tom worked hard on the computer to help make worksheets for **The Ten Academy**. He stayed focused and did a fantastic job. The highlight of Tom's week was his visit to **Mudchute Farm**. He spent the whole work placement doing litter picking and listened carefully to all the instructions. Tom showed real teamwork and care for the environment. With this he helped the farm staff to get ready for the **Victory Day celebration**. His helpfulness and positive energy made a big difference. Well done, Tom - we're really proud of you! Keep it up!

Ferenc Kasa, e-learning Instructor



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This week for **Festive Friday**, **Na'ema** has been chosen as **Student of the Week** in recognition of her hard work both at college and during her **work placements**. She's shown great independence while working at **Cemetery Park**, where she pulls weeds, gathers equipment, and supports her peers in self-regulating. Additionally, last term Na'ema started a new paid work placement at **Grayson's City Hall café**, which has greatly increased her enthusiasm and motivation. Her dedication to both her studies and her work is truly impressive. Well done Na'ema!

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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