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London, 23rd July 2025

Dear Parents, carers and families,

Yesterday, Phoenix College held a truly unforgettable graduation ceremony. It was a next level event, with a record-breaking turnout from families, friends and employers, all coming together to celebrate our students' achievements.

I am so proud of the dedication shown by our entire team in creating a celebration that was thoughtful, joyful and deeply respectful. Graduation is a significant milestone in every student's journey, and it was incredibly moving to see how our staff supported them through this transition with such care, warmth and style.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I want to take a moment to thank you all. I have been truly grateful for the trust, kindness and encouragement you have shown me while I've worked alongside Rob to lead the College during Renato's absence. It has been a real privilege.

Best wishes,

Rick Nunn – Acting Deputy Principal

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.

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Dear parents,

It was so great to see so many of you yesterday during our Graduation Ceremony. It is always a bit sad to say goodbye to our students but I am very happy that they are leaving with so many positive outcomes and with the skills for a meaningful, happy and more independent adulthood.

As I mentioned yesterday, this has been a beautiful and challenging year and it is always very inspirational to see how our community always come together to support each other. For our leavers, please do keep in touch and reach out if you need any help. I look forward to seeing all our graduates joining us for our Stay Up Late days, especially our trips to Genesis Cinema.

From September on, I will resume writing this weekly letter to you. I have to say a big thank you to Rick Nunn, our Acting Deputy Principal, for doing such a great job on this during my absence.

Thank you again for all you support. Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in the next academic year!

Renato Marques - College Principal

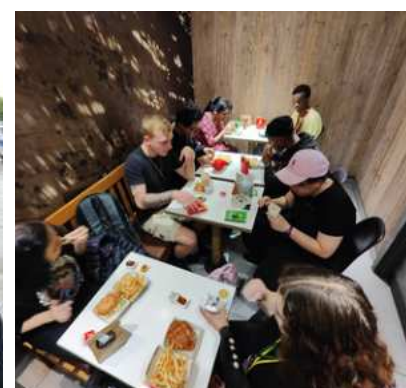


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THIS WEEK

Frank's Class had a wonderful trip to the **SEA LIFE London Aquarium**. It was a very special day and a lovely way to end the year together. When we arrived at SEA LIFE, everyone was excited to see all the amazing sea creatures. We walked through the glass tunnel and watched **sharks, turtles, and colorful fish swimming** above us. Many students were amazed by the **jellyfish** and loved watching them glow in the dark. The penguins were also a big favourite, as they played and swam close to the glass. All the students were fantastic on the trip. Everyone showed great behaviour and worked well together as a team. It was nice to see how much they enjoyed learning about the animals and exploring the different zones. Many students asked interesting questions about sea life and shared what they already knew. After visiting SEA LIFE, we went to **McDonald's** for lunch. This was a real treat! **Students** chose their meals and enjoyed eating together, chatting about their favourite animals from the day. It was a relaxed and happy time, with lots of smiles and laughter. The whole trip was a success. It showed how much progress the students have made this year, not just in learning, but also in confidence and independence. We are very proud of every single student for making the day so enjoyable. It was a lovely way to celebrate the end of term and the end of our year together. Thank you to everyone in Frank's Class for being such a great team.

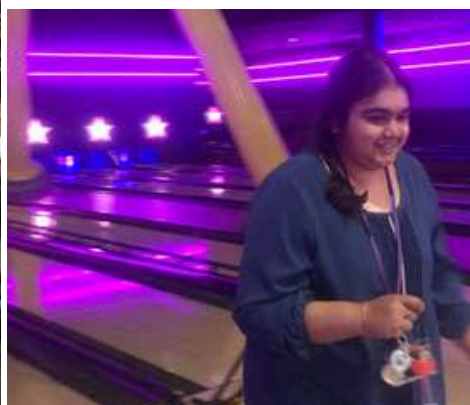
Ferenc Kasa, e-learning Instructor



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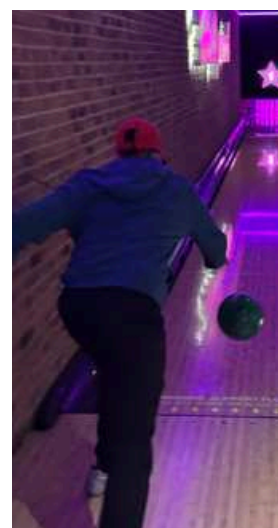
This week for **Festive Friday**, we've chosen to celebrate the whole class in recognition of their hard work throughout the year. The **students** have been putting in so much effort both in **college** and on their **work placements**, and it truly shows. On **Tuesday**, we had the best class trip—we went **bowling** at the **O2**! The students were very competitive and fully engaged in the game, making it a fun and memorable experience for everyone. After bowling, we enjoyed a delicious buffet at **Jimmy's Restaurant**, where students tried a wide variety of foods. A big thank you to all the **parents and carers** for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and well-deserved break!

Elena Vata, Self Care Instructor



On **Monday**, **Darren's class** enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip to the **O2 Arena**, where we visited **Hollywood Bowl**. The students had a brilliant time showing off their bowling skills, with plenty of cheers, praise, and encouragement—especially when someone got a strike! It was heartwarming to see the class come together to celebrate each other's successes. After bowling, the fun continued in the arcade, where students had a great time playing various games and collecting tickets. Everyone managed to win a prize of their choice, which made the experience even more exciting. As the **class instructor**, I want to extend a thank you to all the students for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. It has been a real pleasure working with you and supporting your progress towards your individual targets. A special thank you also goes to our fantastic **Job coaches**—**Jorna, Anila, Mirriam, and Grace**—for their commitment, energy, and support. Your efforts have played a huge part in the success of this year. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and well-deserved **summer break**!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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I want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has been part of shaping **Phoenix College** into what it is today. Your dedication has helped our students grow, thrive, and reach the best possible stages in their lives. There's so much I could say, but the memories we've created together will always stay with me—and I'm sure the students will carry a lot of those with them too. I will dearly miss the laughter, the achievements, and the joy shared by all our amazing **graduates**. To the incredible team—**Mich, June, Majlinda, Misbah, Abdi, and Liban**—you've been the A-Team from start to finish. Your commitment and hard work have made a real difference. Keep up the brilliant work, whether you're here at Phoenix, out in the community, or wherever life takes you. You've truly been an inspiration. To all the students returning—rest up, enjoy your well-deserved break, and get ready for another fun and exciting learning year ahead.

P.S. Don't forget to show off those **cooking skills** with your loved ones over the holidays—remember, food brings people together! Much love always,

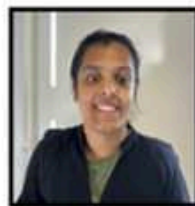
Mohammed Ahmed, Cooking Instructor



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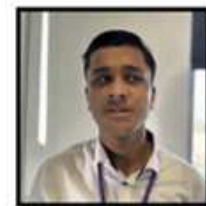
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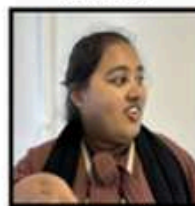
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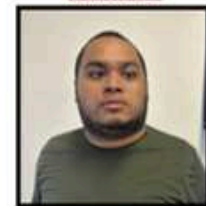
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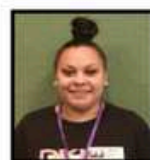
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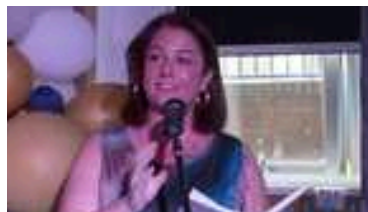
Liban



Abdi

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Farewell Honor and all the best!



**Have a lovely summer break, see you
back on 3rd September!**



Rick Nunn
Acting Deputy Principal

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