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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back to Phoenix College!!!

As we start our first full week with students, I am glad to share with you some more information about the class groups that your child will join this academic year and some good news stories from our **fresher's week**.

I will send this letter to you weekly with information about our events, more information about timetables, transition events and, of course, news on the academic progress of your child.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Renato Marques – College Principal

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

**OPEN HOUSE: 4pm-7pm
WEDNESDAY, 15th October**

Our first Open House of the year! This is a chance for parents of Year 1 students to meet their teams and for alumni students to return to Phoenix College to see their friends and to share their new stories.

**STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm
WEDNESDAY, 17th December**

Movie Night! This will be our first visit to Genesis Cinema this academic year.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

What a brilliant start we had with fresher's week in **P4 - Frank's Class**! It was very exciting to welcome a new mix of students, with some joining from other classes. Everyone was keen and ready to learn. A very warm welcome to **Andrea, Siyam** and **Yusuf**, our new students this year. We are so pleased to have you with us, and the class is already enjoying getting to know you.



We began the day by sharing our summer memories. There was lots of good chat, laughter, and listening to each other's stories. It was lovely to see how capable and confident the group already is. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a drama session. The students showed great focus and respect, while still having lots of fun. We practiced saying our names and have already started to build some early group dynamics. The atmosphere was positive and full of energy. We cannot wait to make more exciting memories together and to see each other's progress as the year goes on.

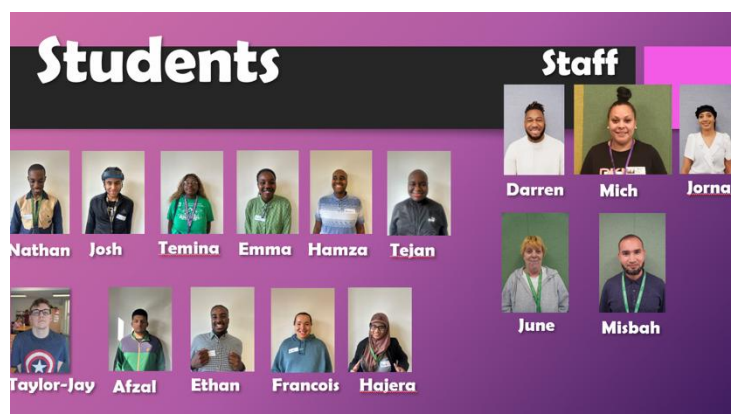
Frank Kasa, Senior Instructor

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I am delighted to introduce myself as **Elena Vata, Instructor** and pastoral lead for **P2**. It is my pleasure to support your children both in their academic journey and in their personal growth and wellbeing. We are very happy to have our students back at college and to begin this exciting fresher's week. The campus is already buzzing with enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see our learners reconnect and settle in so positively. In my class, we also welcomed students who are just starting their very first year at college. Understandably, some of them felt a little unsure in the beginning, but it was heartwarming to see how quickly they adjusted, made friends, and began to feel part of the college community.

This year, I am also pleased to share that our class will have the support of great **Job Coaches**, who will be working alongside us. They will play an important role in guiding students during their work placements, ensuring they gain valuable experiences and develop the skills needed for their future careers. I look forward to working closely with both students and families throughout the year.

Elena Vata, Instructor



Hello everyone, my name is **Darren Serrano-Griffiths**, and I am an **Senior Instructor** at Phoenix College. This year, I have the pleasure of teaching **P3**, alongside our fantastic job coaches – **Mich, Jorna, June, and Misbah**. We would also like to extend a very special welcome to our new students this term – **Francois, Ethan, Tejan, and Temina** – who have all settled in wonderfully. It has been fantastic to see how quickly they have become part of the group. The energy and atmosphere within the class has been incredibly positive, and the students have already taken part in a variety of group activities and discussions. As a team,

we are really excited about the journey ahead and look forward to a successful and enjoyable year together!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and fun-filled summer break.

My name is **Mohammed Ahmed**, but you can call me **MO**. I am the **Senior Instructor** for the class **P1** and also the Cooking Instructor. I am very excited to welcome you all to MO's Class for this academic year.

Supporting us in the classroom and during work placements are our dedicated A-Team **Job Coaches: Humairaa, Anila, Miriam and Marta**. They will be working closely with our students to ensure a smooth and productive experience both in college and on work placements. We are thrilled to welcome back our returning students and to meet our new joiners: **Ayan Jama, Hassan Miah, Imaan Mirza, Shakil Uddin, Siam Mohammed, Yunnus Tahseen, Laely Begum, Mely Mia, Tavazzul Hoque and Tobechi Nwachuks**. **Fresher's week** is all about fun, connection, and building a strong class community. We have planned engaging activities to help students feel comfortable, get to know one another, and settle into college. It is a space where everyone is welcomed, encouraged, and supported. It is fantastic to see how happy the students are to be back – full of energy and ready to take on the year ahead! We look forward to working closely with you to support your child's growth, learning, and future. Together, we will help prepare them for life after college and the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Warm regards,

Mo Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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Have a great week,

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