

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

This week, returning and new students started their new timetable at Phoenix College with exciting courses and a variety of different opportunities to learn new skills. Please liaise with your child's class instructor to make sure that you receive a copy of the timetable for this term.

It was very special to see our returning students helping our new students with such care, kindness and knowledge!

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 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.

STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 14th January

Movie Night! This will be our visit to Genesis Cinema in the Spring Term.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Frank's Class had their first **Local Offer** session of the year, and it was a great success! Students worked together to research different destinations we could visit in our sessions. They came up with exciting ideas such as **special shops, the parliament, museums, community centres**, and many more. It was fantastic to see that everyone understood the tasks and stayed focused. The new arrivals to our class (**Andrea, Aniqua, Adam, Yusuf**) showed strong **IT** skills by finding pictures and researching useful information about the places. We are looking forward to exploring and learning more during our visits!

Frank Kasa, Senior Instructor



This week, we are delighted to celebrate Hajera's achievements. Staff have been very impressed with how positively she has started the term, noticing a real growth in her confidence. **Hajera** has already demonstrated a greater level of independence when following instructions and completing tasks.

In both **Cooking** and **Local Offer** sessions this week, **Hajera** showed she could work with minimal staff support. She particularly enjoyed showcasing her skills in making pizza and took pride in her work. In addition, **Hajera** has been a wonderful role model, helping new students in our class feel welcome and included. Well done, Hajera – keep up the fantastic work!

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



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What a fantastic start to the *curriculum*! The students have been happy, engaged, and following the timetable with ease — transitioning smoothly with their class groups and peers around the college. It has been great to see such positive energy in lessons. New year, new timetable, and new peers in class — and a massive shout out goes to all our returning students for stepping up! You have been incredible in helping around the college — supporting staff and warmly welcoming new students. From reminding each other of college rules to showing new peers around, your support has made a real difference. But this week's **Festive Friday** shout-out goes to everyone's favourite little helper and class comedian: **Tafazzal! Tafazzal** has truly been like an additional staff member this week, reminding staff about resources, checking the register is completed, and making sure everyone is on track with the timetable and transitions. His support to new students has been exceptional. Super proud — let's keep it up! Hopefully, Tafazzal will also support students in planning journeys and learning how to stay safe in the community once we are ready to explore beyond the college.

Well done, Tafazzal!

Mo Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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This week for **Festive Friday**, we are delighted to celebrate **Raheem** as he has shown excellent effort and enthusiasm in class. During our **Cooking** session, he made a pizza almost completely independently, demonstrating both confidence and skill. He also shared his love for cooking, which was wonderful to see. In addition to his great work, Raheem is always eager to support his classmates. He helps by giving out coreboards and offers kindness and encouragement to those around him. Well done, Raheem – your hard work and positive attitude make you a fantastic role model for our class.

Elena Vata, Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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