

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

I am so excited to share with you the good news stories for this week as they showcase great progress from students that have started their courses with us this academic year (**Year 1**), students that started with us last academic year (**Year 2**) and students that will graduate in September (**Year 3**). Our 3-year programme allows students to explore many different courses and be prepared for an independent, meaningful and happy adulthood!

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

STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 17th December

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

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WEDNESDAY, 14th January

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

STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 11th February

Valentine's Disco!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

This week's **Festive Friday** is **Raheem** for his wonderful energy throughout the week and his hard work in every single session. He has consistently helped staff in the classroom during **Keeping Safe, Expressive Arts, and Local Offer**, taking part enthusiastically in all activities, and helped his classmates stay safe both in college and in the community during **Local Offer**. It has been wonderful to see Raheem settle into College throughout this term and focus so hard on reaching his targets, especially handing out equipment to his peers, and handing out the home college books at the end of each day. Well done Raheem!

Arthur Davies, Assessment Job Coach



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As we approach the festive season, November is filled with joyful celebrations. Students enjoy following the curriculum, but they especially love joining in with the community during these special occasions—**Fireworks Night, Movember, Diwali**, and of course, the excitement of looking forward to **Christmas**. But the best thing we love to celebrate is birthdays - especially when we can enjoy them with friends! This week, it was **Laely Begum's** birthday, and we had been looking forward to the day. What made it even more special was the wonderful support from her family and carers, who helped make the celebration truly memorable. Thank you so much for the lovely treats! Laely had a fantastic birthday party with her friends. Moments like this are exactly what we hope for: students socialising with their friends at college, building connections in the community, and staying in touch even after they graduate. All the students were dancing, mingling, sharing treats, and giving Laely high-fives and pats on the back - a wonderful moment to celebrate this week. Let's keep supporting these friendships and keep smiling together. During annual reviews, we also share future timetables and provide opportunities for parents and carers to exchange contact details so that pupils can stay connected in the community once they leave college. **Happy Birthday, Laely**—and keep smiling!

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



This week, **Yacqoup** has been brilliant. He is a very intelligent student with an amazing memory, and it really shows in everything he does. On our trips, he often takes the lead without being asked. He plans the journey in his head, shows us the way, and even finds shortcuts that the staff did not know about. His confidence and clear thinking make our walks smoother and more enjoyable. Yacqoup is also doing very well in his **work placement at Starbucks**. He listens carefully to the staff prompts and mixes the ingredients with great care. His focus and attitude help him do the job to a high standard. We are very proud of the progress he is making.

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



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It has been a great week of fitness, marked by the return of basketball. Students have been enthusiastic about visiting our new venue, **Poplar Bath Leisure Centre**, where we are now using the sports hall for our sessions. In the short time we have been there, students in both **Darren's and Frank's classes** have shown excellent energy and excitement, along with growing confidence in their shooting skills. Both groups have demonstrated the ability to shoot from both short and long distances, showing a real willingness to challenge themselves and share their skills with one another. I look forward to seeing both classes continue to develop their fundamental basketball movements over the coming weeks. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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