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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back! Despite the really cold weather, students returned to Phoenix College full of energy to rejoin their work placements and enthusiasm to keep working towards their EHCP targets.

We know that some students might struggle to change their routines but could parents, carers and families make sure that students are wearing enough layers and wearing appropriate clothes to face the cold weather? Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel that your child is struggling to wear the right clothes for the cold.

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

**STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm**  
**WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
Valentine's Disco!

**STAY UP LATE: 2-7pm**  
**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
OPEN HOUSE for all students: current, alumni and applicants. EID PARTY!

**Please save these dates!**

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## THIS WEEK

**Festive Friday** goes to all of **Mo's Class**, they made a joyful return this week as we welcomed everyone back from the **Christmas** holidays. Students showed a fantastic attitude, settling back into their routines with enthusiasm and positivity. They also demonstrated great engagement during their new photography enrichment lesson. Everyone took part confidently, posing for photographs and taking turns to capture images of one another. It was wonderful to see such teamwork, creativity, and willingness to try something new. A brilliant start to the new term well done to all!

**Marta Ribeiro, Job Coach**



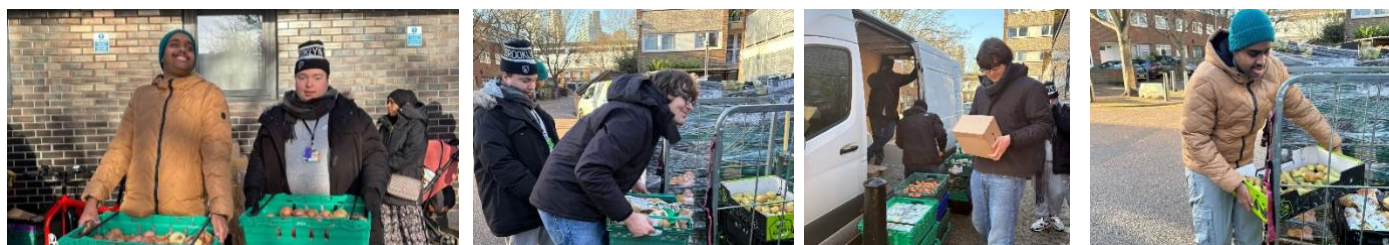


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It was fantastic to welcome all the students back after the break! Everyone returned to **Phoenix College** full of excitement and enthusiasm for the new term. This week, for **Festive Friday**, we celebrated **Seayum** for his dedication in attending the annual review and staying for the entire session. He beamed with pride as he listened to the professionals highlight the amazing improvements he has made in college, from smooth transitions to active participation in all activities. Seayum also surprised us with a hidden talent in **photography, posing, and styling**. During an **enrichment activity** with **Marta**, he captured some truly impressive photos that showcased his creativity and eye for detail. Well done, Seayum!

**Elena Vata, Instructor**



Students in **Darren's Class** have begun the new term with the same positive attitude and strong work ethic they demonstrated at the end of the previous term, returning straight into their **work placements**. This week, we would like to highlight the progress **Thomas Waterton** has made since transitioning back into Darren's Class. Both at college and in his work placement, Thomas has reduced the number of breaks he takes and has remained fully engaged throughout all sessions. Thomas was particularly enthusiastic about returning to the **foodbank**, and this was evident in his independence and motivation. He required minimal staff prompting when completing tasks such as picking up boxes and consistently engaged in conversations while working alongside his peers, **Hamza** and **Francois**. It has been extremely pleasing for the team to observe the development of positive friendships within the group and to see students enjoying social interaction while working together. Well done, Thomas keep up the excellent work.

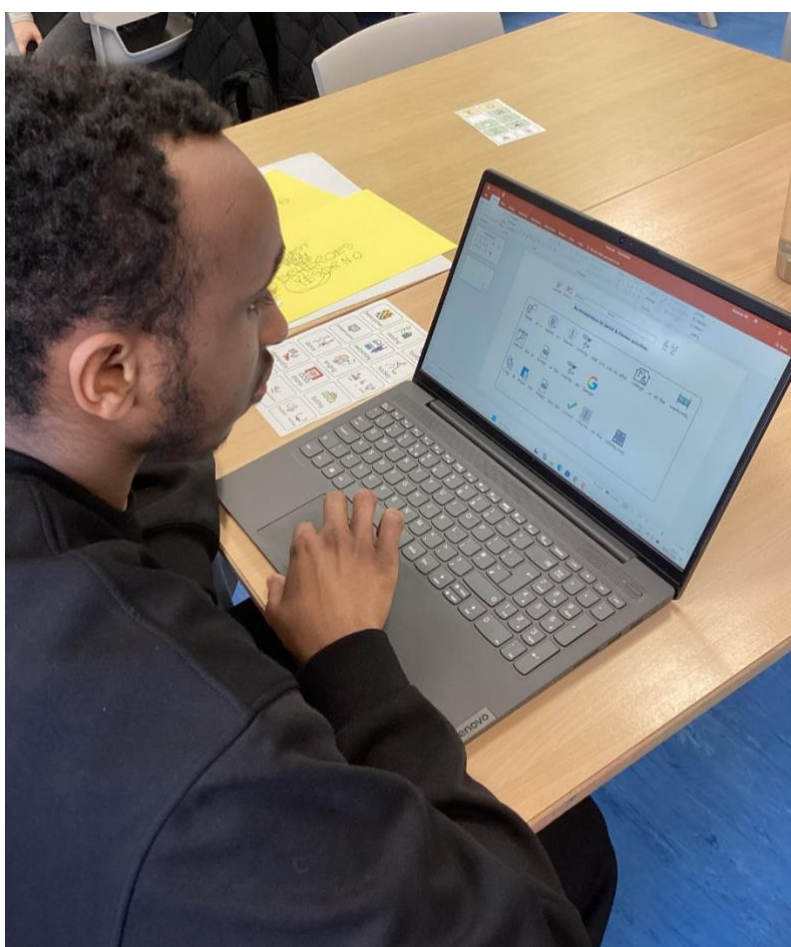
**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor**

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**Yacqoup** has made fantastic progress this week, showing great effort to join in with more activities. He arrived on time for registration, participated in the sensory circuit, and walked confidently with his group in **Victoria Park**. He responded well to **staff** requests and engaged really positively in **Enterprise** while **jasmonite making**. Small steps are making a big difference. He is showing improved behaviour and becoming more respectful each day. 🎉

**Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor**



Have a fantastic weekend and stay warm!



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