

*“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back and **Ramadan Mubarak** for those celebrating!

On Monday, the whole team got together to look at how much progress students have made so far this term towards their EHCP targets. That is a great opportunity to make sure that students are progressing at a good pace and that all targets will be achieved at the end of the term. It was fantastic to see students back to Phoenix College after the half-term break and it felt like they never left – all students engaged well back to their busy schedules.

**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: 4pm-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**OPEN HOUSE** for all students: current, alumni and applicants. **EID PARTY!**

**STAY UP LATE: 4pm-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 06<sup>th</sup> May**

Our last **Movie Night** at Genesis Cinema this academic year!

**STAY UP LATE: 4pm-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Our last **OPEN HOUSE** for all students: current, alumni and applicants.

**Please save these dates!**

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**THIS WEEK**

This week’s **Festive Friday** goes to **Tobi**. Tobi has returned to college after facing some personal challenges, which he has tackled with the fantastic support of his parents and carers. He has come back strong and has rejoined the **curriculum** alongside his friends with confidence and determination. It has been especially lovely to hear him express his communication, make choices, and share his preferences - we absolutely love to see that growing independence. Tobi has shown great enthusiasm, and it really highlights how the support of friends, family, and the continuous work we do at college helps our students maintain consistency and achieve their goals. We have also been so impressed with Tobi’s progress in **swimming**, during our **Fitness** sessions, completing lengths with increasing confidence, smiling throughout, and putting in fantastic effort. As a class, it is wonderful to see students following instructions and getting on with tasks independently. While we all enjoy relaxing at times, it is fantastic to see our learners organising their personal belongings, preparing themselves for learning, and developing that all-important independence. Well done to Tobi and all our students.

**Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor**



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This week we have chosen **Adam Day** for **Festive Friday**. Adam has shown a great positive attitude this week and has worked very hard. In **Local Offer**, Adam showed travel safety during the trip to **Stepney City Farm**, listened carefully to instructions, stayed aware of his surroundings, and behaved responsibly throughout the journey. Adam also had lots of fun climbing with his friends in the local park, showing confidence and great teamwork skills while encouraging those around him. In **Ten Academy**, Adam’s effort has been outstanding. He completed all of his worksheets production perfectly and required very little support, showing growing independence and focus. He stayed on task, challenged himself, and took pride in his work.

**Mya Chaaban, Job Coach**



This **Festive Friday**, we are delighted to celebrate the wonderful achievements of **Aysha** and **Raheem**! Both students showed great awareness in **Keeping Safe** while exploring how nature can support our mental health, engaging thoughtfully in discussions and activities. They also embraced expressive arts with enthusiasm, exploring buildings in our local community through creative projects. Aysha and Raheem particularly enjoyed mono printing with Lego and working together to create a fantastic giant collage. Their positive attitude to learning truly stood out, and they demonstrated excellent responsibility by helping to tidy up after both sessions. We are especially proud of Raheem for accepting his new timetable and adapting so well to the change. A brilliant week all round—well done to you both!

**Helen Gillan, Teacher**



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This week, **Mo**, our **catering instructor**, treated the students to a **special cooking session** where they made **pancakes**. As **Shrove Tuesday** fell during the half-term holiday, it was a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate by preparing their own pancakes from scratch. The class demonstrated a range of important skills, including measuring, weighing, and mixing ingredients. They also enjoyed developing their confidence by attempting to flip pancakes in the frying pan. The session was filled with energy and enthusiasm, creating a fun and supportive atmosphere. Staff observed how encouraging the students were, even inviting staff members to join in the activity. A special mention goes to **Afzal**, who used the **iPad** to take photographs and capture his peers fully engaged in the session. Well done to both the students and the team, it is great to be back!

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor**



Have a wonderful weekend,



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