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Dear parents, carers and families,

The highlight of the week was the amazing workshop from **The Steady Rockstars** organized by our new **Assistant Principal**, **Shelina Mannan**. I hope you get as much joy from the photos on the following pages as our students got from this fun, educational and remarkable experience. Enjoy!

This week, I would like to introduce you to our **Lead Instructor**, **Ferenc Kasa**. Ferenc combines two very different areas of expertise: drama and IT. His extensive teaching experience has taken him to the role of Lead Instructor, where he can share his knowledge across the Preparation for Adulthood and Project SEARCH programmes!

Renato Marques – College Principal



Ferenc Kasa - Lead Instructor

I have always been passionate about computers and technology, although my original area of study was **Theatre Science** at the **University of Pannonia**. During my studies, I was involved in a wide range of theatre productions and **Drama in Education** projects, which gave me valuable experience in creativity, communication and working with different groups of people. I feel very lucky that, here at **Phoenix College**, I have the opportunity to combine my experience in drama and education with my passion for technology. In today's vast and ever-changing digital world, I believe it is increasingly important for our students to understand how different digital and interactive devices work and, most importantly, to develop the confidence and skills to use them safely and independently. In my free time, I enjoy going to the **cinema**, taking photographs, writing stories and reading. I particularly enjoy modern science-fiction books.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

STAY UP LATE: 16:00-19:00
WEDNESDAY, 16th December 2026
This will be our first visit to Genesis Cinema this academic year!

Please save the date!

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THIS WEEK

🎸 **The Sound of Self-Belief!** 🎶 We had the great opportunity to welcome **The Steady Rockstars** to our college for an amazing music session! Our students absolutely loved it. They spent the session singing their lungs out, having the time of their lives, trying out instruments and enjoying some fantastic song choices. The energy, smiles and confidence in the room were brilliant to see! Rocksteady's inclusive approach is all about helping young people build confidence, develop social skills, make connections and enjoy a shared love of music, and our students certainly embraced every moment. The Rocksteady team was so impressed with our students and said they would be very happy to return again! A huge well done to all our students for adapting to the timetable change and showing our visitors just how amazing our college is. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved, having fun and representing the college so positively. Keep rocking, everyone! 🤘 🎶

Mohammed Ahmed, Lead Instructor








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This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming **The Steady Rockstars** to **Phoenix College**, providing our learners with a fun, engaging and interactive musical experience. Students in Darren's class thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore and play a variety of musical instruments, including the **piano, drums and guitar**. They also had the chance to use a microphone to sing along to their favourite songs. It was fantastic to see all students actively participating, taking turns and showing enthusiasm as they explored the different instruments and equipment. The session provided a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their confidence, communication, creativity and social interaction skills through music. A big well done to all the staff for supporting and encouraging students throughout the session, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to get involved and make the most of the experience. A special thank you to **Shelina** for organising and arranging this fantastic opportunity for the whole college. We look forward to welcoming The Steady Rockstars back to Phoenix College for more enjoyable and enriching music sessions in the future!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Lead Instructor







Ayan is a real superstar, but this week she also became a **Rock Star**! **The Steady Rockstars** came to College to put on an amazing show, and Ayan was fully engaged from start to finish. She absolutely loved the music, tried all the instruments and had a fantastic time performing alongside her classmates. It was wonderful to see her enthusiasm and joy throughout the session! Ayan also impressed everyone during our ***Local Offer*** visit to **Haileybury Youth Centre**. As part of our **Mental Health topic**, we are exploring activities and experiences that make us happy and support our wellbeing. Ayan certainly showed everyone how it is done! She enthusiastically tried the activities in the **gym** and playroom and was especially keen to explore the art and craft room. The staff were delighted by Ayan and our whole group, commenting on how lovely everyone was. They are already looking forward to welcoming us back!

Ferenc Kasa, Lead Instructor

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This week, we are delighted to celebrate **Yousef** and the positive progress he has made! We have been encouraging Yousef to make healthier food choices when out in the community, and we are incredibly proud of his efforts. He has reduced his intake of junk food and fizzy drinks and is also making healthier choices during our C***ooking*** sessions. We admire his willingness to compromise and make positive changes. This week's highlight was Yousef's fantastic performance with **The Steady Rockstars** band! He was full of enthusiasm, starting on the keyboard, moving on to the guitar and then grabbing the microphone to sing some of his favourite songs. It was wonderful to see him so happy, confident and passionate about performing. His enthusiasm brought smiles to everyone's faces, and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching him shine!

Retzino Stagka, Job Coach

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Have a rockstar weekend!

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