



PHOENIX

TAEKWONDO

looking back over a  
month of Taekwondo

Inspiring a Generation

## PHOENIX TAEKWONDO RECOGNISED BY BRITISH TAEKWONDO AS CLUB OF THE YEAR 2025 FINALISTS



So Long 2025 it's been a blast... and what an absolutely fantastic way to end such an enormously successful year for Phoenix Taekwondo, by being recognised by our National Governing Body - British Taekwondo - for a 2025 'Taekwondo Club of the Year' finalist award. Phoenix Taekwondo were one of only six finalists selected out of 556 clubs across the entire country. The Phoenix instructor team, Chris, Russell, Eunmi and Juliette travelled up to Manchester for the British Taekwondo gala award night at the Lowry in Salford, where they received the club's finalist award. This award is for everyone, the entire Phoenix family, for all our students and all the parents and supporters who have worked together to achieve this.



Phoenix kicked off 2025 with the Didcot Town Council Sporting Award and then went from strength to strength in the club's most successful competition year in history, winning two 1st place and two 3rd place team trophies against dozens of other Taekwondo schools across the country. We amassed almost 200 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals during the year, graded over 250 students to new Taekwondo belts plus 16 new or higher Black Belt Dan grades with a 100% pass rate at the national level Black Belt Examinations. We even made it on to Amazon Prime TV!



### UPCOMING EVENTS IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 7th Weds: Wednesday Taekwondo Returns
- Jan 9th Fri: Friday Taekwondo Returns
- Jan 11th Sun: Sunday Taekwondo Returns
- Jan 11th Sun: GB Regional Poomsae Training
- Feb 1st Sun: Instructor Seminar Nottingham

## Phoenix Poomsae Athlete Medals at Team GB Inter-Regional Championships



We are supremely proud to report that Phoenix Poomsae athlete and Team GB member, Thea, scored in the medals twice at the Team GB inter-regional championships in early December, scoring a Bronze in the individual category and a Silver in the combo-partner-category. This is an amazing achievement given that all competitors at this event are on the Team GB national/regional teams, so it is an unbelievably competitive event. Thea's medals helped secure the Team Trophy for the GB South Region on the day. Phoenix Referee Alfie was also in attendance supporting the event as one of the judges on court for the day.



## End of Year Appreciation Awards for Phoenix Volunteers

At the end of the year we recognised Phoenix Advanced Juniors Abi and Amelia, who volunteer their time every single week, supporting the Little Dragons class and the Beginner Juniors. Their support and contribution is so valuable, enabling us to deliver higher quality training and coaching to our youngest students. In appreciation, we presented them both with engraved glass awards in thanks for all their help throughout the year. Phoenix Taekwondo supports development at all levels including a coaching pathway through our regular support of schemes such as The Duke of Edinburgh Award (covering all categories and levels including the Physical, Skills, Volunteering). Many of our higher students become role models for the next generation of younger Taekwondo athletes.

## Welcoming Our Next Generation of Little Dragon Graduates



Taekwondo is a Journey and it is always fantastic to see some of our younger 5-8 years Little Dragons moving onwards and upwards to the next level as they graduate to the Phoenix Taekwondo Junior Classes! Last month we welcomed our latest graduates Noah, Emma, Vivaan, Ben, Gabriel and Vanmayi.

Looking good in their new shiny Dobok Taekwondo uniforms, each received their special Little Dragons graduation badge to go on their new uniforms.



## Xmas Phoenix Drink Coasters

We hope everyone who joined our Christmas classes picked up their super Phoenix Drink Coasters for the holidays. If you missed out, we do have a few left on a first come, first serve basis.



## This Month's Little Dragons Tae-Yong Award Winners!

Congratulations to this month's Tae-Yong award winners James, Josee and Iker! All winners get to photo-bomb the Tae-Yong selfie-frame and receive a special award sticker! Who will it be next month?

