

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

It is incredible that we are already at the end of our last full week for this academic year. All courses and work placements for this academic year have finished today. Well done, students and staff!

Next week we have some exciting end of year events. Unfortunately, we had to **cancel** our **Sports Day** due to the expected extreme weather on Monday. **We would still love to have you joining us for our Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday – please join us from 11am to 1pm.** September holds very exciting news for us – please read more about that below.

SPORTS DAY – POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER

The Met Office has warned of an “exceptional hot spell on Monday and Tuesday leading to widespread impacts on people and infrastructure” and adds that “substantial changes in working practices and daily routines will be required”. Based on that, we have now decided to postpone our **Sports Day** to September. I would like to say a huge thank you to our **Fitness Instructor, Darren Serrano-Griffiths**, for all the hard work organizing this event.

END OF THE TUPE PROCESS

As we are aware, Phoenix Autism Trust will employ all the members of staff at Phoenix College from September onwards. That marks the last step for us to become a fully independent college. We will still collaborate closely with Phoenix School and there will be no changes to the services offered to your child.

DFN PROJECT SEARCH - GRADUATION

As the interns come to the end of their time on DFN Project SEARCH, we held the annual graduation ceremony to recognise all their achievements throughout the year. It was a great event with some VIP guests including **QMUL Vice-President Philippa Lloyd**, and **founder of DFN Project SEARCH, David Forbes-Nixon** (also father to graduating intern, Charlie). We will be terribly sorry to say goodbye to this group as they have built such a bond and made so many memories together. They are now ready to tackle to world of work, with **Abeeda** already securing a job at Gregg’s and **Aziz** enrolled to an apprenticeship in Phoenix Kitchen. The future is bright for all our interns and very excited for what their futures hold. Thanks, **Matt Snow**, **DFN Project SEARCH Coordinator**



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THIS WEEK

P2 have had a great term! The energy they have displayed in all lessons has been a pleasure to see. All the staff in P2 have noticed how focused and determined the students have been this term, especially in *Fitness*, where the students have enjoyed learning and engaging in different sports events. Well done P2! **P2 Team**



Maryam was an excellent student this week. She has been communicating with staff and students in lessons and when out in the community. Maryam also helped to show visitors where student profiles were kept in the classroom, demonstrating good



role model skills. Maryam also made a short video to say goodbye to Joshua for his graduation. Great work, Maryam! **Anila Xhika, Teaching Assistant**



Patrick took over the leading of *Morning Tutorial* in P3 this week. It was great to see him listening carefully to his peers. This is a good way to practice mutual respect in class, and we will encourage Patrick to lead small activities in the future too. Well done, Patrick! **Frank, eLearning Instructor**

Have a fantastic weekend,



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