

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic summer. The weather was phenomenal and it was great to hear that most students enjoyed that by planning short trips, spending time outdoors and staying active.

Our students and staff have returned to Phoenix College recharged and ready for the next academic year. Our team enjoyed all the trainings during our **INSET days** and I am proud to let you know that everyone in our curriculum team has now receive **Job Coach, Safeguarding** and **First Aid** trainings.

We had sixteen (16) new students starting with us this week! It is very rewarding to see Phoenix College growing and our Fresher's Week was remarkable. **On Monday 12th September we will start all the new courses.**

YOUTH CLUB

Phoenix College is proud to announce that we will be running our very own **Youth Club** specifically for College Students every Thursday from 18.30 to 20.30. Transport will be provided to attendees of the club, free of charge, and students will take part in activities such as sports, music, watching films, playing video games and cooking. Letters will be sent out early next week to all students. Hope to see you there!

Matt Snow, Project Search Coordinator

SUPPORTING AUTISTIC TEENAGERS & YOUNG ADULTS – THE AUTISM SHOW

Brought to you by the organisers of The Autism Show

Announcing our new online learning series:
Supporting Autistic Teenagers & Young Adults
30th Sept - 1st Oct 2022

You can book tickets for this course [here](#).

This course is not organized by Phoenix College but by an external provider.



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PARENTS FORUM

4th October – 4pm

We are hosting our first **Parents Forum** for this academic year on the 4th October. This is going to be an **online event** where we are going to discuss:

- Phoenix College: curriculum and courses
- New staff structure
- Course duration and transitions after graduation

I look forward to seeing all parents there!

OPEN HOUSE

20th October – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Our first **Open House** is taking place just before the half-term break. This is going to be a **face-to-face event**.

This is an opportunity for new and returning parents to meet with teachers, instructors and the support team. Alumni and former parents are also going to be invited to join us.

Please save the date!

OUR NEW TEACHER

SARAH

Hello everyone, my name is Sarah and I am the new teacher at Phoenix College.

Over the next academic year, I will be teaching all students on the Travel & Tourism and Environmental Action courses. I have been working in education for 10 years, in mainstream classrooms and a specialist Autism provision, and I am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to work with the students and staff at Phoenix College.

My Bachelor's degree is in Drama & Education and I always strive to bring that energy and theatricality into my classroom to bring all learning alive. In my free time I can often be found at the theatre (smaller, local theatres are my preferred kind) or cooking up big feasts for my friends and family. I am very much looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and getting to know you all.



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OUR INSTRUCTORS

MO

My name is Mohammed Ahmed (Mo). I have been working at Phoenix School for many years. I am proud to be one of the key members given the opportunity to help set up and be part of this amazing college provision, since 2015 when it all started at Tower Hamlets College.

I am the **Catering Instructor**, delivering catering and DIY sessions. Outside work I am a director/owner of 2 successful fast food outlets in Tower Hamlets. I hold a Level 3 qualification in catering and supervision in food and hospitality. As a catering instructor I will deliver independent skills and knowledge that will support and help students develop hospitality and independent life skills. Students will develop transferable skills which will support them in the workplace and future paid jobs.



ELENA



My name is Elena Vata and I am the Hair and **Beauty Therapy Instructor** at Phoenix College.

I've been working at the college since 2018. I am ambitious and driven. I thrive on challenge and constantly set goals for myself, so I have something to strive towards.

I am very passionate about giving each and every student an adult fulfilling life.

The Hair and Beauty course will be training and delivering quality sessions on hair washing, styling, manicure, pedicure and massages.

The students will also learn how to improve their personal care and hygiene by participating in a range of different activities.

They will work as part of a team through group activities and look at different job roles within the Hair and Beauty industry.

I love dancing and fashion, keeping up with the current trends.

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DARREN



My name is Darren Serrano-Griffiths and I am the **Fitness Instructor** at Phoenix College. During your young person's time at College, students will learn how to improve their general fitness by participating in a range of different sporting activities. They will also learn how to work as part of a team through group activities and about different job roles within the fitness industry. I studied abroad in America to gain a degree in Business & Sports Management and my other qualifications within sport include First Diploma (Sport and Leisure) Level 3, NVQ in Sports Coaching and Leadership Level 2, and I am currently enrolled on a Sports Therapy QLS Level 3 Course. I also run fitness sessions for staff after college.

I love sport, watching and participating, especially football. Sport has given me the appreciation of the importance of ensuring that others can rely on me as a team member. I enjoy listening to music, reading, socializing with friends and travelling.

FRANK

My name is Ferenc Kasa but most people call me Frank. I'm the **eLearning Instructor** at Phoenix College.

I was always keen about computers, however originally I studied Theatre Science at University of Pannonia. During my studies I was involved in many theatre plays and Drama in Education projects. I feel very lucky that here at Phoenix College I have the opportunity to combine my drama teaching experience with my passion for technology.

In the vast, ever-changing digital world it is crucial for our students to have a good understanding on how different interactive devices work and how to use them confidently and safely.



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THIS WEEK

Hi everyone! An exciting time for us all, we have had a lovely first week back from summer. I am so proud to be leading such a wonderful group. Returning students were supporting the new students to transition around the college and being good friends and role models during break and lunch times. Every student was happy and excited to come back to college. We have an exciting and rewarding curriculum and sessions planned ahead of us. Well done to all the students and the staff.



Mo - Catering Instructor

As we have many new students in our class, we started this term with different "getting to know each other" games. It was great to see how new and old students are forming relationships and socializing on their own. On our first day we played Jenga and collected things that we like the most at the same time. Everyone was nicely involved in a couple of drama sessions as well during this week.

Frank, eLearning Instructor



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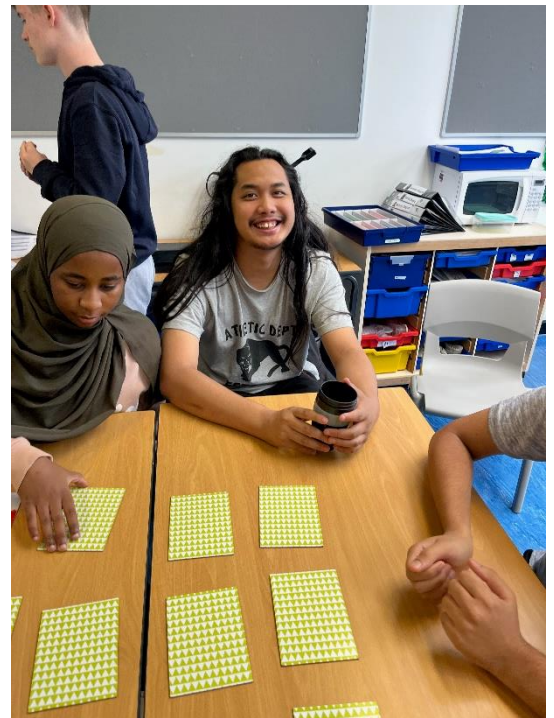


Our class had a very positive first week coming back from the summer holiday. The class have settled really well and transitions have been near-perfect. I'm very proud that the students are not only enjoying and having fun but were also learning in the class. We looked at the story Willy and Hugh. It was about developing friendship and the students have responded to it very well.
Elena, Beauty Therapy Instructor

Patrick has returned back to College in really good spirits! He has been helping the new students in his class to settle in, showing them around the building and leading by example within a class setting. Well done Patrick!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor

Have a wonderful weekend,



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