

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

This was a very busy week for students and staff as we booked a **NATSPEC Quality Health Check** and the “inspection” took place on Monday and Tuesday. NATSPEC is The Association of National Specialist Colleges and Phoenix College has been a member for a couple of years now. I decided to book the Quality Health Check quite early in the year so we can measure the impacts of all the changes that we implemented last academic year.

The inspector gave us very good feedback on our curriculum and she praised us for creating an integrated curriculum that is not a “copy and paste” from something else. It was gratifying to see that all “next steps” that were raised had already been identified by us and we look forward to working on those. It was also very rewarding to hear from an external organization that our safeguarding systems are strong and well-managed.

I would like to thank our fantastic team for all the hard work and dedication to our students! That shines through your day-to-day work and it was beautifully captured during the Quality Health Check. Well done!

FREEDOM PASS

We still have students that did not apply for their Freedom Passes – our Instructors are going to discuss that with you next week.

All students must come to College with their Freedom Passes. Students can only access our curriculum fully, including class trips and work placements, if they have their Freedom Passes.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, 20th October – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Our first **Open House** for this academic year is taking place next week. This is going to be a **face-to-face event**.

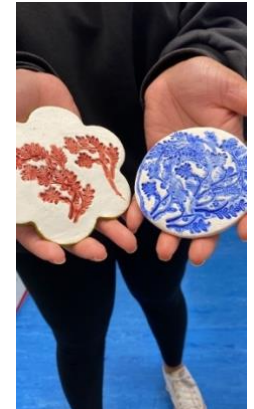
This is an opportunity for new and returning parents to meet with teachers, instructors and the support team. Alumni and former parents are also going to be invited to join us.

I am looking forward to seeing all parents at Phoenix College on Thursday!

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THIS WEEK

Students have been working ever so hard this term during our *Enterprise* course, making and developing coasters. Samiya has worked really well and each week her confidence has grown. She has been working alongside our **Enterprise Lead, Alfie**, to create stunning patterns and doing so independently. Samiya's designs will be priced and packaged to sell at our next Enterprise Fair. Great work, Samiya!



Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



We had a very productive week for all the students. We had great learning in all sessions! Students have been out in the community learning about all the services that are available in the Bow area. This week, students were faced with a great challenge: classes helped to cook lunch for all the students at the college! I am so proud of each and every student. Students from each class helped with the preparation and cooking lunch for their peers for two days. Students showed great learning and understanding of *Catering* safety rules and skills: peeling, chopping, grating and laying tables. Well done, everyone.



Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



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Thomas is our student of the week! He has remained engaged and focused throughout sessions. Thomas is also attending a *Work Placement* at Mudchute Farm and he followed all the job instructions given by employer. Thomas has been receiving very good feedback from his employer and from job coaches. Well done, Thomas!

Elena Vata, Beauty Therapy Instructor



This week in *Horticulture* we learned about different types of seeds and how to plant them. Our course turned into an intimate reading session where many students presented work in front of the whole class. Everyone showed respect and listened quietly to the readers. Mohamed volunteered to finish the session and his great reading performance was celebrated by a big round of applause. Now, close to the end of this term, this session was a clear sign of how well we are settling in our new class.



Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



Have a restful weekend,



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