

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

Students had a very good week at Phoenix College with achievements in multiple areas: work placements, courses around the community and exciting lessons at College.

Students are also very excited about next week: we have hired a new **Horticulture Instructor** and students are looking forward to starting a new course. In order to accommodate this new course, I have moved some sessions around and the Instructors will send home the new individualized timetables for your child.

OFSTED: MONITORING VISIT

Today we received a call from OFSTED and they will complete our very first Monitoring Visit next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are really looking forward to showing all the great progress that your child has been making at Phoenix College, our tailored curriculum and our robust safeguarding systems.

In order to help your child to understand the Monitoring Visit, our Speech and Language Therapist, **Orit**, has created a social story for our students – please see it attached. It would be great if you could read this social story with your child over the weekend and we will send home a hard copy on Monday.

We would like to invite a group of parents to meet with the OFSTED Inspectors next week – probably on Wednesday 16th November at 11am. Please let me know if you would like to join us!

BASE CONFERENCE

This week, our whole Careers Team joined me at the BASE Conference in Leeds. BASE is the British Association for Supported Employment and many of our programmes and projects are inspired by our relationship with this life-changing organization. We learned a lot more about Accessible Apprenticeships and Access to Work at the Conference. If you would like to learn more about BASE, please visit: <https://www.base-uk.org/home>

FREEDOM PASS

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.

STAY UP LATE

13th December – 3.15pm to 7.00pm

Students will join their first social twilight, our Stay Up Late programme, at the end of the term.

Please save the date!

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THIS WEEK



Saira had a fantastic week. She has remained engaged and focused throughout the whole week, especially during our *Fitness* course with Darren. Saira was given the role to lead the *Fitness* session and she was exceptional! Saira demonstrated to her friends how to perform different core exercises. She has also been working very hard in her work placement at Mudchute Farm. She followed all the instructions given by her Job Coach. Well done, Saira!

Elena Vata, Beauty Therapy Instructor

We have had a very busy week out in the community, exploring the local services and getting to visit and explore the different religious centres in Tower Hamlets. This week we visited the East London Mosque during our *Politics and Culture* course. It was a great experience and learning for all of us. We also love cooking our own meals so this term we have been cooking noodles during our

Catering course but we had to eat using chopsticks! We had great fun using chopsticks. Well done to all the young chefs!

**Mohammed Ahmed,
Catering Instructor**



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Students have worked really well as a group this week! During *Fitness*, they challenged themselves engaging in exercises to improve core stability. They have demonstrated good travel training and independence skills throughout other courses this week as well. Travelling to visit St Paul's Cathedral and learning how to spend within a certain budget was fun. They have also made the trial student in our class, Ruweyda, feel very welcome. She enjoyed eating out with her friends. Great work from the whole class! **Darren Serrano-Griffiths**

Have a fantastic weekend,



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