

*“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”*

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Dear parents and carers,

Students had a very busy week at Phoenix College and we had some special visitors this week. On Wednesday, Simon and Sam lead a very interesting workshop to all students during our Enrichment sessions – please see more below. Today we had two visitors from NATSPEC (the Association of National Specialist Colleges): **Clare Howard (Chief Executive)** and **Ruth Perry (Senior Policy Manager)**. They both praised us for such a positive report from OFSTED and we look forward to working even more closely with NATSPEC this year.

#### ENRICHMENT

During Enrichment this week, students attended a talk given by Sam and Simon. Sam lives in Tower Hamlets and accesses many of the services which are available to our students. She shared her story about how she made the decision to get the COVID Vaccine. Sam was joined by Simon who works at The East London Foundation Trust. Students asked some really good questions about the vaccine and shared their own views and experiences.

**Rick Nunn, Curriculum Lead**



#### STAY UP LATE

**09<sup>th</sup> February – 3.15pm to 7.00pm**

Students will join our second social twilight, our **Stay Up Late** programme, at the end of this half-term.

**Please save the date!**

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**THIS WEEK**



Riadh has been fantastic this week and has shown huge improvement on his levels of independence and engagement since the beginning of the academic year. During *Catering*, He was very focused completing his tasks and cleaning up his workstation. He is working very hard to achieve his targets and makes great effort to contribute to lessons.

**Elena Vata, Beauty Therapy Instructor**

We have had a lovely start to the year in Mo's class. Learning new skills and working with different friends. Ilyas in particular has excelled in helping his peers in lessons. During *Travel and Tourism* Ilyas was able to check when the trains were coming and help his peers on and off the trains. During *Catering*, Ilyas was showing his dough making skills and prepared his own pizza as well as the whole class. Well done Mo's class, well done Ilyas. We are proud of you.

**Mich Lecce, Assessment TA**





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Kyde has had an excellent start to the term. He has been helping his friends keeping the college clean and tidy and all staff have commented on how well he is listening and following instructions to complete tasks. He is taking less breaks during lessons and is able to engage for longer in the classroom - Well done, Kyde.

**Ray Ahmed, Assessment TA**



This term for *Travel and Tourism* sessions we are visiting different galleries to practice our travelling skills and learn about modern art. Despite the bad weather on Tuesday morning, our class still decided to go the Stepney Green to see the artworks of some local artists.



Shaquil and Mohamed were hesitant to go out, but their peers convinced them that some rain and wind won't hurt us. We are happy to see great improvements with the interactions and dynamics in our group recently. Students are listening to each other's requests and responding each other in a friendly manner.

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**



Have a great weekend,



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