

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents and carers,

This week we celebrated the International Women's Day (IWD) on the 8th of March. The IWD is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

At Phoenix College we promote gender equality daily and today's letter is a celebration of the achievements of the brave, talented and extraordinary women working and studying at Phoenix College!

FREEDOM PASSES

We are rapidly approaching the end of the first half of this academic year and unfortunately not all students have their Freedom Passes yet. **As mentioned in my letters to you since September, all students must have their Freedom Passes with them when attending Phoenix College.** After the half-term, students who do not come to Phoenix College with their Freedom Passes will not be able to join class trips.

Our Admin Team will contact you next week if that is the case.

All our students have the right to travel for free with their Freedom Pass and that is an essential part of our curriculum.

OPEN HOUSE – UPDATE

~~30th March – 3.15pm to 7.00pm~~

MONDAY, 20th March – 3.15pm to 7.00pm

Please note that we have changed the date for our next twilight. Due to the Ramadan, we have decided to move our Open House to the Monday before the Ramadan starts.

As you are aware, our Open House is a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's team, discuss their progress and achievements at College and to plan/discuss outcomes for the future. During that evening, you will also have the chance to meet former and prospective students and their parents. For the summer term, the Open House will take place on Monday **22nd May** rather than on Thursday **25th May**.

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THIS WEEK

International Women’s Day



WELCOME BACK, CAROLYN!

Carolyn Davis returned to Phoenix College this week. Students and staff were very happy to see Carolyn again! Carolyn will work with our Careers Team during the month of March, delivering exciting Enterprise sessions, organizing work related events and supporting the team with employer engagement. Carolyn has left her mark at Phoenix School and Phoenix College and we are very happy to welcome her back for this short period. We are lucky to have Carolyn back after she completed her PhD!



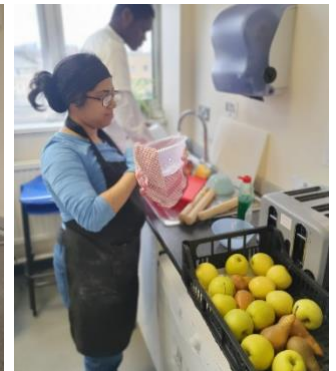
GO, JUE! – NOMINATED EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH!

Jue Wu graduated from Project Search QMUL (Phoenix School and Phoenix College) and decided to pursue a career as a cleaner. Supported by our exceptional **Employment Engagement Coordinator, Chi Yilmaz**, Jue succeeded to find a job with G4S and she has been working with us at Phoenix College since September. At the beginning, some managers were sceptical about Jue’s ability to succeed in this position and she has worked really hard to prove them wrong! And she did, indeed. This week, her direct manager nominated Jue to Employer of the Month with G4S!!! We are extremely proud of Jue’s journey and all her hard work has paid off.

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Mo's class had a good week at college. At the beginning of the week, they explored their *Fitness* with **Darren** by walking to and around the Olympic Park. Using **Fitbits**, they tracked how many steps they had done and the whole class managed to cover 9,000 steps! During *Travel and Tourism* with **Sarah**, the whole class planned their travel journey to Stratford. Students practiced how to use their freedom passes when tapping in and out of the stations and looking for the correct platform to get the train needed. During *Catering* with Mo this week, the class made vegetarian pizza, learning how to make pizza dough from scratch and preparing it with ingredients suitable for vegetarians. The student who has excelled this week is **Soheli**. She has had a brilliant week, following instructions, being engaged in all lessons and helping peers and staff with tasks. Soheli chops ingredients like a professional and washes up very well too. Well done, Soheli! We are proud of you!

Mich Lecce, Assessment TA



During our *Keeping Safe* course, our students have been learning about each other's cultures and traditions. In *Enrichment*, a group of students wanted to visit Chinatown in Central London to understand and see why it is so unique. We have had terrible weather this week but the students were still full of life and positivity taking in the colourful heritage and buildings. Lisa was able to demonstrate good independent skills out in the community, locating shops she really wanted to visit and purchasing items from. Great work from everyone! Have a nice weekend,

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor

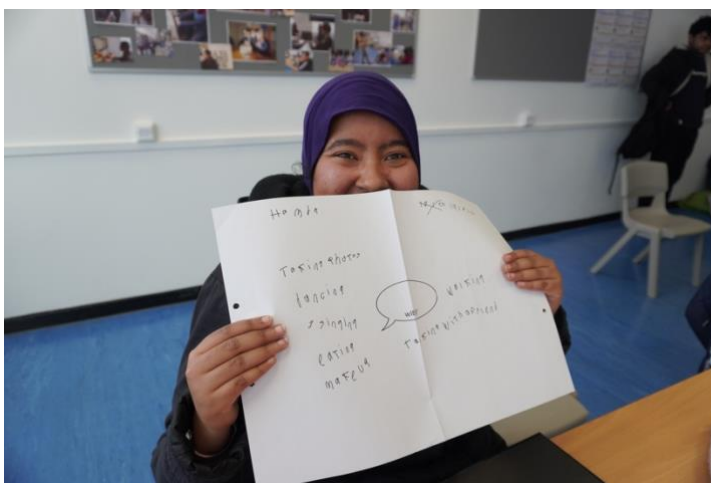


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Another fantastic week in our class. Students have been working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum and we are very proud of each and every student. Students have been making excellent progress whilst working on their individual targets throughout this week. We have great feedback from job coaches whilst students have been working in various places such as Mudchute Farm and Cemetery Park. A huge well done to everyone that followed instructions given by employers and Job coaches. On Wednesday we celebrated the international women’s day, especially our young women: **Saira, Maryam Ahmed and Maryam Amjad**. They have been very independent and showed a special bond by working together and learning about the origins of the international women’s day.

Elena Vata, Beauty Therapy Instructor



This term in *Keeping Safe* we are learning about **culture**. Students are sharing their opinion about national dishes, music, religion and traditions. Both **Hamda** and **Lisa** demonstrated great sensitivity and knowledge about culture and were able to differentiate personal culture from a nation's or community's culture. Lisa created a lovely soundtrack from many songs she likes to listen to.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

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Students are very excited about their new hosepipe and they were thrilled to start using it during our *Horticulture* sessions. They have enjoyed assembling the new hosepipe and using it to water the garden.

Rezuana Khan, Horticulture Lead



Have a great weekend,



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