

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We had a very busy week at Phoenix College. Students were out and about learning new skills and staff were also very busy as we had our Trustees Away Day on Wednesday an OFSTED and NATSPEC consultant visiting us for feedback on Thursday and Friday.

The away day was an excellent opportunity for the trustees to discuss and plan the next steps for Phoenix Autism Trust. It was inspiring to dedicate a whole day to discuss new services that could be delivered to your young people.

Having the consultant visiting us again was something that I had planned since her first visit in October. It is always helpful to get feedback from an external and experienced person and she was impressed with the progress that she saw since her first visit. We could not be happier with her feedback!

Please remember that college will be closed for students on Monday 5th of June. After the half-term, students will return to Phoenix College on Tuesday 6th June.

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, 22nd May – 3.15pm to 7.00pm

Our next Open House is next week and we are looking forward to welcoming again current, former and potential students, their parents and families. This term's Open House will take place on the 22nd of May.

See you on Monday!

PARENTS FORUM

TUESDAY, 06th June – 4pm to 5pm

During our next Parents Forum we will discuss the calendar for social twilights in the next academic year.

Our proposal is to add two new social twilights to our calendar by removing one term time day. Our social twilights would be:

Term One: 1 Open House, 1 Cinema Trip

Term Two: 1 Open House, 1 Cinema Trip, 1 Valentine's Disco

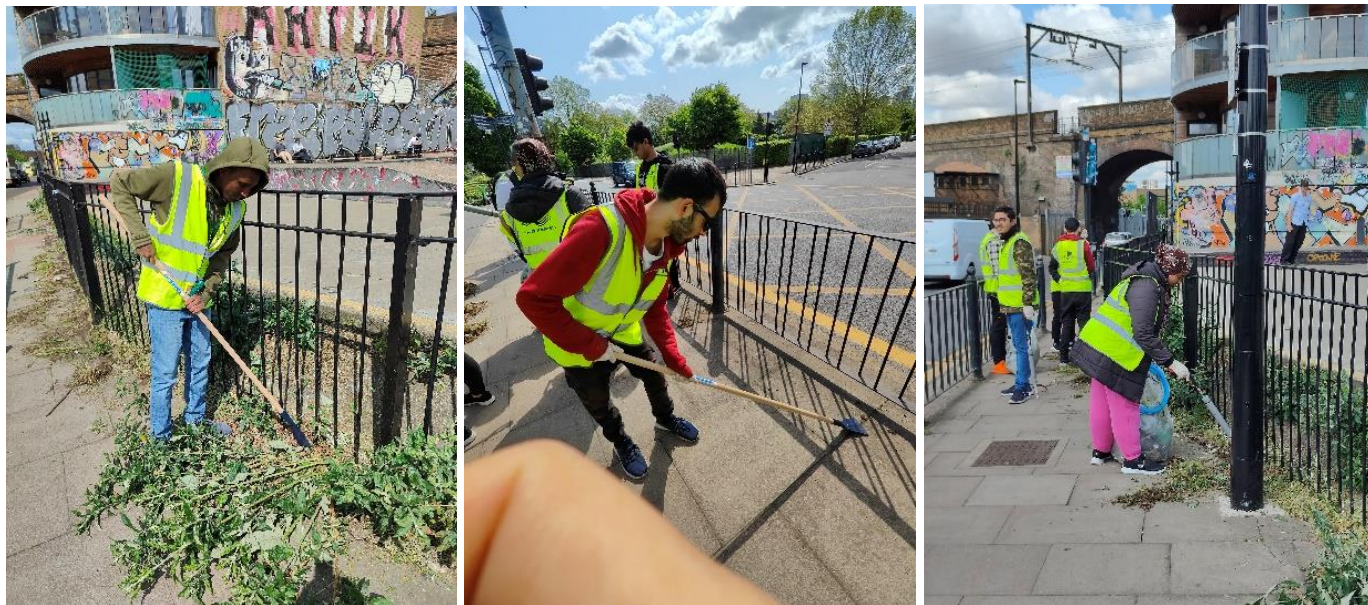
Term Three: 1 Open House, 1 Cinema Trip, 1 Graduation Party

In order to add two extra social twilights, we would move the hours from one term day. Term days would change from 180 days to 179 days.

Please save the date!

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THIS WEEK



Shaqil is usually very eager to take the lead when Frank's Class is out in the community for a trip or work experiences. This week our work at *Travel Training* session included weeding beside the regular litter picking and Shaqil was happy to explain to all his friends how to use the new tools safely and effectively. Students were copying Shaqil's method and learnt from each other, which is probably the best way to grow. Well done, Class!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



Another fantastic week in Elena's class. Students have been working extremely hard in all of the sessions. We are very proud of each and every student and they have been making excellent progress on their individual targets. This week for Festive Friday we chose Maryam Ahmed. During our *Self-Care* session, students have been learning about skin care. Maryam was fully engaged by following visual instructions independently. She was able to model to her friends as to wash her face step-by-step as well as how to apply moisturizer correctly. During *Keeping Safe* Maryam has demonstrated that she is able to be vocal and say "no" to things that she does not like. This week Maryam has started her first work experience at College as Admin Support. Her duty is to give the staff duty rota to our Careers Lead, Natasha Wood.

Well done, Maryam! Great work!

Elena Vata, Self- Care Instructor

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Another fantastic week in *Catering*, from all the young chefs. This week we have been learning about dishes containing allergens. Some of us have special dietary needs and each class learnt about their personal profiles and

what dietary needs their friends have so we can support them during snack and lunch breaks when making a choice from the menu.

This week we created a Vegan Banoffee Pie recipe. Ilyas said, "the pie tasted delicious and yummy". A great dessert which every student enjoyed!

All of our students are working towards supported employment once they leave college. *Catering* is one of the areas and top of the list which all students really enjoy and have developed many domestic and commercial transferable skills.

This term, Ilyas has started a work experience at the Phoenix College's Catering Room. After every *Catering* session, Ilyas and another peer come to the kitchen and maintain all the equipment, helping to set up for the next session. Well done!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor

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Pat has had a really good week! During *Fitness* he demonstrated his leadership and teamwork skills working alongside Ifti as an Assistant Coach. They led the warm up together showing their friends how to perform different warm up exercises and also how follow instructions independently by getting sports equipment ready for the session and then collecting them afterwards. Pat has also been working really hard on his health target this week, completing his personal care checklist and wearing a different t-shirt every day. He has been positive and happy throughout the week! Well done, Pat!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



Have a nice weekend,



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