

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back!

Students seemed very excited to return to Phoenix College after the half-term break. This was a very busy week for us with the **Parents Forum**, Annual Review Meetings and our whole College visit to the **Autism Show**.

GRADUATION PARTY

Thursday, 20th July from 4pm-6.30pm

Please save the date for our last social twilight/Stay Up Late event!

PARENTS FORUM

TUESDAY, 16th June – 9.30am

Thank you for those of you that attended our Parents Forum on Tuesday. We had the opportunity to discuss our proposal for the social twilights in the next academic year and to look at our final staff structure.

I have also added some good news stories to my presentation.

All parents that attended the Parents Forum agreed with our proposal. We are going to host a second Parents Forum on the 16th June, Friday.

As mentioned in my letters to you, we are going to discuss the calendar for our Stay Up Late/Social Twilights programmes in the next academic year (2023/2024).

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.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 16th June at 9.30am.

Please save the date!

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THIS WEEK

Norah began a new work placement at the Culpeper Roof Garden this week. She will be helping to grow plants that will be used in the restaurant! Norah introduced herself to Matt, who she will be working for, and asked some really relevant questions. I was really impressed with how Norah was able to find out her shoe size which we needed to know for her PPE by looking in her trainers independently. Amazing work skills!

Great trip to the Autism Exhibition at the Excel centre today, all the students travelled safely together on the DLR. We explored lots of different stalls and sensory exhibitions.

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering instructor



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All Students were happy to be back to college after the half-term break. It has been extremely busy with many different activities and programs. We had excellent weather and that really helped students' mood and wellbeing with long walks and gaming activities in Victoria Park. The week ended on a strong note with the **Autism Show** at the London Excel Centre, where they met various different organizations and business that provide support and expert advice. Students loved the different various activities and programmes. After the show, we went for walk around that area. We took lots of pictures and we enjoyed the lovely weather. Have a lovely weekend, From Elena's Team.

Elena (Self-Care Instructor), Anila (Job Coach), Muhammed (Job Coach), and Halima (TA)



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On Wednesday, Darren's class had a meet and greet session in Victoria Park with police officers from the local area. Students asked the police questions about their job, their uniform and how the police can help them. They also had the opportunity to see 3 police horses (Zeus, Quest & Watercress) up close and personal and learn more about how the horses help the officers do their jobs. All students engaged very positively with the officers and Pat and Samiya in particular, asked well thought out, interesting questions. Well done, Darren's Class!!

Sarah Spiro, Teacher



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Frank's Class enjoyed our visit to The Autism Show at Excel London. Mohammed and Thomas engaged in conversation with teachers from a different Colleges when they rested in a sensory room. Meanwhile, Hamda came across some new books about autism. Probably Kelly was the most excited to look around at the exhibition centre as she likes the fizziness of a big event like this. What a great way to finish this week! Well done, Class.

Frank, eLearning Instructor



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Have a wonderful weekend,



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