

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last week of the term. And what amazing academic year we had! In the bigger picture, we had a very successful OFSTED Monitoring Visit and we are very happy with their feedback. My favourite achievements though are the impact that our programmes have had on the lives of our young people. Please see some remarkable examples below!

FREEDOM PASSES

As mentioned in my letters to you since September, all students must have their Freedom Passes with them when attending Phoenix College. We have contacted all parents, carers and families with reminders on that.

From September 2023, students will only be able to attend Phoenix College if they have their Freedom Passes.

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

END OF THE YEAR EVENTS CALENDAR

As we approach the end of this academic year, it is important to keep track of all the events for students, parents, carers and families. I have made a list below but please do not hesitate to contact our front desk if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you at Phoenix College throughout the next week!

- **Monday – 17th July**

Sports Day

- **Tuesday – 18th July**

Whole college trip

- **Wednesday – 19th July**

Transitions Day – an opportunity to discuss outcomes for current and new students.

- **Thursday – 20th July (2pm to 4pm)**

Graduation Ceremony and Graduation Disco

- **Friday – 21st July**

Last day of the term / End of the academic year



* Look at this amazing invitation flyer created by our new Job Coach, Imran

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THIS WEEK – Councillor Maium Talukdar, Deputy Mayor of Tower Hamlets and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning visited us this week

This week we welcomed Councillor Maium Talukdar to Phoenix College. We talked about ways to collaborate even more with Tower Hamlets to guarantee outcomes around employment for young people with SEN. A huge thank you to Tina Sode, Acting Head of SEN and Usha Kong, Careers and Social Mobility Manager for organizing this visit.



From left to right: Tahfim Rahman (Support at the Mayor's Office), Shuhel Malique (Advisor at the Mayor's Office), Tina Sode, Councillor Maium Talukdar, myself, Usha Kong and Stewart Harris, Chair of Trustees



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This term Darren's class have been visiting the All-Ability bike sessions in Victoria Park on Wednesday mornings. It has been great to see students' confidence and skills grow over the last few weeks, despite some nerves at the beginning. And for our more experienced cyclists, they have been supporting their peers and also showing off their knowledge of bike safety in the park. These are fantastic sessions run by skilled instructors - they are free and you don't need to book in advance. Find out more information here <https://www.bikeworks.org.uk/all-ability/all-ability/#1632126096630-4eb1ca77-9ea9>

Sarah Spiro, Teacher

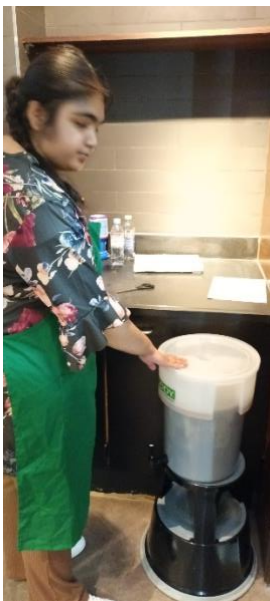


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Na'ema was fantastic in her ability showcase her skills each time at her work placement in Starbucks this academic year. Na'ema is a kind, hard-working and generous student. She is always enthusiastic and ready to work. She has been following all the instructions given by her employer and by the job coach. She takes pride in both her learning and work, also developing as a young person. She has improved her interaction with staff, other students and her employer. Na'ema has made strong progress and gained new skills. I believe she will continue to flourish and succeed next academic year.

Well done, Na'ema!

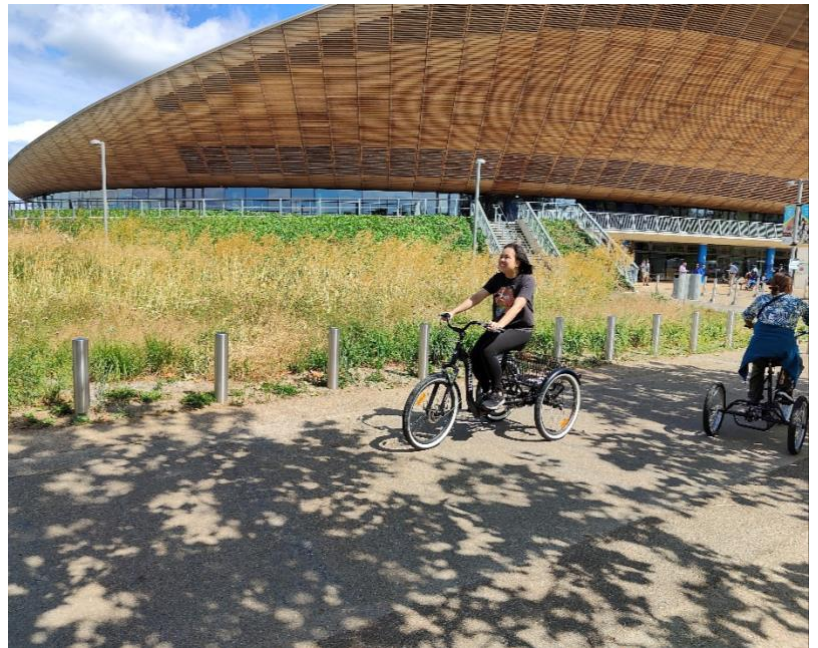
Anila Xhika, Job Coach



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Frank's Class had a wonderful time at Stratford VeloPark trying out different bicycles during our Travel Training course this week. Many students went on a bike ride independently. We can celebrate how careful and responsible each member of the class was on the road.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



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This term Norah has learnt new skills in her new work placement at Tower Hamlets Housing. According to my observation since she started her work in the Tower Hamlets Housing she has been following instructions carefully, cleaning the garden area, litter picking, brushing the leaves and tidying up the housing area. When getting ready for work, Norah will put her belongings in her own locker independently and she is happy with her work uniform. When Norah finishes her tasks, she puts away the equipment safe and independently. The housing officer from Tower Hamlets working with Norah was really impressed with her work. This is a great achievement for Norah! We are really proud of her.



Misbah Islam and June O'Brien, Job Coaches



Patrick has done a fantastic job at his work placement. He has progressed a lot over the last few months and he is working very hard at Mudchute Farm. He has taken part in helping other students and staff members gardening in the farm. He has done really well this year.

Rayhan Ahmed, Job Coach

Have a very wonderful weekend,



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