

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We had another great week at College. Our amazing **Catering Instructor, Mo**, bought two beautiful Christmas Trees for the College today. If your child would like to bring any ornaments to College, please send it in next week.

STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES

Tuesday, 28th November from 13.00 to 17.00

Please remember to reply to the letter that was sent home on 24.11.23 asking you to confirm your preferred meeting time for the Student Led Conference being held at College on Tuesday 28th November from 13:00 - 17:00. Student Led Conference is an exciting College event where students present their work, and the progress that they have made to parents and carers. We look forward to seeing you then.

Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal for Quality of Education

Please note that we have renovation works taking place at our reception so students are using an alternative route to enter the building at the moment.

FREEDOM PASSES

As mentioned in my letters to you last academic year, all students must have their Freedom Passes with them when attending Phoenix College. We have contacted all parents, carers and families with reminders about this.

This academic year, 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.

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 20th December – 3.15pm to 7pm

Our next twilight is taking place on the 20th December! We are really looking forward to our first **movie night at Genesis Cinema!** Please do support your child to choose which movie they would like to watch on that day.

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THURSDAY, 18th January – 3.15pm to 7pm

This is going to be our second **movie night at Genesis Cinema. Students are very excited to see a different movie every term.** This will be another opportunity for students to choose the movie that we will watch.

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 07th February – 3.15pm to 7pm

Valentine's Disco!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Phoenix Enterprise has been on a wonderful journey over the past year... from selling products at College, Wentworth Street Market and Marsh McLennan to now partnering with, and being official suppliers, for Queen Mary's University and our brilliant inclusive employer, Starbucks! From the new year the quality products that are all hand made by our talented students will be for sale at QMUL's Student Union shop and in Starbucks in Canary Wharf. A huge congratulations to ALL of our students who create the products and to **Alfie Begum, Enterprise Lead**, for nurturing relationships with our partners and elevating the business to new heights!

Natasha Wood, Assistant Principal for Careers



This week in *Speak Up* the students have been learning about themselves and their differences. The students really engaged with talking about how they look different and all the students created a self-portrait. **Fida** worked really hard to make his self-portrait really detailed by looking in a mirror and using different pencils. Great work, Fida!

Honor Wengler, Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

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Kelly showed remarkable progress in various areas at College this week. Firstly, she demonstrated great improvement in following tasks and instructions during *Local Offer*, learning about emotional regulation. She exhibited growth in personal care skills, being always the first finishing her personal care checklist during morning tutorial. Kelly also actively participated in a **Drama** session held by the **Face Front Theatre Group**. Great progress in following instructions during tasks and active participation. Kelly, keep working hard!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



On Thursday, **Face Front Inclusive Theatre Company** paid a visit to Phoenix College. Face Front is led by disabled and non-disabled artists who make multi-layered theatre that is accessible to all. 9 actors came to college to perform a show called '**It's My Choice**' to all the students. The show explored true life dilemmas and worries that young learning-disabled people might encounter when leaving education. Students met characters and heard about how they were feeling about leaving education, they suggested what they could do to feel better and who they could talk to for help. All students showed fantastic engagement throughout the whole performance and 3 budding actors even volunteered to come onto the stage and perform some improv. In the afternoon, students in Frank's and Darren's class took part in an interactive workshop about jobs in the theatre. It was a fantastic day where students had the opportunity to learn and share their thoughts in a creative way. We hope to have Face Front back in college with us again soon.

Sarah Spiro, Teacher



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Hamda did amazing work in yesterday's **Face Front Inclusive Theatre Company** workshop and the rest of Darren's Class enjoyed it so much. During the play, she volunteered to play as one of the characters (Melody), showed enthusiasm and put on a good show. Next to Lisa, she's done a brilliant performance.

Imran Hassan Job Coach

This week in the Kitchen we have been busy setting up our in-house Phoenix Cafe. Students decided to name this week's cafe '**Breakfast at Darren's**'. Junior chefs have been working on simple breakfast recipes throughout the term. Students from each class helped to put together a menu and prices for a first launch day. All dressed in chefs white, the demand was so huge we had to open the doors 15 minutes earlier and business was booming. We went on for an extra 30 minutes! By the end of the session, we were sold out. Junior chefs worked so hard and efficiently.

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



Have a joyful weekend,



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