

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

Phoenix Autism Trust Offices
49 Bow Road, Bow, London, E3 2AD
Telephone: 020 8980 4740

Phoenix College
2 Paton Close, Bow, London, E3 2QD
Telephone: 0204 546 7710

QMUL Project SEARCH Campus
329 Mile End Road, Mile End, London, E1 4NT
Telephone: 073 6810 0118

London, 23rd February 2024

Dear parents, carers and families,

It was so nice to see students back to Phoenix College this week! They all had big smiles and lots of stories to tell about their holidays. Some of them said “I had a great time”, some of them said “it was too long” and some of them said that “it went too quickly”! It was fun to see so many different perspectives on the holidays.

This week our **Assistant Principal, Rick Nunn**, led an important training on **Prevent**. Rick is also the **Prevent Lead** for Phoenix College. Prevent is a strand of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST). It is about ensuring we all work together to 'prevent' children, young people and adults from being drawn into extremist activity, including acts of terrorism. Please see more below.

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

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, 06th March – 3.15pm to 7pm

Open House to all parents.

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 01st May – 3.15pm to 7pm

This is going to be our third **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.

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, 19th June – 3.15pm to 7pm

Open House to all parents. The main focus for our last Open House for this academic year will be the transitions for leavers.

Please save these dates!

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

THIS WEEK

We wanted to provide you with an update on the **Prevent** workshop that all students participated in this week. Prevent plays a crucial role in safeguarding at our college. While staff embed elements of the Prevent duty, such as online safety, throughout the curriculum, we also deliver explicit, standalone workshops on the topic. During the workshop, students explored various topics, including recognising signs of radicalization, understanding the importance of safeguarding, learning how to challenge extremist ideologies, and how to get support. Additionally, they engaged in discussions on diversity and celebrated their identity within our community. These workshops aim to empower students to make positive contributions in preventing extremism and fostering inclusivity.

Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal



This week has been a vibrant and engaging one for Frank's Class as we witnessed the enthusiastic engagement from our students at a very successful **Prevent** Training. Every member of the class brought unique perspectives and contributed to the discussions in meaningful ways. This active participation not only enriched the learning experience but also encouraged other students from different classes to be involved. From sharing personal experiences to asking insightful questions, the whole class eagerness to understand this difficult topic and engage with the material was truly commendable.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

This week, students actively participated in a **Prevent** Workshop, fostering the development of their personal identity and embracing the diversity within their communities. The workshop aimed to promote individual autonomy and inclusivity, aligning with our *Politics & Culture* course. Students engaged in discussions on various topics, including nationality and skin colour, providing a successful platform for learning and understanding.

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



This week, students attended a **Prevent** workshop at college. All the students enjoyed and were engaged in the workshop and excited to share their identities with everyone. This workshop was aimed to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to understand and address the challenges posed by extremism and radicalization in today's society. Students engaged in discussions, exploring what is extremism, gaining insight into its diverse behaviours across the ideological spectrum. This aligns with our curriculum's focus on understanding different perspectives and behaviours in the *Politics & Culture* lessons. The workshop provided students with a stronger sense of personal identity while also encouraging in appreciation for the diversity within their communities. It encouraged them to embrace their individual beliefs while promoting inclusivity and respect for others. Congratulations to all the students for their active participation and engagement.

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”



Students returned to college with a positive attitude and seemed refreshed after the break. They have shown dedication and engagement throughout all of our subjects.

Moreover, on Wednesday students took part in an important training lead by **Rick**: the topic was **Prevent** Strategies and Awareness. Students had the opportunity to develop their sense of personal identity while also valuing and celebrating the diversity present within their communities, promoting individual autonomy and inclusivity. The knowledge and skills they acquire from *Keeping Safe* and *Local Offer* are essential in equipping them to make informed decisions and navigate various situations effectively.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor

Have a great weekend,



Renato Marques
College Principal
Phoenix College

Paton Close, London E3 2QE
phoenixcollege.london Tel: 020 4546 7710



“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”