

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Spring seems to have finally arrived with some beautiful weather this week! It is important that students come to Phoenix College wearing appropriate clothes and prepared for some hot days. Please do encourage your child to wear light and comfortable clothes on the days with higher temperatures.

Students were excited to spend more time outdoors this week and this was the perfect time for the **Let's Work – Careers Fair**. Students could explore different work opportunities for people with special educational needs (SEN). Please see some amazing stories from our students below. Students also enjoyed developing creative and delicious recipes for pizza!

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.

OPEN HOUSE – TRANSITION FAIR

WEDNESDAY, 19th June – 3.15pm to 7pm

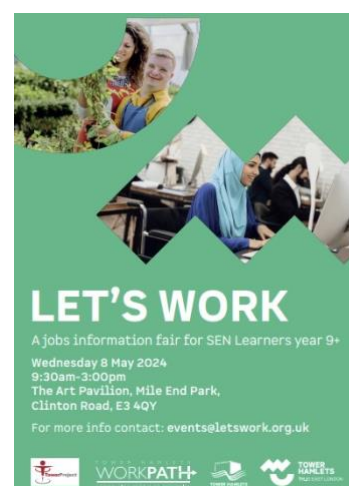
Open House to all parents. The main focus for our last Open House for this academic year will be the transitions for leavers.

STAY UP LATE – GRADUATION PARTY!

THURSDAY, 18th July – 3.15pm to 7pm

Graduation party!

Please save these dates!



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THIS WEEK



Our visit to the **Careers Fair** on Wednesday afternoon was full of exciting encounters. We took a little walk to Mile End, enjoying the lovely weather. **Abied** was super excited to meet the representants of different companies and hear about new work opportunities. He was on fire with questions, collecting names left and right. It was so great to see him being excited about our future teamwork! On Thursday, we got our chef hats on and dove into making some seriously creative pizzas. And let me tell you, our chefs were out of this world! I could not resist the baked bean pizza – it was my personal favourite. **Thom Davis** and **Shaquil** tackled those pizza toppings like a champ, showing off their admirable concentration and problem-solving skills. **Tahmid** also worked hard to whip up a delicious lunch. Overall, it is been a week full of excitement, learning, and tasty treats. I am so proud of all our students for their enthusiasm and hard work. I cannot wait to see what adventures next week brings!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

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This week, our students had a blast cooking! They made yummy pizzas with lots of toppings to choose from. Each student got to make their own pizza just the way they like it. We also tried something new: vegan cauliflower wings, and they were a big hit! We are focusing on being creative, so students got to pick their toppings and make their pizzas unique. They had fun kneading dough and shaping it, and the pizzas turned out great! They went for classic toppings like cheese and tomato or tried something different like pineapple and baked beans, each pizza was special. And guess what? We are making a special recipe book with all the recipes we try together. That means you can cook these tasty meals at home with your son/daughter. Let's keep having fun and making delicious food together!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor

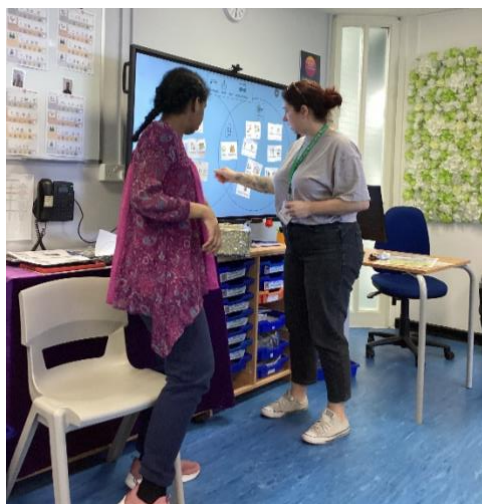
This week for Festive Friday we have chosen **Maryam Amjad** and **Sameera**. This is for their dedication and hard work during the sessions. They not only actively engaged with all the activities but also demonstrated deep understanding and enthusiasm, which positively influenced their peers. One of Maryam's targets was to lead the session with staff and during *Keeping Safe* she approached it with great enthusiasm and dedication. She was leading a group discussion and giving the students the symbols to stick on the board. Her ability to engage her peers, maintain the session flow and communicate effectively was impressive. Sameera has also showed remarkable

initiative and confidence in most of the sessions and her preparedness and ability to respond to questions and facilitate discussions were commendable. Sameera has recently started a new work placement at **Starbucks**, a wonderful opportunity for her to develop professional skills and gain practical experience in a dynamic work environment. This placement is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and the competencies she has developed over time.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor

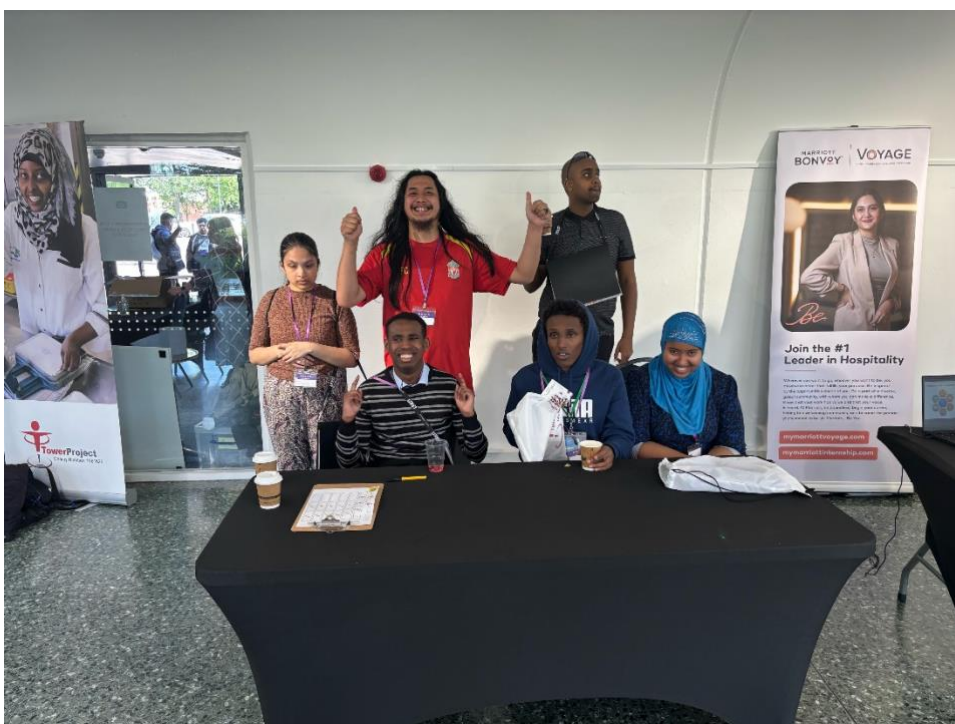


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Darren's class have demonstrated good work across the curriculum this week. During **Cooking**, the class have really excelled in making pizzas. Students have been making pizzas from scratch, including their own dough and also adding ingredients of their choice. Momo demonstrated really good leadership skills in the session, showing everyone how to weigh and measure flour correctly. In **Keeping Safe**, students continue to showcase great listening and reading skills. This week, each student labelled what they would like to achieve now and in the future then reading out their piece of work to the class. This week also saw the students attend the **Careers Fair** at Mile End Pavilion. Students were encouraged to engage with different employers and certainly enjoyed all the refreshments and merchandise on offer. Have a great weekend!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



Have a great weekend,



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