

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

This week we received the call that we have been waiting for two years: we had our first OFSTED full-inspection. I cannot thank students and staff enough for working so hard this week! It was truly inspiring to see our whole community, including parents, employers, therapists, carers advisor and trustees, uniting to showcase to the inspectors all the progress that we have made since their Monitoring Visit. We are extremely happy with the feedback shared by the inspectors and I look forward to sharing more information with you once the OFSTED report is published. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our senior management team, with our Assistant Principals **Rick Nunn** and **Natasha Wood** and our Office Manager, **Ambreen Shafiq**, for all the preparation and hard work. Also, thank you to the parents, carers and families that replied to the OFSTED survey, we really appreciate that!

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 – 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!

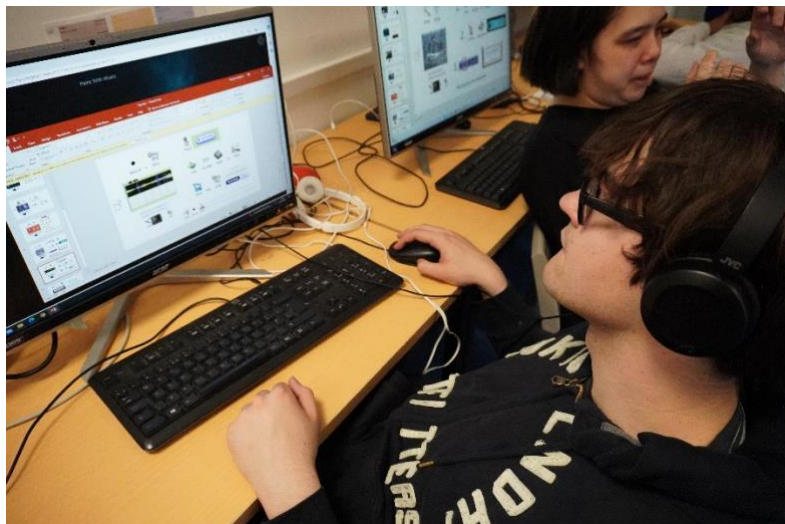
THURSDAY, 18th July– 3.15pm to 7pm

Graduation party!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK



This week in Frank's class, **Thomas Waterton** shined with his amazing work for **The Ten Academy**. He made wonderful Read and Write worksheets that helped other students to read and write better. He was engaged with the task for almost two hours and he is really looking forward to do more worksheets in the future. On Thursday, Thomas was eager to try something new. He used an AI application to create beautiful haiku poems. Not stopping there, he even turned one of his poems into an audio file using a Text to Speech app. Thomas's creativity and hard work made this week special for everyone. Great job, Thomas!

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



We have finally entered the final term of this academic year, and the students were really happy to be back from the half-term break. Our teachers and instructors have planned great topics for teaching and learning for the summer term. These activities are designed to help students achieve new targets and build more skills, furthering their independence in college, at their work placements, and when out in the community. This week, I am proud of all the students for working extremely hard and showing great progress in achieving their targets in all subjects. All the students have been following the college rules and demonstrating an understanding of **British Values**. This term, in **Politics and Culture**, we have been learning about the election. Students had the opportunity to visit the local Town Hall in Whitechapel. They had a great time exploring the Town Hall and asking the staff questions they had prepared. The students travelled via public transport safely and worked together to help plan the route to the Town Hall and back to college. Well done to you all!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor

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Our students have shown significant improvement in using Public Transport (DLR) efficiently. They have successfully learned to identify and read station names, read maps, and recognize where to stand safely while waiting on the platform. These skills are crucial for their independence and confidence in navigating public transportation. In addition to doing well with their travel training targets, the students have also enjoyed the opportunity to explore and visit various landmarks in London. This experience has been both educational and enjoyable, allowing them to apply their newly acquired skills in real world settings. Well done to all the students for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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All Students returned from the half-term break with lots of energy and enthusiasm, ready to start the new term. All students were actively engaged in all activities throughout the week. In our **Self-Care** session, students were learning about matching socks, folding clothes and sorting clothes by colours. For **Travel Training**, students visited Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, where we stopped for snacks and drinks. Some students continued seamlessly with their work placements. However, this week we also had three visitors from OFSTED. Despite these evaluations, the students remained focused and performed admirably. Have a great weekend!

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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