

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

This week's heatwave has been particularly challenging for our students but they still worked hard to achieve their EHCP targets. We are expecting a milder weather this week but please make sure that your child is wearing comfortable and light clothes and drinking plenty of water.

We have a busy end of the term and I would like to remind you of our upcoming events:

09th July: Student Led Conferences (from 13.00 to 17.00)

10th July: Sports Day (please remind students to wear their sportswear)

15th July: Class Trips (please remind students to wear comfortable clothes)

16th July: Whole college trip to UCL (please remind students to wear comfortable clothes)

18th July: Graduation Ceremony (for parents, carers and families from 13.35 to 16.00. Students Disco Party from 16.00 to 18.30)

19th July: Last day of the term

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.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – from 13.00 to 17.00

On behalf of your child, we would like to invite you to our next 'Student Led Conference' on Tuesday 9th July. This will be a face-to-face event held at Phoenix College, Paton Close, Bow, London, E3 2QD. This is an opportunity for students to present their work, and the progress that they have made over the year to parents and carers.

Please confirm your attendance by returning the letter sent home, letting us know which time slot you would prefer. If you require any further information, please contact us. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal

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THIS WEEK



As the term unfolds, we are thrilled to share the exciting news about two of our outstanding students, **Afzal** and **Kameela**, who have embarked on a collaboration and discovery with researchers from University College London (UCL). This unique partnership brings a wave of enthusiasm and promise to our community, as it focuses on cutting-edge assessments of reaction time and problem-solving skills in neurodiverse learners. Afzal and Kameela have shown remarkable dedication and enthusiasm in their roles, working closely with the UCL team to provide invaluable data for their research. Their keen attention to detail and commitment to the project have been truly inspiring, reflecting their passion for learning and contributing to groundbreaking studies. Our visitors from UCL are conducting a series of exciting tests designed to delve into the cognitive processes of neurodiverse students. This research not only aims to enhance our understanding of these processes but also seeks to develop innovative strategies to support and empower all learners.



As a reward for their hard work and contribution, Afzal and Kameela will receive a special recognition at the end of the term. And while it's a bit early to divulge all the details, we are extremely excited about the potential for this collaboration to pave the way for future opportunities. There is a strong possibility that this experience will open doors to a work placement at UCL, marking the beginning of a promising journey in the field of research and education.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

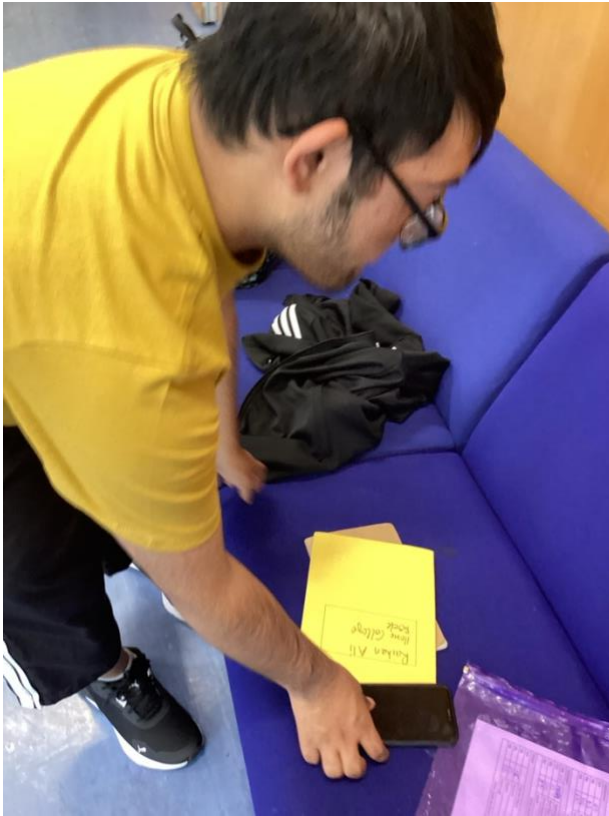
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All students had a great week and managed to stay hydrated and cool despite the hot weather, diligently filling their water bottles. **Raihan**, in particular, stood out this week due to his independent and responsibility in several areas. He has been successfully collecting his food from the canteen by himself, waiting for the alarm to go off before picking up his meal, as staff have instructed him. Additionally, Raihan has been proactive in managing his health needs, independently taking his phone out of his bag, and ensuring everything is ready for his self-care. Moreover, Raihan has been very helpful and considerate towards his peers. He has shown enthusiasm in tidying up and handling resources, contributing positively to the classroom environment. Well done, Raihan, keep up with the good work.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



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As we approach the end of the summer term, I want to commend everyone for their efforts in managing the hot weather and staying hydrated. Our team has made various changes throughout the week to ensure students remain safe both at college and in the community. Well done, everybody!

Attendance is very important. Please ensure that all students attend college every day, follow the daily timetable, and participate in all activities. It is crucial for students to have the opportunity to express what they like or don't like about their experiences. The feedback from students about their activities has been fantastic.

This week, I want to shine the spotlight on one particular student: **Samiya Begum**. Samiya has consistently followed her routine at home and at college. She attended college every day, participated in every activity, and always attempted tasks before asking for help. Super proud of you, Samiya! Let's keep working together and thank you to parents and carers for your continued support of the students. Let's keep going!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



Have a great weekend,



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