

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Students had a very busy week at Phoenix College as they have only one more week to achieve their EHCP targets for this term! We are looking forward to seeing all of you for our **Student Led Conferences on Tuesday** and for our **Sports Day on Wednesday morning**.

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

10th July: Sports Day (from 10.00 to 13.00, 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 14.00 to 17.00. Students Disco Party from 17.00 to 18.30)

19th July: Last day of the term

Please remember that Phoenix College will be closed for an INSET day on Friday 12th July.

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 – Tuesday 9th July 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



Everyone loves the summer term, especially when the weather is great. Throughout the year, our students follow the curriculum, learning new knowledge and skills that are transferable to their work placements and can support at college, in the community, and at home. We all love to eat and drink, especially fresh and healthy food. During cooking sessions, we have been working on our Maths and English skills. Students write shopping lists from given recipes and then travel to the local shop to find and purchase the ingredients. While some students are learning indoors, others are maintaining the environment, particularly our college garden, during **Horticulture**. Students have been working hard maintaining the college garden: watering, weeding, potting, planting vegetables and flowers, and now it is time for harvesting. This week's recipe was homemade burgers and chips. Students harvested some great-tasting potatoes and onions for their lunch. This is a great practical teaching and learning experience, showing the value of growing your own ingredients and sourcing locally to get the best and freshest components for your meal. We should work together to promote this kind of learning for everyone, helping to save and keep the environment clean by growing our own ingredients. Students really enjoyed their cooking session and were surprised and happy to use ingredients from the college garden

that they had grown together over time. Amazing work, everyone!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



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Shucayb has been showcasing his excellent work across various courses. At the **TEN Academy** (Work Placement), he continues to demonstrate his strong IT skills by creating worksheets for other SEN students. His ability to work independently and maintain focus for extended periods has greatly impressed his job coaches. In **Self-Care** sessions, Shucayb is excelling by following instructions clearly and even giving demonstrations to his peers. He has effectively shown them how to fold clothes correctly, exhibiting both his understanding and leadership. During community-based learning, Shucayb has shown a solid understanding of travel safety. He guides his peers on where to sit safely while waiting for a train, further illustrating his awareness and responsibility.

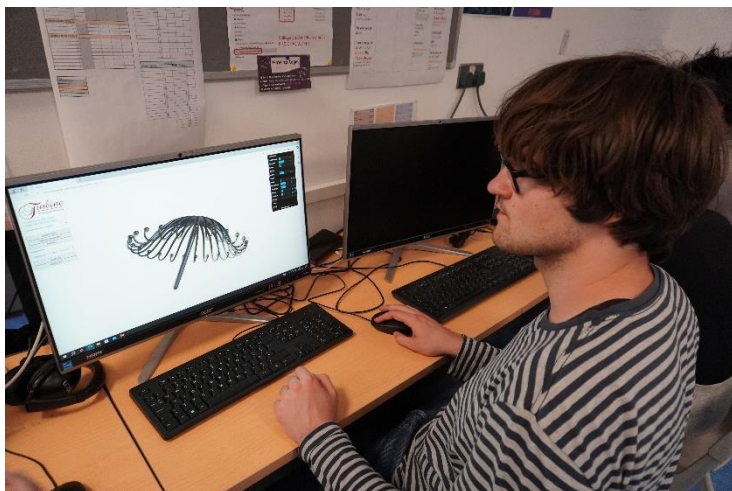
Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



This week for Festive Friday we have chosen **Maryam Amjad**. She has shown remarkable engagement in most of the sessions. Her enthusiasm and willingness to participate have been truly commendable especially in **Horticulture**. She actively participated in planting, watering, and caring for the plants. Her attention to detail and care for the plants were impressive. She has also excelled in our **Keeping Safe** session where she created a beautiful card for **Yaminur** and **Mustafa** who are graduating from college this year. She put a lot of effort and thought into the design and message, showcasing her creativity and empathy.

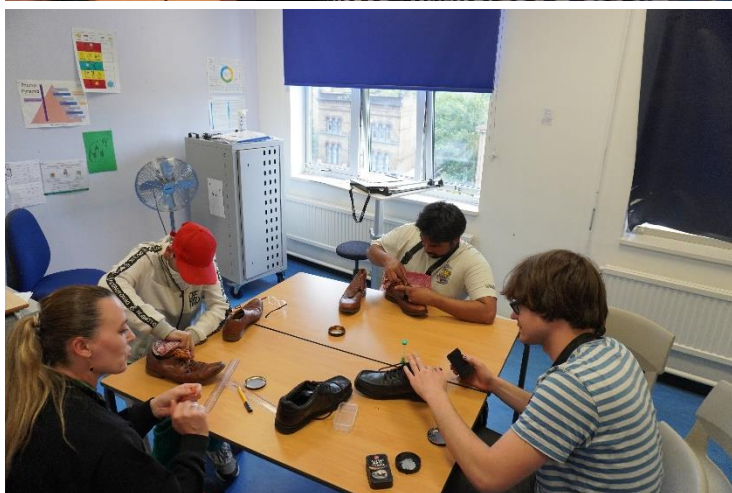
Elena Vata, Self-Care instructor

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This week, we are excited to share the wonderful progress of **Thomas**. He has had an engaging and productive week, showing great dedication and enthusiasm in all his activities. Thomas has been highly engaged in his classes, participating actively and staying focused on his tasks. His attention to detail and eagerness to learn have been truly impressive. His ability to manage his time effectively is helping him achieve great results in all areas. At **Self-Care** he has demonstrated his commitment by participating in shoe polishing activities. By keeping his shoes clean and polished, he is not only looking smart but also contributing to a safe and hygienic environment. Thomas has also been a star in **The Ten Academy**. He worked on creating Sudoku worksheets (and finished 10 of them), which helped sharpen his problem-solving skills and logical thinking. In his **Digital World** class, Thomas has been having a blast creating funny animations using his webcam and body movements. His creativity and technical skills have shone through, producing entertaining and humorous content that has delighted his classmates and teachers.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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