

“A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

What a fun week at Phoenix College! Students finished all their subjects on Thursday, after a very **successful Student Led Conference** and an action-packed **Sports Day**. Thank you to all parents for your support this week.

It is hard to believe that next week will be the last week of this academic year. We have a very busy week ahead with class trips on Monday, a whole college trip to UCL on Tuesday and our Graduation Ceremony on Thursday. All parents, carers, families and stakeholders are invited to join us for the Graduation Ceremony.

I am attaching to this letter the term dates for the next academic year. Please remember that all students graduating next week can still join us for the eight twilight events in the next academic year. Students are invited to join us on the [23rd October 2024 \(Open House\)](#), [13th November 2024 \(Movie Night at Genesis Cinema\)](#), [18th December 2024 \(Movie Night at Genesis Cinema\)](#), [12th February 2025 \(Valentine's Disco\)](#), [26th February 2025 \(Open House\)](#), [14th May 2025 \(Movie Night at Genesis Cinema\)](#), [18th June 2025 \(Open House\)](#) and [23rd July 2025 \(Graduation Party\)](#). To book a space for your child on those events, please contact our **Admin Assistant, Tahmina Begum** (tahmina.begum@phoenixcollege.london)

15th July 2024: Class Trips (please remind students to wear comfortable clothes)

16th July 2024: Whole college trip to UCL (please remind students to wear comfortable clothes)

18th July 2024: Graduation Ceremony (for parents, carers and families from 14.00 to 17.00. Students Disco Party from 17.00 to 18.30)

19th July 2024: Last day of the term

Please remember that students will return to Phoenix College on Wednesday 4th September.

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.

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THIS WEEK

Our **Employer Engagement Officer, Carolyn Davis**, has thrived more than ever this academic year. With all her experience in special educational needs, her knowledge of our local area and an extraordinary passion for supported employment, she managed to carve so many working opportunities for our students that some of them are attending two or three work placements. A great example of that is our graduates, **Ryan Burke-Tufour** and **Shucayb Mohammed**. Ryan has been working at **Regent’s Park Café** and Shucayb at **Tower Hamlets Library Services** (a position that he started when he was at Phoenix School!) for a while and they added a work placement with the London Borough of Hamlets. Please see more below:



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SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday, we held our **Sports Day** event at Victoria Park, and it was another resounding success! The vibrant and energetic atmosphere, created by both students and staff, set the stage for a day filled with exciting activities. Teams enthusiastically competed in events such as Relay Races, Sack Races, Egg and Spoon Races, and many other fun challenges. As the fitness instructor, I was happy to see the students showcasing a variety of skills they have developed throughout the year. They demonstrated excellent leadership and teamwork, moved with confidence and control, and celebrated each other’s achievements. It was great to witness the students enjoying themselves and supporting one another. A special thank you goes out to all the instructors, job coaches, teachers, and the leadership team for their hard work in ensuring a fantastic day. Your efforts made this event a memorable experience for the students!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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This week has been fantastic for our students. Our **Sports Day** was a fantastic event, filled with enthusiasm and competitive spirit. Everyone participated wholeheartedly, and it was a joy to see all the students engaged and having fun. We also want to extend a big thank you to **Darren Serrano-Griffiths** who is our **Fitness Instructor**, for organizing this wonderful event. As the term comes to an end, we want to give special recognition to the students who will be graduating this year, **Mustafa** and **Yaminur**. Both have been amazing students, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. They have been outstanding students throughout their time in College and their presence will be greatly missed.

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



As the academic year coming to an end, we celebrate **Ifti**, an exceptional student in Frank's Class at Phoenix College. Known for his boundless enthusiasm, humour, and positivity, Ifti has been a joy to have in our community. His dedication in these last few weeks has been truly inspiring, especially his spirited participation in **Sports Day**, where his high energy shone in every contest. As Ifti graduates next week, he embarks on an exciting new journey in adulthood. This summer, he will start working at **Ottolenghi** restaurant, three days every week. We are incredibly proud of you, Ifti, and we know you will bring the same passion and focus to this new chapter of your life. Congratulations and all the best!



Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

Have a nice weekend,



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