

*"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Each term, we will send our Curriculum Map to you – please see it on the next page. The Curriculum Map will allow you to see all the topics that students will be working on for each of our subjects. Creating links between the learning that takes place at Phoenix College and at home is the best way for students to consistently learn new skills and to build new knowledge. Please take a look at the map and do not hesitate to contact our **Assistant Principal, Rick Nunn**, if you have any questions.

#### **FREEDOM PASSES**

**As mentioned in my letters to you since September 2023, 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**

**WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 4pm to 7pm**

Open House to all parents. The main focus for our first Open House is the transition into College for new students and the continued conversation for students graduating from Phoenix College in July 2025.

##### **STAY UP LATE**

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm to 7pm**

Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

##### **STAY UP LATE**

**WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> December – 4pm to 7pm**

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

**Please save these dates!**

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**THIS WEEK**



**Curriculum Map**  
**Autumn Term**  
**2024**

Cross-Curricular Professional Development Theme



**Enrichment Options**



Attached is the curriculum map for the autumn term. Our teachers and instructors have planned a variety of engaging activities for each subject to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge for both present and future life beyond college.

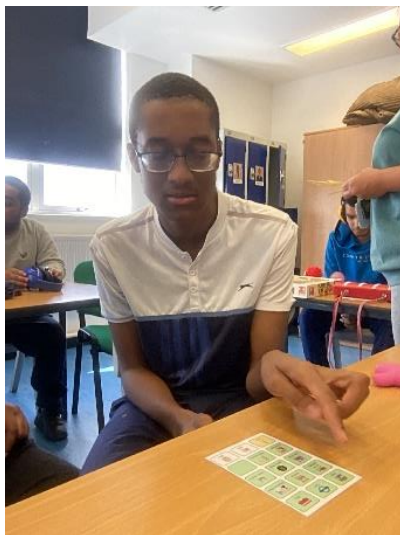
We believe in a cross-curricular approach to learning, where skills and knowledge can be applied in different scenarios to reinforce understanding. This term's cross-curricular theme linking all subjects is **health and safety**, which we hope will help students develop essential awareness and practices for their personal well-being and future workplaces.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the college curriculum.

**Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal – Quality of Education**

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This week Mo's class would like to celebrate a new member of the college, **Tobi**. Tobi has had a very positive start to the year by showing off his great communication skills through his coreboard and signing. This has helped him forge good relationships with staff working with him and also really positively engage in all his lessons. It is great to see Tobi's big smile and excitement to be at college every morning alongside his peers. We look forward to getting to know Tobi even more and seeing his great progress throughout the coming months - Keep up the good work!

**Sarah Spiro, Teacher**



Elena's class was excellent this week and have really settled into their new class and life at Phoenix College. During *Keeping Safe* the students enjoyed exploring gender identity through their own fashion and style. **Nathon** and **Tafazzul** worked brilliantly together sharing their ideas and producing fabulous fashion profiles. Keep up the good work!

**Helen Gillan, Teacher**



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 We are in Mo's Class



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Mohammed



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June



Students have been following their daily timetable, and we want to say a big "well done" to all the students for smoothly transitioning between their different subjects throughout the day. For some, it means adapting to new classrooms, different settings, and new peers, but they have all been following the college rules and supporting each other both in college and out in the community. We would like to shine a light on all the new students who have joined us this academic year at Phoenix College, especially during cooking sessions. We are incredibly proud of each young chef as they become familiar with the kitchen and try out new skills while cooking the brunch recipe — sausage omelette for lunch. Well done! Additionally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the team for their patience and support towards the students, providing them with the best environment and space to grow in each subject. Well done, team!

**Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor**



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This week we want to spotlight **Thom**, a standout student in Frank's class! He is more and more able to express himself in a conventional way, amazing how his verbal communication is getting more confident. Thom truly shone while leading his group in a community fitness session, showing great leadership and motivation. He also excelled during our Jesmonite candleholder-making activity, fully engaging with the creative process. To top it all off, Thom was the most enthusiastic student during our visit to *Mudchute Farm*, where we will be starting weekly work placements every Thursday. He is excited about feeding the animals, cleaning, and even litter picking, and it is wonderful to see his positive spirit! Keep up the great work, Thom and stay a great motivator for the rest of your class! ✨

**Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor**



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**Thomas Waterton** has made an excellent start to the term, demonstrating strong leadership skills in both classroom activities and community-based sessions. Throughout the week, he has been supportive of his peers, particularly helping new students settle in. During *Travel Training*, Thomas took the initiative to guide his peers in reading maps to locate different checkpoints in *Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park*. Additionally, he has already made significant progress on one of his termly targets, which is to complete tasks within a set time frame. Well done, Thomas.

**Darren-Serrano Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**



Have a wonderful weekend,



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