

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We have finished the first month of this academic year with fantastic transitions for our new students. We have welcomed 10 new students at the beginning of September and it has been fascinating to see how they have changed the dynamics in their classrooms and imprinted their personalities into Phoenix College. We look forward to discussing the transitions for the new students with you during our **Open House** on the **23rd October**.

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, 23rd 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, 13th November – 4pm to 7pm

Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

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WEDNESDAY, 18th December – 4pm to 7pm

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Our new **Art Therapist, Pedro Kalache**, is delivering a free Clay workshop on Saturday 12/10/24 at the City Lit Gallery, 1-10 Keeley Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2B 4BA as part of the three-day festival called 'A Mental Wealth Festival Exhibition'. Please feel free to join!

Clay workshop with ceramic artist Pedro Kalache

11:00 – 16:00 City Lit Café

Free, drop-in

Join ceramic artist and community educator Pedro Kalache to explore the wellbeing benefits of working with clay and contribute your creativity to a collaborative ceramic installation.

Additionally, one of our wonderful employers will be at the festival, UCL's Centre for Research in Autism and Education, please see details below.



Autism Pop-Up with the Centre for Research in Autism and Education

11:00 – 16:00 City Lit Café

Free, drop-in

CRAE (UCL's Centre for Research in Autism and Education) will be on hand with experiments about the superior perceptual capacity in autism.

Natasha Wood, Assistant Principal



This week **Naema** has been chosen for *Festive Friday* due to her excellent attitude to learning and kindness to others. In **Fitness, Keeping Safe, Self-Care, British Values** and **Cooking**, Naema has been fantastic working hard to achieve her targets and support her friends. In **Keeping Safe** Naema was able to make thoughtful contributions to the discussion about gender identity and independently produced a poster showing gender stereotypes in different careers. Well done Naema keep up the good work!

Helen Gillan, Teacher

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This week, we would like to celebrate **Hajera's** smooth transition to Phoenix College. She consistently arrives with a smile and is often one of the first to greet both her friends and staff in the mornings. Hajera has already shown a strong eagerness to learn and has formed close bonds with several of her classmates. She has actively participated in all the courses Phoenix College offers, and we hope to see this positive engagement continue. Well done, Hajera!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



Afzal created super cool and spooky autumn-themed English worksheets for **The Ten Academy** this week. He worked hard to use difficult words and prompts to write haiku poems with the help of AI. A haiku is a special kind of poem with three lines that focus on nature. We love how Afzal encourages everyone to think about words and feelings in a fun way! But that's not all! Afzal also thought of clever and exciting questions about the poems. These questions help everyone understand them even better. We are so proud of his creativity and hard work! In addition to his fantastic college projects, Afzal again has been spending time at **Mudchute Farm** this week. He worked really hard by feeding the animals and cleaning their nests. This shows how caring and responsible he is! Let's all give a big round of applause to Afzal for his amazing efforts in class and at the farm! Keep shining, Afzal! ✨

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

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I hope you are well! You may have heard the saying, "Can't Cook, Won't Cook," but at Mo's Kitchen, we are changing that! Our students come to cooking sessions excited to make their own meals. This term, we are focusing on breakfast and brunch. The students have been very involved in everything—from setting up and shopping to cooking and cleaning. It is great to see them take pride in their tasks, whether it is writing shopping lists or loading the dishwasher. Recently, we have been learning how to make omelettes, trying different toppings and cooking styles. Each week, we also introduce a new type of bread to enjoy with our omelettes, like brown

bread, bagels, crumpets, or pita bread. It is fun to watch them get creative with the ingredients we have! This week, we are excited to name **Abied Hussain** and **Yacqoup** as our **Chefs of the Week**! They worked on a recipe with turkey ham and sweet potatoes. At first, they were a bit unsure, but they took on the challenge and made it their own. We are very proud of their efforts! Thank you for your support as we help our young chefs learn in the kitchen. We look forward to more tasty meals and fun times together in the coming weeks!

Mohammed Ahmed Catering Instructor



Have an excellent weekend,



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