

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

As we reach the end of November, we start seeing students reaching their EHCP targets for this term. Another inspiring achievement is to see the students that started their courses at Phoenix College in September settling in and making so much progress! Please see some great Festive Friday stories below.

This year we will host our now traditional Enterprise Fayre at the Tower Hamlets Town Hall. We look forward to seeing all of you there on the 11th of December. Please save the date!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 18th December – 4pm to 7pm

Christmas Party and Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

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WEDNESDAY, 12th February – 4pm to 7pm

Valentine's Disco!

STAY UP LATE

WEDNESDAY, 26th February – 4pm to 7pm

Open House for all students, parents, carers and families.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

Our teachers and instructors have been actively refining teaching and learning strategies to better support the diverse needs and learning styles of our high-needs students. I am pleased to share that **Seayum** has responded very well to the newly introduced carousel model in **Expressive Arts**. During the Christmas-themed carousel, Seayum demonstrated sustained engagement across all three activity stations: organizing costumes, using a microphone to join in singing Christmas carols, and learning to play Deck the Halls on an interactive digital keyboard.

Rick Nunn, Assistant Principal



Hasan and Na'ema have been selected for **Festive Friday** this week. This recognition celebrates their growing independence and hard work across various sessions. **Hasan** has shown remarkable progress, especially in **Digital World**, where he confidently uses the mouse to click and complete tasks independently. Additionally, he has been working very hard to achieve his target of collecting his lunch independently—and he has done so successfully! This is a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of his determination and progress. Well done, Hasan! **Na'ema** has



also demonstrated outstanding effort and responsibility at her work placement at Starbucks. She has been following instructions independently, cleaning tables, and even making hot chocolate with great precision. Her commitment and independence are truly commendable—excellent work, Na'ema!

Elena Vata, Self Care Instructor

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This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming back **Samiya** to Frank's Class at Phoenix College! Samiya's return has been a breath of fresh air – we have truly missed her infectious enthusiasm and kindness, which brightens up our

classroom. Samiya hit the ground running, jumping right back into the activities. She brought her incredible energy to the **Expressive Arts** session, where she wowed everyone by singing the classic Christmas song *Feliz Navidad!* But that's not all! Samiya has also been doing fantastic work at her **work placement** at **Mudchute Farm**. She has been more than just an animal caretaker—she's been actively involved in maintaining the farm's garden too. From feeding the animals to cleaning the greenhouse, watering plants, and even planting mini trees, Samiya's efforts are helping to create a welcoming new habitat for many small animals on the farm. Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring, Samiya. Keep up the amazing effort—we're so proud of all that you've achieved so far, and we can't wait to see all that you'll continue to accomplish! 🌟🎄

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor

This week, we have seen some very mature and thoughtful behaviour in Mo's class, particularly with Mo himself being off due to sickness. We would particularly like to highlight **Saira Yasin** and **Seayum Chowdhury** for their respective maturity and progress towards their targets. Seayum has really settled into college routine and participated with his class in a variety of activities including **Litter Picking** and use of public transport during **Travel Training**. It has been a real pleasure to watch his progress, and we are looking forward to seeing him continue to flourish with his peers. Saira has made fantastic progress in developing her independent routine and has been able



to make decisions based on her own preferences and needs. Saira gets on well with her class and it is fantastic to see her continue to grow into a confident, thoughtful student here at college. Way to go Mo's class, have a lovely weekend!

Joanna Rogers, Job Coach

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Shaquil had an excellent week, demonstrating significant progress in various areas. One key highlight is his improved attendance at college, which has been consistent and accompanied by a positive attitude. This commitment has translated into greater engagement in sessions. In classes such as Keeping Safe, Shaquil actively participated in group discussions. In Self Care he is showing an understanding of important topics like dental hygiene. He even demonstrated proper tooth brushing techniques to his peers during the session. Shaquil has also excelled in taking on leadership roles in other sessions. In Travel Training, he confidently leads the group during trips to familiar destinations. In Catering, he stepped up as a sous chef, while in Fitness, he helped set up basketball games and guided his peers. The staff in Darren's class are very pleased with the progress Shaquil has made. Well done to both Shaquil and the team for their continued efforts! Keep up the great work, Shaqs!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor

Have a good weekend,



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