

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Students have achieved so much at Phoenix College and out in the community this week. We could not be prouder of **Fida Ahmed** for being chosen the **Work Experience Student of the Year** at the **London Museum Docklands**. Well done, Fida!!! Please see more below. This is a massive achievement from Fida with the support of our **Careers Team**, especially our **Employment Engagement Officer, Carolyn Davis**.

ON WEDNESDAY 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 Wednesday 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



We are excited to share some great news from the college kitchen! Recently, our students have been busy cooking, both at college and at home. Many have told us lovely stories about making meals for themselves and their families, and it has been wonderful to see them enjoying and learning new skills.

At college, students have been cooking meals for themselves and their friends, and some have even asked to change the menu to try new things. We have also started a new work experience project called the **Tea & Toast Club**. In this project, students take orders for tea and toast from staff and friends, make the orders, and deliver them. It has been a fun way for them to learn teamwork and build confidence.

In the kitchen, students have been learning how to use equipment like a toasty maker to make delicious toasties. This week, they have made pasta salads, fresh salads, and even chicken wings using an air fryer. It has been great to see them enjoying the food they have cooked and sharing it with friends.

We encourage students to keep cooking at home with family, friends, and carers. It is a great way to learn, have fun, and try new things. Thank you for your support!

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



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It has been a fantastic week for **Aniqa, Hajera, Hamda, and Khadija**! Each student has made impressive progress and contributed positively.

Hajera has been a true bundle of joy, actively participating in all sessions. She is thoroughly enjoying college life and frequently talks about her favourite activities, particularly **Fitness** and **Travel Training**. On Monday, during our visit to the **Royal Albert Dock**, she was thrilled to watch the aeroplanes taking off.

Aniqa is gaining confidence in her communication skills and is forming strong bonds with different students in the class. It is wonderful to see her engaging more and becoming an integral part of the group.

Khadija has shown great initiative, especially in maintaining her wellbeing journal, which is one of her key targets. She has been consistently working hard and making significant progress across all sessions this week.

Hamda has demonstrated excellent leadership skills. She led a tutorial session, checking in with her peers about how they were feeling and effectively navigating a PowerPoint presentation. Her leadership and support of her classmates are commendable. Well done, everyone—keep up the great work!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



This week, **Joshua** and **Nathon** are chosen for Festive Friday after having a great week in college! Nathon has listened to staff and helped students follow the college rules out in the community during **Travel Training**. On the way to and from fitness Nathon helped his classmates get onto the bus and the train safely. Nathon has also successfully completed class activities with a 20 minute timer and other sensory objects during class. He did particularly well in **Digital World**. Well done, Nathon!

Joshua has had a great week helping his friends and staff, as well as showing amazing independence in the classroom. Joshua has independently got the equipment he needs for each lesson, helped staff with tutorial every

morning, and been kind to his friends by helping them look after their belongings. Well done Joshua for showing such kind and responsible behaviour! Well done Joshua and Nathon for such a fantastic week!

Arthur Davies, Job Coach

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This term has been nothing short of exceptional for **Fida** from Frank's Class at Phoenix College! Fida has truly shone during his work placement at the **London Museum Docklands**, where he took on the crucial task of organizing the exhibition rooms and ensuring that the gift shop was always well-stocked. His dedication and attention to detail did not go unnoticed, and it is no surprise that he was nominated for the prestigious **"Work Experience Student of the Year"** award. To celebrate his remarkable contributions, Fida was invited to a special Christmas dinner with the museum staff and volunteers from other local museums. It was an evening of festive cheer and appreciation

for all the hard work that goes into keeping such a vibrant cultural hub running smoothly. Fida was accompanied by **Kelly** to the event, where the spotlight was truly on him. The evening reached its peak when Fida was announced as the winner of the "Work Experience Student of the Year" award! His professional attitude and relentless efforts throughout the term made him a standout candidate for this honour. Fida's achievement was met with pride and excitement from his family, classmates, and teachers, all of whom were thrilled by his success. This award is a testament to Fida's hard work and dedication, and it could not have gone to a more deserving student. Well done, Fida! We are incredibly proud of you and cannot wait to see what you accomplish in the future.



Please find Fida's Work placement video among others on our Webpage: <https://www.phoenixcollege.london/media/videos/>



Have a fantastic weekend,



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