

"A Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the calendar year! Please remember that the last day for the students will be **Wednesday 18th December** with our twilight visit to **Genesis Cinema**. Students will be back to Phoenix College on **Wednesday 8th January**.

A big thank you to all parents, carers, families and stakeholders that attended our **Christmas Enterprise Fayre** at the **Tower Hamlets Town Hall** on Wednesday! Please see more about this fantastic event in the next pages.

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!

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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



On Wednesday, we held our **Christmas Enterprise Fayre** at **Tower Hamlets Town Hall**, showcasing a wide range of handmade products created by our talented students. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit and admire the impressive work the students have accomplished this term. Our class participated in the Fayre during the morning session, where the students not only had the chance to purchase items but also played a key role in assisting customers with sales. They further contributed to the lively atmosphere

by singing festive songs, adding an energetic and vibrant touch to the event. A huge congratulations to all the students from all four classes for their hard work and dedication. Special thanks also go to **Alfie Begum**, our **Enterprise Lead**, who not only led the students in creating a wide array of products to sell but also organized yet another successful Fayre. Well done to everyone involved!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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This week we are thrilled to celebrate **Lisa**'s inspiring role in Frank's Class! Lisa has shown great enthusiasm and has encouraged her classmates to take part in activities. She is truly becoming a role model for everyone. We recently started an exciting collaboration with researchers from **University College London**. They came to our College to study reaction times and problem-solving skills in neurodivergent individuals. Lisa was the first to volunteer for their computer games while wearing a special EEG hat that measures brain activity. She was so brave and curious to try something new, all in the name of science! Lisa's courage inspired **Fida** to join in too, making the session even more special. Soon, we will receive fresh research results from this project, giving us first-hand insights into the amazing neurodivergent mind. Well done, Lisa and Fida, for making this a festive season to remember! 🎄 ✨

Frank Kasa, Senior Instructor

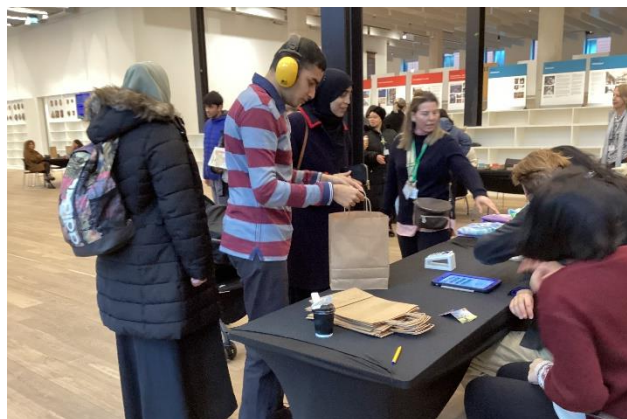


Well, done to all the students for working so hard and being proactive in all the sessions this week, as well as for achieving their termly targets! Wednesday was a particularly special day as the students attended the **Christmas Enterprise Fayre** at the Town Hall. It was truly heart-warming to see them confidently presenting their work to parents, who were visibly proud of their achievements. Adding to the festive cheer, the students performed a beautiful Christmas song in the hall, led by **Rick** and **Arthur** on their guitars. Their performance was a wonderful showcase of their talent and brought joy to everyone present. Congratulations to all the students for their fantastic efforts and accomplishments!

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor

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It was our first **Christmas Enterprise Fayre** of this academic year, and I have to say, the atmosphere was incredible! The event provided a fantastic environment to showcase our great work at **Tower Hamlets Town Hall**. The Enterprise and Careers team, along with the students, worked tirelessly to organise, produce, and package everything, ensuring the event met the highest standards. What stood out the most was the unwavering support from parents and carers who made the effort to attend and encourage the students. Their presence truly uplifted the students, bringing joy and motivation to everyone involved. A huge thank you once again for your amazing support! Let's keep up the fantastic work together—it really makes a difference to the students' happiness and success.

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor

Have a festive weekend,



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