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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is great to see all the achievements from students during the first full week of this term. Please see more below.

We have received two special invitations for students and parents in February. On Saturday 01st February the Youth Forum is going to host a "Our Time" session at 30 Greatorex Street, very close to Whitechapel Hospital. In addition to that, The SEND Parent Ambassadors is running an Information and Recruitment Day on Wednesday 05th February at The Parents Advice Centre at the same address. Please see both posters below.















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, 12th February – 4pm to 7pm
Valentine's Disco!

STAY UP LATE WEDNESDAY, 26th February – 4pm to 7pmOpen House for all students, parents, carers and families.

STAY UP LATE
WEDNESDAY, 14th May – 4pm to 7pm
Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

Please save these dates!

THIS WEEK





This week's Festive Friday for Elena's class is Adam for his excellent attitude to learning and improved behaviour. During **Digital World** Adam completed his work which was researching the news independently and presented to the class. In Keeping Safe Adam contributed lots of answers during group discussion about male and female bodies. Keep up the good work Adam!

Hellen Gillan, Teacher















This week Mo's class enjoyed a dance workshop with *Blink Dance Company*. The dance instructors used music, props, rhythm and games to engage the students in a really fun and high energy dance sessions. Every single student in the class got involved in the session; showing great shared attention, turn taking and following instructions. However, the award for Dancing King has to go to **Aston** who was busting moves with a big smile on his face the whole time.

Blink run SEND dance sessions at **SPOTLIGHT Community Centre** near Langdon Park on **Tuesday evenings**. You do not need to book ahead or pay, just go along a few minutes early to register. Here are the key details:

Key Details:

- Day: Tuesdays
- Dates: 28th January–10th February (pre-half-term) & 25th February–1st April (post-half-term)
- Time: 4:00 PM 5:30 PM
- Location: Spotlight, 30 Hay Currie Street, Poplar E14 6GN

Sarah Spiro, Teacher























We have had an amazing start to the second week of the Spring term here at Phoenix College. Frank's class has been full of energy, enthusiasm, and great teamwork. The students have been focused, respectful, and kind to one another, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere. The highlight of the week was our visit to *Mudchute Farm*. With the growing season just around the corner, we rolled up our sleeves and prepared the soil for planting. Everyone worked hard, showing commitment and taking their tasks seriously. Soon, we will start planting vegetables - what an exciting project to look forward to! This group continues to impress with their positive attitudes and hard work. It is a joy to see everyone growing in confidence and building important life skills. Keep up the amazing work, everyone! We are also thrilled to share some fantastic news: Kelly has been offered a new, paid work placement at Lush! She visited the workplace for the first time this week and did brilliantly. Starting Monday, Kelly will officially begin her new role. We are so proud of her achievement - it iss well-deserved!





Wishing you a wonderful weekend,



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