

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Here is a message from our **Teaching Assistant, Imran Hassan**, who designed the beautiful tickets for our Valentine's Disco Party.

Come and join next month's '**Stay Up Late**' event at the **Valentine's Disco** - live at **Rich Mix**, hosted by **Phoenix College**. The party is held on **Thursday 13th February 2025, 4-7pm** at 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, London E1 6LA. The theme for this year's disco is '**What Dreams Are Made Of**' a song title inspired by the Disney tv show/movie: Lizzie McGuire! The party includes free refreshments and beverages, freestyle dancing, be a DJ to choose your favourite songs available on Spotify, special guests to be expected, creative workshops and much more! So, what are you waiting for? Pre-order your tickets, available now and tag along the party! **This is a free party for students and alumni.**



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 – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DISCO WILL HAPPEN ON A THURSDAY AND NOT ON A WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY, 13th 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.

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WEDNESDAY, 14th May – 4pm to 7pm
Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!
Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK



We had a fantastic first **Student Council** meeting of 2025, with all members contributing excellent ideas. The Student Council has been given the exciting opportunity to interview candidates for the role of Job Coach. The students thoughtfully crafted their questions, including "What special talent will you bring to Phoenix College?" and "How would you describe yourself in three words?" The second item on the agenda was the **Jack Petchey Award**, where the council discussed and nominated students based on their hard work, role model behavior, and willingness to help others. The award includes a £300 prize, which the winner can decide how to spend within the college. Voting will take place this Friday during progress review sessions. Well done to all Student Council members for their hard work and contributions!

Helen Gillan, Teacher



Aniqa has had an excellent week at college, demonstrating significant progress across various sessions. In **Fitness**, Aniqa successfully demonstrated basic dribbling skills, keeping the puck close to the hockey stick. She was able to follow instructions independently, showing good focus and understanding. In **Keeping Safe**, Aniqa was highly engaged in discussions about different types of personal hygiene. She particularly enjoyed the practical activities, such as answering true or false questions about hygiene, which she completed with enthusiasm. In **Enrichment** and **Enterprise**, Aniqa showcased her creativity through pottery and jesmonite making, producing some fantastic work. Well, done Aniqa! Keep up the great work!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor



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Maryam Amjad has been chosen as a student of the week, this is due to her hard working both in her work placement and college has truly shone through, and her dedication to participating in all subjects is commendable. Maryam's special focus in the cooking sessions is particularly impressive – making a delicious jacket potato. She also took responsibility for cleaning up afterwards, independently washing her plate once she was finished with lunch. This shows her commitment to responsibility and independence, making her a wonderful role model for others.

Elena Vata, Self-Care instructor



This week in Frank's Class, we had an amazing **Fitness** session on Tuesday morning that everyone enjoyed! The students were very focused and excited to play hockey, making it one of our best sessions this term. Every single student joined in the exercises, and it was wonderful to see such great teamwork. **Tom Davis** impressed us all with his brilliant dribbling skills, making some fantastic plays. Joe used his stamina to keep going and really helped his team stay strong. Ibrahim showed he was a great team player by passing the ball carefully and listening to his classmates. A big thank you to our **Fitness Instructor, Darren**, for leading such a fun experience! We are all looking forward to more hockey sessions in the future, where we can keep improving and having fun together.

Frank Kasa, eLearning Instructor



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So far this term all students have been engaged and working very hard in **Cooking**. They have all taken part in making Jacket Potatoes and have been introduced to different toppings/fillings week to week. Learning to be safe and clean in the kitchen and learning to use the correct utensils and appliances. I would like to shine the light on two students: **Seayum** and **Adam**. Seayum and Adam have done an excellent job in the kitchen! They both were able to follow the health and safety steps and instructions to make their meal. It is great to see them following health and safety guidelines and taking initiative. Adam's ability to work independently and answer questions shows a high level of confidence and understanding of the tasks. It is always rewarding to see students

becoming self-sufficient, especially in a practical setting like cooking.

Mohammed Ahmed, Catering Instructor



Have a fantastic weekend,



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