

## *“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”*

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Dear Parents, carers and families,

Unfortunately, I need to begin this week's newsletter by sharing some very serious news. Renato will be taking a leave of absence due to ill health. While he won't be able to respond to work-related messages at this time, I know he would greatly appreciate any messages of support or well wishes from our community during this difficult period.

In the meantime, we are grateful that our former Acting Principal, Rob Bates, will be returning to support the leadership team while Renato is away. Rob will be onsite one day per week and supporting remotely at other times. During this period, we remain fully committed to continuing Renato's vision for the College and ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either Rob or me.

### **FREEDOM PASSES**

**As mentioned in Renato's 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: 4pm-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 14th May**

Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema!

**SUMMER FAYRE & TRANSITIONS EVENT : 4-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Open for all students, parents, carers and families

**Please save these dates!**

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### THIS WEEK

This week all students have been working hard and have been engaged in all of their lessons. Students have been getting used to the hot weather and what is needed during this time. They have been drinking more water and learning more about what clothes are appropriate to wear. **Mo's class** have shown a lot of care with each other throughout the week. One student we would like to highlight is **Ilyas**. He has been looking after his peers and choosing to help them when they need a little uplift or just a hug. Even the staff at **Asda** have commented on his delightful energy and how much they would love him to work with them. Ilyas has really shown his caring nature to his peers and it's so lovely to see. Well done, Ilyas.

**Michelina Lecce, Job Coach**



It's been a sunny and active week for students in **Darren's class**, with plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and learn new skills. On **Monday**, the class began their new **fitness** focus: **Swimming** at **Tiller Leisure Centre**. Swimming is a wonderful way for students to stay active, build confidence, and enjoy time with their peers. It also supports the development of important self-care skills, including showering, getting dressed, and managing laundry. As a reminder, **Be Well** leisure centre's have launched free swimming sessions for women and girls aged 16 and over in **Tower Hamlets**. For more details, do visit your local leisure centre or look online. In addition, the class took part in **Travel Training** this week with a visit to **Victoria Park**. When faced with unexpected bus diversions, the students demonstrated excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills to find alternative routes. We'd also like to give a special mention to **Patrick**, who has shown a consistently positive attitude in class and during his **work placements** at **The Felix Project** and the **local food bank**. Well done, Patrick—keep up the great work!

**Sarah Spiro, Teacher**

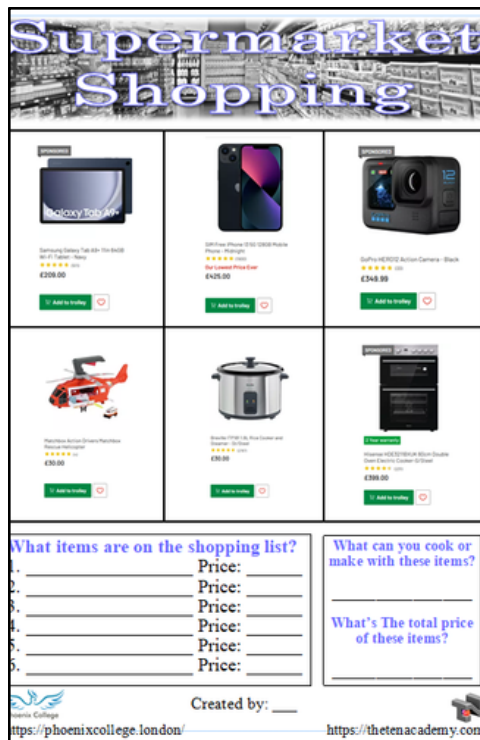


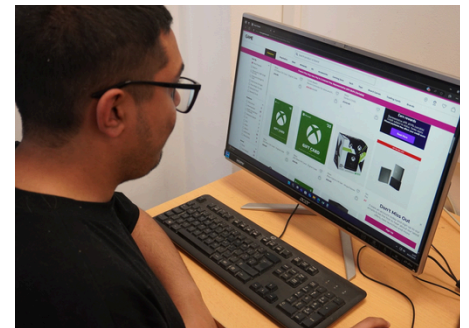


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This **Wednesday** at **College**, our students took part in another exciting session with **The Ten Academy**. Everyone was really keen to try something more difficult to help improve both their reading and number skills. The task was to visit all the most popular **supermarket** websites in the **UK**, like **Tesco**, **Asda**, and **Sainsbury's**. Students looked for real items that people buy every day—things like fruit, vegetables, drinks, and snacks. They found pictures, prices, and information about the products, then used the calculator tool on the computer to add the prices together. This made the task feel like real-life **shopping**, helping them practice skills they will use in everyday life. These worksheets are not only fun to make, but also very helpful for learning about money, reading labels, and using websites. They are designed in a clear and easy-to-understand way, so they can be useful for other students all around the world. **Fida** did an excellent job, as always. He worked hard and made sure his worksheet was both exciting and challenging, with real prices and interesting products. His attention to detail and confidence using digital tools stood out, and he's becoming a real expert at turning everyday tasks into learning opportunities. These sessions are a great way to mix **literacy**, **maths**, and **computer skills** while thinking about the real world. Everyone worked well, helped each other, and had lots of fun learning. We're very proud of the teamwork and creativity we saw this week and can't wait to share the worksheets with others. Well done to all our learners!

**Ferenc Kasa, e-learning Instructor**





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This week's Festive **Friday** recognition goes to the fantastic **Josh**! Josh has consistently demonstrated an excellent attitude towards learning and has contributed many insightful ideas during class discussions. He particularly shone during this week's **"Keeping Safe"** lesson, where on a community walk he was able to clearly identify all the dangers as well as what keeps us safe. Josh was fabulous in cooking; he chopped his vegetables independently and put the chicken in the oven to make a delicious wrap. Josh has been working hard in enrichment where he has created a beautiful clay pot. Well done, Josh!

**Helen Gillan, Teacher**



Have a wonderful weekend,



**Rick Nunn**

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