

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

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Dear Parents, carers and families,

The Transitions and Enterprise Fayre on Wednesday was the highlight of the week. Expertly organised by our Transitions and Careers team and double the size of last year's event, it brought together a wide range of social care, education and learning disability services. These organisations met with parents, carers and students to discuss support for life after College. The event truly reflected our values as a College, and I am very proud of the team.

Looking ahead, National Thank a Teacher Day takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> June. We always appreciate kind feedback from families, and this day is a great chance to share those messages. Cards or notes in the home college diary can be sent to any member of staff, including teachers, instructors, tutors and support staff. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team, and I hope this occasion reminds them how valued they are.

### **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:**

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCE; 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1:00-4:30pm**

Open for all students, parents, carers and families.

**SPORTS DAY: 11th July; 10:00am-2:00pm**

For all PfA students

**GRADUATION DAY/STAY UP LATE: 22nd July; 1:00 - 6:00pm**

Open for all students, parents, carers and families.

More information on graduation to follow in the coming weeks.

Please save these dates.

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### THIS WEEK

Our **Transition and Enterprise Fayre** was a fantastic success, bringing together local organisations and our students to focus on life beyond **college**. It was clear that our learners understood the purpose of the day, with many showing real enthusiasm for planning their futures. **Tom Davis** explored transition options in his own way, choosing an all-day bus trip to support his independence. Kelly was delighted to sit down once again with the **Tower Project**, while **Joe** had a thoughtful and mature conversation about opportunities with **Project Search**. The enterprise stalls were just as lively, with **Khadija** enthusiastically buying gifts from **Alfie’s** impressive stand, featuring scented **candles**, colourful **jesmonite** pieces, and **handmade soaps**. The awareness, confidence, and willingness shown by all our students was truly inspiring and a real celebration of their readiness for the future.

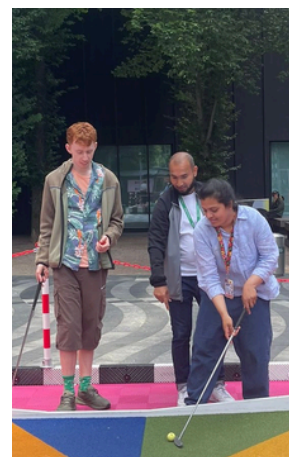
**Ferenc Kasa, e-learning Instructor**



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This week, we are pleased to highlight the achievements of the students participating in our long walks **enrichment** programme. The students have enthusiastically engaged in planning routes to various landmarks, and this week’s walk took us around **Canary Wharf**. Along the way, they also took part in a range of activities available in the area. It has been wonderful to observe new friendships and bonds forming within the group, which includes students from all four classes. **Adam, Sameera, and Maryam Ahmed** have particularly enjoyed the benefits of spending time in a different environment, while **Shaquil** has found great motivation in using **Fitbit** watches to track the number of steps taken each week.

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Fitness Instructor**



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It's been a busy (and great!) week for our students, but this week's **Festive Friday** goes to **Ilyas**! Ilyas is getting ready to graduate at the end of this term, and he's really stepped up lately—showing mature, grown-up behaviour and being super supportive of his classmates. He's always reminding his peers about **college** rules and helping them stay focused in class. When we're out in the **community**, Ilyas makes sure everyone's safe and sticking with the group. He knows the staff routines really well and even helps out by reminding staff about medication times and self-care duties—not just for himself, but for others too! Honestly, he's like an extra member of staff sometimes. If a peer is feeling anxious or dysregulated, Ilyas is there to help calm things down—whether it's removing a trigger or giving friendly reminders like using the bathroom after breaks or at the end of the day. He also loves chatting with his classmates and gets along with students from other classes too. His positive attitude and helpful nature have really stood out. Awesome job, Ilyas! Keep it up—we're all really proud of you!

**Mohammed Ahmed, Cooking Instructor**



This week's **Festive Friday** recognition goes to the fantastic **Yacqoub**! Yacqoub 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 he was able to identify how to dress professionally as well as answering interview questions for a chosen job. In **"British Values"** Yacqoub enjoyed exploring the topic of kindness and was brilliant at answering questions on the **Kahoot quiz** at the end of the session. He worked really hard in **Cemetery Park** by pulling out all the weeds and cleaning the park. Well done, Yacqoub!

**Helen Gillan, Teacher**



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Have a wonderful weekend,