

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear Parents, carers and families,

Our transitions programme is now underway for new students joining us in September. Staff have delivered fantastic activities, including pizza making and workout sessions, helping to build positive relationships and give students a fun, relaxed introduction to College life.

Thank you to everyone involved for your energy and commitment, especially Natasha Wood, Assistant Principal for Safeguarding and Transitions, for coordinating the programme so effectively.

As part of our ongoing work to connect students with local services and events, I have attached a flyer for a fair on Saturday 12th July, organised by The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. There will be food, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Entry is free and all are welcome. Thank you also to Sarah Spiro, our excellent and newly promoted Curriculum Lead, for gathering this and other Local Offer information for students and families.

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; 2nd 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

Over the past few weeks, many of our students have been thinking more deeply about their plans for life after **college**—a time that can feel both exciting and a little uncertain. One student who has really stood out in these conversations is **Shaqil**. With a thoughtful approach, he’s made great progress in planning his next steps. Shaqil has shown real maturity as he explores how he’d like to structure his time after **graduation**, making excellent use of the **future timetable** resources. He’s carefully putting together a range of activities that will keep him engaged while helping him develop valuable, lifelong skills. We’re incredibly proud of his progress and the positive way he’s approaching the journey ahead.

Sarah Spiro, Curriculum Lead



The heat is on, but students are doing really well continuing with the **curriculum** both in **college** and out in the **community**. 🌟 This week’s **Festive Friday** goes to **Saira Yasin!** 🌟 It's always lovely to see Saira with a smile on her face, no matter the changes in lessons or the **timetable**. Things aren't always quiet in college or out in the community, but Saira continues with her activities, gives things a go, and asks for help when needed — showing great independence. She’s always super happy and positive — keep it up, Saira! Well done! 🎉🌈

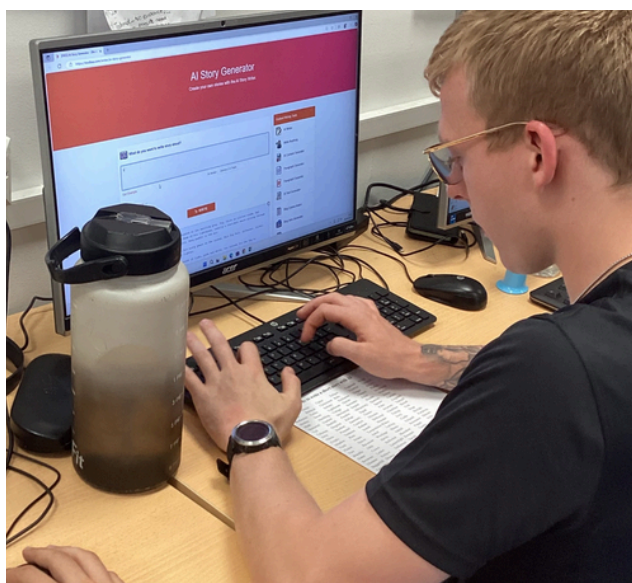
Mohammed Ahmed, Cooking Instructor



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Joe has had an excellent week at **college**, showing talent, effort, and kindness in everything he did. In our **Wednesday Ten Academy session**, Joe impressed everyone by writing creative stories using **AI**. He gave the AI some clever and unusual words to work with, which helped him come up with really exciting story ideas. His use of less familiar language showed how confident he is becoming with words and technology. In **Expressive Arts**, Joe stood out again by reading poems out loud with great energy and clear expression. His voice was strong and confident, and he added emotion and acting skills to every line. The whole class enjoyed listening to him! Joe also worked hard at **Mudchute Farm** this week. He watered lots of plants and vegetables, many of which he had planted himself earlier this term. He worked carefully and took real pride in looking after the plants. We are also very proud to say that Joe has won the Jack Petchey Award for his fantastic work at Mudchute Farm. This award comes with a money prize, and as a celebration, the whole Mudchute Farm College team will be going out together for a meal at a nearby **Turkish restaurant** on the 17th of July. What a great way to celebrate! Well done, Joe – we are all very proud of you!

Ferenc Kasa, e-learning Instructor





AI Stories



The old lighthouse keeper, Silas, squinted at the swirling grey. Fog, thick as clotted cream, had swallowed the island whole. Even the beam of his lighthouse, usually a confident sword slicing through the darkness, was reduced to a pathetic, hazy puddle in the air.

He hadn't seen anything like this in his sixty years on the island. This fog felt... different. Colder. He shivered, pulling his woolen coat tighter.

Suddenly, a flash. Not lightning. A burst of light, pure and white, too intense for the fog to completely subdue. It pulsed, then faded, leaving Silas blinking and disoriented.


He grabbed his lantern and stumbled down the spiral staircase of the lighthouse. He had to investigate. He followed the faint glow, which seemed to emanate from the rocky coastline below.

He found it nestled between two craggy outcrops: a small, glistening icecap. It hadn't been there yesterday. The only ice this far south was the occasional rogue iceberg, and those never ventured so close to shore. This was different. Smaller, more compact, almost... artificial.

A low hum resonated from the icecap, vibrating through the soles of his boots. He cautiously circled it, his lantern casting dancing shadows on the slick surface. Then he saw it. A seam. A perfectly straight line bisecting the ice. And, emanating from that seam, the faint white light he'd seen from the lighthouse. He knelt, his old knees cracking in protest. He touched the ice. It was colder than anything he'd ever felt, a bone-chilling cold that seemed to seep into his very marrow.

With a grunt, he managed to pry open the seam. It widened, revealing not solid





What 3 words might have inspired this story?



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This week for **Festive Friday**, we are proud to recognize the **Cemetery Work Placement Group** and the Litter Picking Group for their outstanding effort and teamwork. The Cemetery Group has shown excellent collaboration, with everyone working together to complete tasks. A special mention goes to **Na'ema**, who demonstrated great teamwork by taking turns pushing the wheelbarrow, and to **Nathon**, who stood out as a hard worker, pulling weeds and supporting his peers throughout the day. Well done to both groups for your dedication and positive attitude – keep up the fantastic work!

Elena Vata, Self-Care Instructor



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Have a wonderful weekend,