

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear Parents, carers and families,

This week we welcomed back our quality improvement partner, Dr Joyce Deree, who has worked with us each term for the past two years in a consultancy capacity. She visited both Project Search and Preparation for Adulthood to support the strategic development of the College. Thank you to senior leaders Matt Snow, Ambreen Shafiq and Natasha Wood for their strong leadership throughout her visit. Although Joyce is an active OFSTED inspector, this was not an inspection but a valuable opportunity for professional feedback. Well done and thank you to all staff who met with Joyce to share their work and engage with her insights.

Teacher Helen Gillan has led our student voice project this year, creating meaningful opportunities for students to shape College life. This week, she supported students to share their views with the OFSTED team inspecting Tower Hamlets local authority and to take part in interview panels for new staff. The project has had a fantastic impact, and the strength of student contributions reflects the quality of Helen's work.

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.

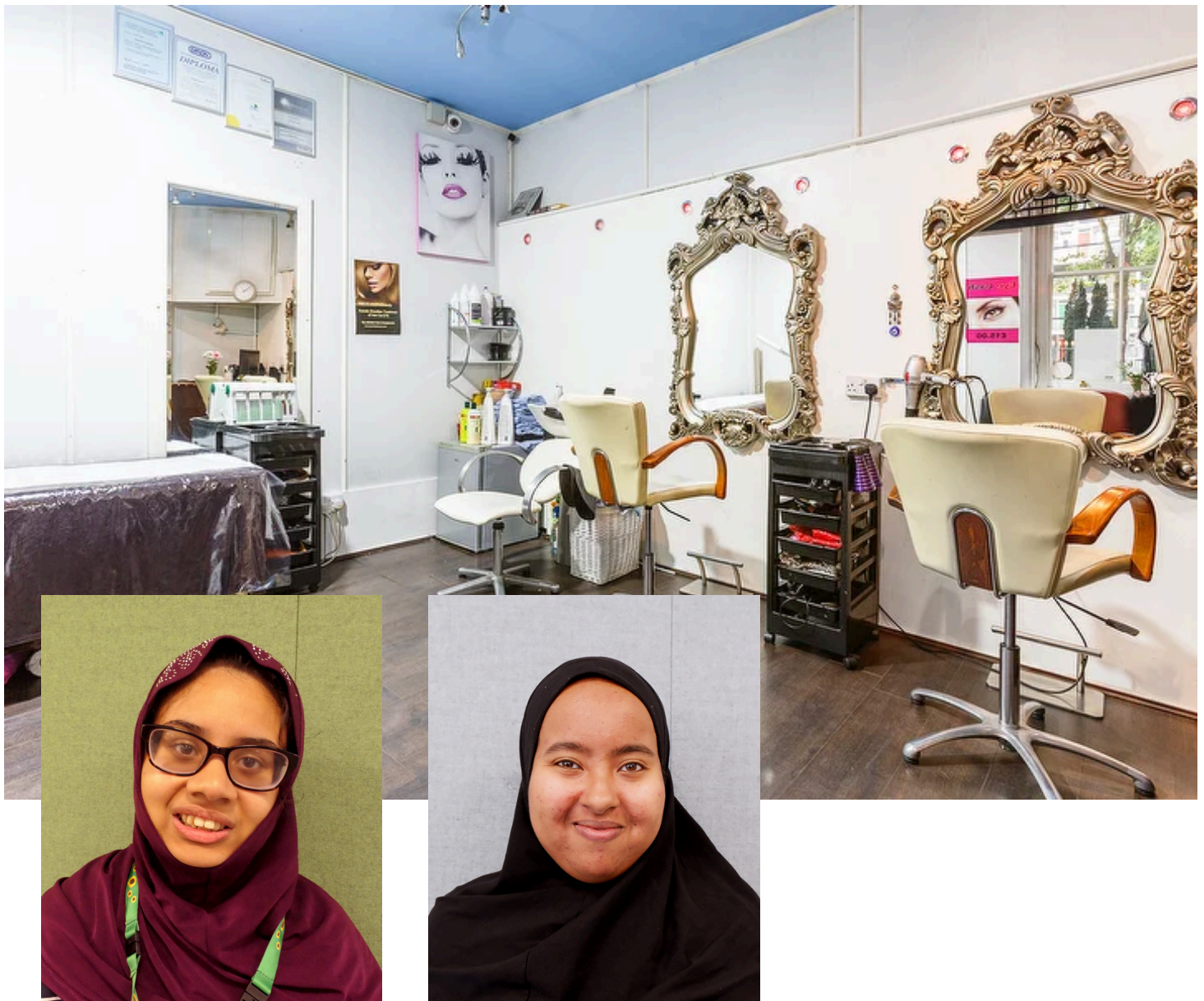
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THIS WEEK

This term in **Self-Care**, instructor **Elena Vata** has been guiding students in understanding the meaning of wellbeing and exploring activities outside of college that promote relaxation and support **personal hygiene**. As part of this week's focus, students **Hamda** and **Hajera** visited a **beauty salon**. Using their own money and a worksheet with reflective prompts, they confidently requested a hair wash service. During the session, they engaged in meaningful conversations, checking in with each other about how they were feeling. Afterwards, they took time to reflect on the experience, providing feedback on how the activity made them feel and successfully identifying the emotions they experienced. Both students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excited to share their reflections with the rest of the class. Well done, Hamda and Hajera!

Anila Xhika, Job Coach



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This week's **Festive Friday** recognition goes to the fabulous **Yacqoub**! Yacqoub has had a wonderful week and demonstrated lots of enthusiasm for different sessions. He particularly shone during this week's **"Keeping Safe" lesson**, where he was able to identify **good professional behaviour** and demonstrated how to introduce yourself in an **interview** setting. Yacqoub was great in **local offer**; he was able to recall previous learning and answer questions thoughtfully. Yacqoub has been working hard in **cooking** to produce a **Turkish dish of gozleme**; he cut the vegetables and folded the pastry as well as helping his friends.

Helen Gillan, Teacher



A huge well done to all our **college students** for being so welcoming, mature, and supportive over the past few weeks as we've welcomed new students from **Phoenix School, The Pavilion, Beatrice Tate** and those joining from **home education**. It's been wonderful to see you all engaging in conversations, making everyone feel included, and helping them settle into the college environment with ease. The **pizza-making session** was a simple but fantastic way to bring everyone together—filled with laughter, teamwork, and new friendships. Thank you for showing kindness, leadership, and for being such great role models. You've truly made a difference.

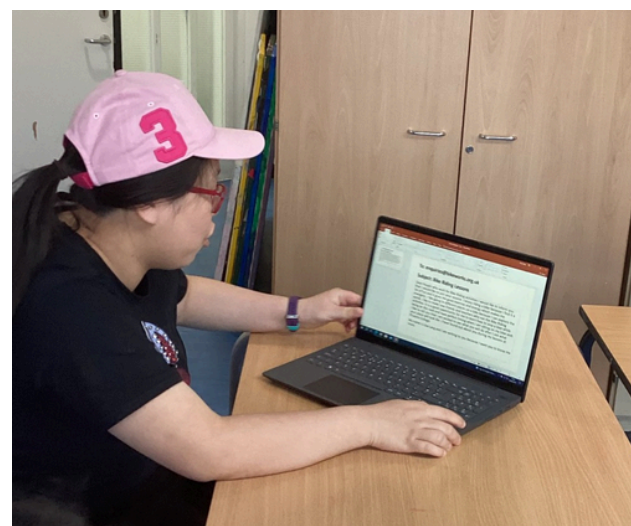
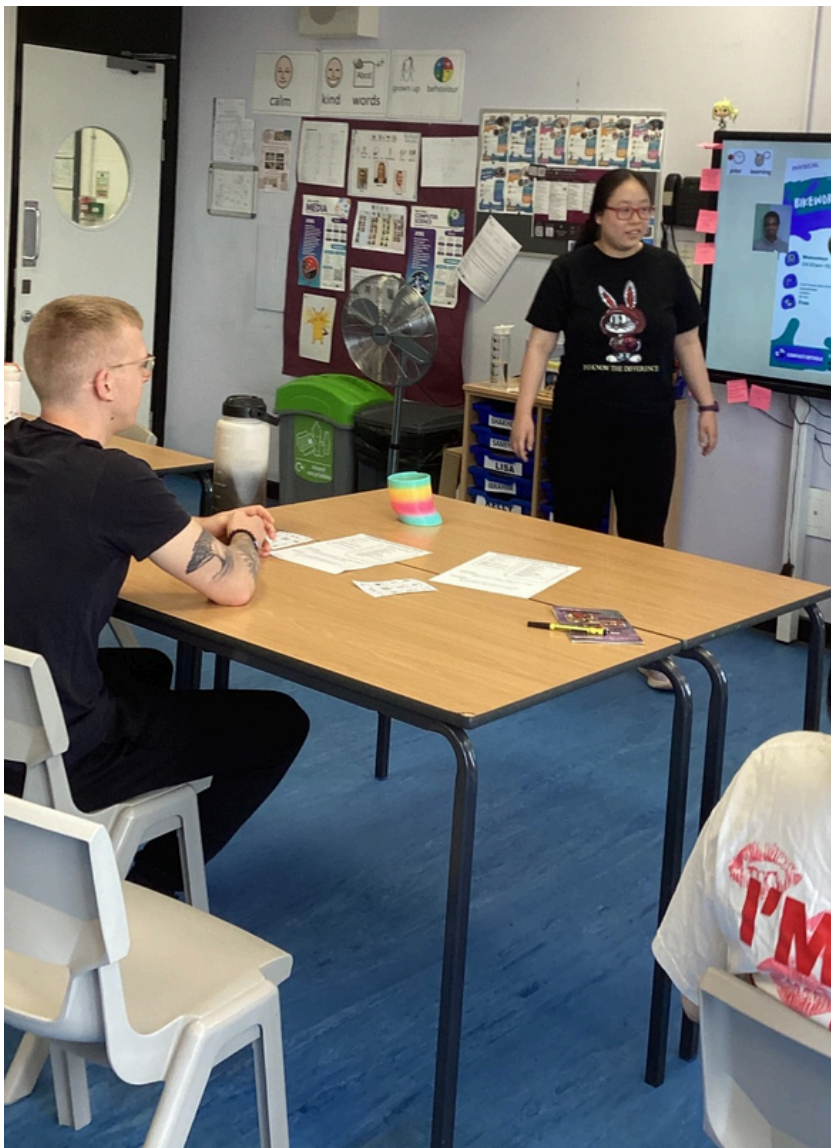
Mohammed Ahmed, Cooking Instructor



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Lisa is getting ready for life after **college** by visiting **Project Search** every week. She is a fantastic team player, and her creative ideas always brighten up our classroom. This week, she researched fun **clubs and activities** outside college, like **Bike Works**, and gave a great presentation to the class with brilliant suggestions for everyone. Lisa also helped on the **farm**, working very hard to make tasty fried potatoes using the ones we planted earlier this year! Just like **Joe**, this week Lisa won the **Jack Petchey Award** too! She has chosen to treat the whole class to a pizza lunch to celebrate. We are so proud of her achievements and how she supports her friends. If you want to see more of the amazing work our students have done on Mudchute Farm since **September**, check out our brand-new **work placement** video on our college website and **YouTube channel**!

Ferenc Kasa, e-learning Instructor



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Have a wonderful weekend,