

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is great to see that our students have settled well and to see them enjoying our curriculum. A big part of **preparing students for adulthood** is to have all class groups accessing our local community safely and regularly. Please see below some great examples of our students out and about during our **Local Offer** lessons.

Renato Marques – College Principal

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

**OPEN HOUSE: 4pm-7pm
WEDNESDAY, 15th October**

Our first Open House of the year! This is a chance for parents of Year 1 students to meet their teams and for alumni students to return to Phoenix College to see their friends and share their new stories.

**STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm
WEDNESDAY, 17th December**

Movie Night! This will be our first visit to Genesis Cinema this academic year.

**STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm
WEDNESDAY, 14th January**

Movie Night! This will be our visit to Genesis Cinema in the Spring Term.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

This week, **Darren’s class** is proud to recognise **Joshua Blackwood** and **Nathan Weekes** as our **Students of the Week**. Both students recently transitioned into a new class at the start of this term, and they have impressed staff with the positive way they have settled in. They are actively engaging in all sessions and showing a new level of confidence when speaking up and answering questions. During this week’s **Local Offer** visit to **Mile End and Poplar Baths Leisure Centre**, both Nathan and Josh stood out for their leadership. They were seen helping their peers at every opportunity and leading group discussions with maturity and enthusiasm. Nathan has also shown great progress in his ability to remain focused for longer periods during lessons, and he takes pride in the responsibility of organising snacks for his classmates at break time. Well done, Josh and Nathan – keep up the fantastic work!

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



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This week our **Local Offer** session was a whole day trip. The students voted for our destination and chose **Canary Wharf**. In the morning, we researched Canary Wharf and found out what we could see there. Then we travelled on the **DLR**. Everyone showed great travelling skills, reading signs, waiting safely, and helping friends. A big well done to **Joe**! He was careful, kind, and patient. He helped give directions and supported classmates on the journey. At Canary Wharf, we explored the tall buildings and shops. We ate our packed lunch together and some students bought snacks from the shop, practising money and communication skills. When we got back to college, we shared our photos and talked about what we had learned. Next week we will vote again to choose our new destination. We cannot wait for our next adventure!

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



Two weeks into the curriculum, and I am pleased to say that all of our students—both returning and new—are doing a fantastic job following the timetable and engaging in their lessons. The transition has been a great achievement, especially for our new students who have come from schools where the daily routine typically involved shorter sessions and activities happen in the same form room. Our college program is slightly wider with a meaningful outcome, so it is wonderful to see how well they have adapted. A special mention for this week's **Festive Friday** goes to **Imaan Mirza**, who has shown great enthusiasm and engagement across subjects. It has been a joy to see such positive energy in the classroom. Well done to all—keep up the great work!

Mo Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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Elena's class had another great week filled with hard work, learning and fun, however this week's **Wonderful Wednesday** goes to **Abdulshakur!** Abdulshakur has worked hard in every lesson, showing his skills in painting and drawing in both **Expressive Arts** and **Keeping Safe** where he modelled colour wheel mixing and drawing techniques to the rest of his class. He has taken part in every lesson this week with great enthusiasm, showing staff his cooking skills making **pizza** in **Cooking** class and his hard work in completing all activities in **Digital World**. In **Enrichment**, Abdulshakur has showed interest in playing the piano, learning new songs with Arthur and modelling them to the rest of the class. Great work Abdulshakur and thank you for a wonderful week!

Arthur Davies, Job Coach



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Have a wonderful weekend,

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