

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We had a few important meetings with Tower Hamlets over the last couple of months to help us to grow, explore and share our local offer.

That vision is a very important part of our curriculum and that is translated via our curriculum and the Local Offer subject. Please see more about that below.

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

STAY UP LATE: 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's **Festive Friday** shoutout goes to one of our new students, **Laely Begum**! The whole class has been active in the community—from shopping trips for cooking sessions to long journeys to **Victoria Park** for **work experience**. The students have demonstrated fantastic safety awareness, staying with the group and using their **Oyster** cards to travel on public transport. They have been getting on and off the bus safely and confidently—well done! A big thank you and well done to **Darren** for organising a brilliant cycling session at the **Stratford Olympic** site as part of our **Fitness** programme. The feedback from the team was amazing, and the photos captured some truly special moments. We were especially proud of **Laeley Begum**, who chose to cycle independently and demonstrated a range of movements following alongside the group. Incredible work! Well done to each and every student, and a massive shoutout to our amazing staff team for their continued support, patience, and adaptability—creating opportunities that suit each student's individual needs. Keep up the great work and the positive attitude!

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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This week's **Festive Friday** goes to the terrific **Thomas** for his seamless transition back to Phoenix College. Thomas has demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning and a real willingness to make new friends. He has been trying really hard to tolerate others and use his self-regulation strategies to stay focused. During **Local Offer**, Thomas enjoyed a trip to the **Museum of Docklands** and was very knowledgeable about the history of Sainsburys. Well-done Thomas, keep up the good work!

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



This week, we are celebrating **Aysha** for her wonderful contributions and positive attitude in every session. Aysha has been consistently engaged and enthusiastic, always bringing a smile and a willingness to try new things. She especially enjoyed our **Cooking** session on Tuesday, where she worked carefully and creatively while making **pizza**. It was clear how much fun she

had, and her efforts really stood out. During **Enrichment**, Aysha showed patience and creativity while making bracelets. She demonstrated great focus and independence, and the results of her work were beautiful. Her commitment to learning new skills has been fantastic to see. We are all very proud of her achievements this week. Well done, Aysha!

Elena Vata, Instructor

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For **Local Offer** this term, students have been learning about support workers, with a focus on how they might support them to access fun and sociable activities in the community. For their Local Offer session on Monday, Darren's class voted to go and play **Crazy Golf** in **Canary Wharf** as their fun activity. The class prepared for the trip by using **City Mapper** to plan the journey and researching the local area online to see where they could buy snacks and have lunch. The class had a great time, trying out a fun and new activity, whilst developing **Travel Training** and independence skills. You can see here some of the fantastic collages the students made on **Canva** to show off their fun day.

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



Have a restful and fun weekend,



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