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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is really exciting to see our students achieving so much in different areas: community access, work placements and functional skills. Our team has been working very hard so all our students can achieve their EHCP goals.

As part of accessing the community, it is very important that all students attend Phoenix College with their Freedom Passes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about that.

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, 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> January

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

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#### **THIS WEEK**

As we approach the end of the first half term, I would like to say once again how great the students have been. Even when things are not easy, they always give it a go. It has also been wonderful to see how safe they are—especially out in the community. I am super proud of the way the group has stayed together and followed staff's simple safety instructions. This week's **Festive Friday** goes out to **Tahseen Yunnus**. It is Tahseen's final year at college, and he is showing real maturity and grown-up behaviour. Tahseen loves following a routine and especially enjoys having things, such as furniture, just the way they were found—which is such a great help! We have been working together on understanding that it's okay when some things change—whether that's plans, objects, or the way furniture is arranged. Tahseen has been doing really well with accepting these changes and making things comfortable for others too. The feedback from the team in other sessions has also been very positive. We are so proud of the effort Tahseen has put in and the way he is trying new things in each lesson. **Keep up the great work, Tahseen!** 

#### **Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor**



























**Tejan** has made an excellent start to **Phoenix College**, settling in seamlessly. He engages enthusiastically with the curriculum and participates fully in all sessions. His most impressive **work** has been at **Mudchute Farm**, where he has truly excelled over the past few weeks. Tejan has demonstrated his ability to listen carefully and follow instructions, successfully completing tasks such as feeding the animals, weeding, and separating compost. He performs all of these duties independently and with great confidence, requiring no staff support. A fantastic start, well done Tejan!

### **Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor**







Shout-out to **Seayum** for his positive attitude and fantastic engagement throughout all our sessions this week! He approaches every task with a smile and a genuine willingness to try new things. He especially enjoyed litter picking at **Grove Park**, where he worked diligently and demonstrated excellent focus and independence. We are all so proud of his amazing work ethic and enthusiasm this week!

## Yasmine St Croix, Job Coach

























Aniqa had a fantastic week at **Phoenix College**, joining in every session with great focus and enthusiasm. She has settled into the class beautifully and is a joy to work with. At the **Local Offer** session, Aniqa showed excellent communication skills by confidently asking for help in public and knowing exactly who to speak to in different situations.

She also enjoyed a lovely community journey from *Island Gardens*, walking through the tunnel under the River Thames to **Cutty Sark**, where she explored with curiosity and excitement. At **The Ten Academy**, Aniqa created brilliant worksheets to help others learn to tell the time, designing her own clock faces and timers. Well done, Aniqa, for such a positive and creative week!

# Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor







Have a great weekend,



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