

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

A huge part of our curriculum is achieving outcomes around a more independent access to the community and developing a clear pathway to supported employment. This week, I am happy to share with you good news stories in both areas! It is truly inspiring to see students achieving their EHCP targets and get ready for life after college.

As a reminder, please see below my message about Freedom Passes.

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: 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 second visit to Genesis Cinema this academic year.

STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 11th February

Valentine's Disco!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

The event below is more directed to schools but it might be a good opportunity to learn more about Tower Hamlets Inclusion Framework and to network with other parents and professionals.



Let's Talk SEND

SEN Support & the Inclusion Framework

Join us for a morning learning about:

- What SEN Support is and what it means for your child
- The new Tower Hamlets Inclusion Framework
- How schools and families can work together

Learn how your child can be supported in school and discover some of the practical tools and strategies being shared with settings. Ask questions and network with professionals and other families.

When? 20th October 2025, 9.30am-12.30pm

Where? Grocer's Wing, London Borough of Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, E1 1BJ

For further information, contact us at:
Learning Advisory Service
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LET'S TALK SEND

Information from previous Let's Talk SEND meetings on the Local Offer.

www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/lets-talk-send

Siyam has made a fantastic start to his **work placement** with the class at **The Felix Project Warehouse**. He has been busy sorting food and moving large boxes of vegetables, showing great focus and effort. On some days, Siyam helps prepare food for companies like **HelloFresh**, working carefully and as part of a team. He always brings a happy and



positive attitude to work, smiling and being kind to everyone around him. His enthusiasm makes the workplace a friendly and welcoming place. Siyam is also settling in very well with his new class at **Phoenix College**. He is making new friends and showing confidence in all his activities. **Well done, Siyam!**

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor

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For **Mo's class** we have chosen **Tafazzul** for **Festive Friday**. During **work placement** and **Local Offer**, he has been more socially aware and behaving in a safe and calm manner when out in the community. He has a more positive approach towards facing dogs and animals and is able to turn the other way and close his eyes as a way of staying safe and well regulated, as well as on public transport. This is a positive step forward from his past behaviour of running and he has now become more familiar with the routine and is happy to travel in the community with the class and staff.

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



Festive Friday for Elena's class this week goes to the whole class. In particular **Cooking** this Tuesday, where they went out for lunch to **PFC Chicken Shop**. Before leaving college, they each selected the pizza toppings they would like. They then showed safe **Travel Training** in the community. At the chicken shop they each went up and ordered individually. Everyone waited calmly for their food and then enjoyed their chicken and chips. And then had their pizzas when they got back to college. They all seemed to really enjoy themselves. They also had a lovely afternoon on Monday for **Local Offer**. The class went to **Canary Wharf** and enjoyed exploring the **Sky Garden**. It was the first time the whole class had travelled on the **DLR** together and everyone did a great job.

Elena Vata, Instructor

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This week, we are celebrating the fantastic progress that **Hamza** and **Francois** have made at the **Foodbank**. Although they have only been in the same class for a couple of months, **job coaches Majlinda** and **Loreta** have been very impressed with how well they work together to complete their tasks. This week, they successfully sorted the correct amount of food into crates and were able to assess whether each crate was too heavy or just right to carry — a great demonstration of their manual handling skills and problem-solving abilities. Both Hamza and Francois have also shown that they can confidently follow instructions, not only from their job coaches but also from the Foodbank staff. Excellent work, Hamza and Francois — keep it up!

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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