

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

The end of the first half-term of the academic year is also the end of our baseline assessment period for all students. As all the professionals working at Phoenix College finish their assessments, we conclude functional skills baselines and start setting targets for the academic year. We will share a report on those with you at the end of each term. We might rearrange some class groups at the end of this baseline period.

Students will be back to Phoenix College on Wednesday 5th November. Have a fantastic half-term break!

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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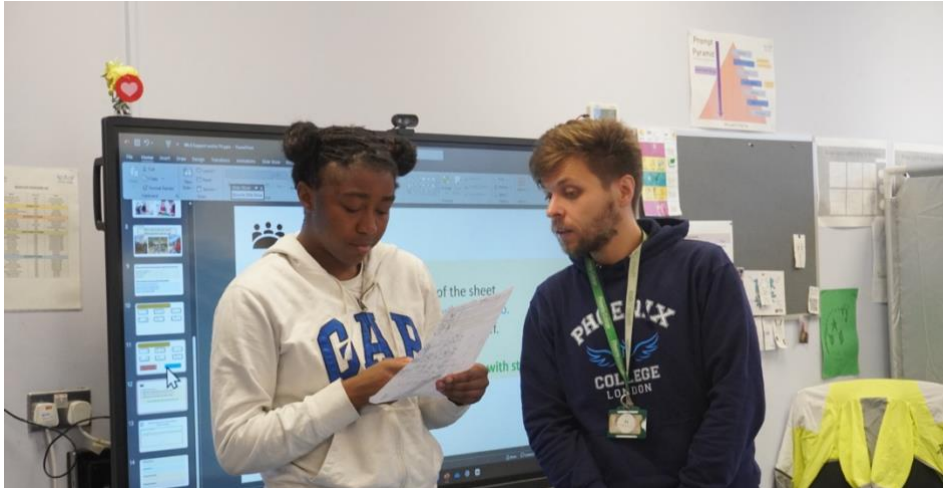


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THIS WEEK



Andrea has joined Frank’s class this term and has quickly become a fantastic part of our Phoenix College community. She is very mature and cares deeply about her classmates, always making sure everyone is safe and supported. Her attendance has been excellent, and she takes part in all sessions with enthusiasm and focus.

Andrea has also started a **work placement** at **Starbucks**, where she is doing really well. She is polite, responsible, and quickly learning new skills, showing great confidence in a real work environment.



When out on trips, Andrea is a natural helper. She gives advice about directions, keeps an eye on friends, and makes sure everyone stays safe. Her thoughtful and caring nature is noticed by both staff and students alike. It is wonderful to see Andrea settling in so well.



She brings positivity, responsibility, and kindness to every part of college life. We are delighted to have her in our class and look forward to seeing all the achievements she will make this year.

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor

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First of all, I would like to say well done to all students for working so hard this term. In our class, we welcomed seven new students this term. They have all transitioned very well into different sessions and have already started forming positive relationships with students from other classes. Even during offsite activities, they managed their transitions confidently, including when using public transport, which is a big achievement. A special mention goes to **Maryam**, who has been a wonderful big sister figure in class. She has supported her peers throughout their transitions and made sure everyone felt included and comfortable. This week, Maryam especially enjoyed all the sessions particularly the **Local Offer** activities, where we did indoor exercises like dancing, pilates, and yoga. She also showed kindness and initiative in the morning by making tea for a friend. On Tuesday, during our work placement, Maryam took part in litter picking in the garden, where she collected leaves. She then helped decorate a large piece of artwork using the leaves she had gathered. Well done again to everyone for such a fantastic term!

Elena Vata, Instructor

It has been a fantastic term for Darren’s class during our **Local Offer** sessions. Students have been learning about the role of support workers, developing their understanding of what they do, and practising how to communicate effectively with them in the community. Throughout our many trips, the team and I have seen wonderful examples of students confidently asking questions to different professionals, particularly focusing on how to ask for help and support appropriately. This week, we ended the term with a visit to the **Velodrome Park** in Stratford for a cycling session. It was fantastic to see the students not only engaging positively with staff but also supporting one another — a great demonstration of teamwork and independence. It truly was the perfect way to end the term. A big thank you to the team for all your hard work and dedication in helping the class settle and thrive as a group. Wishing everyone a lovely and restful half-term holiday!

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



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What a Wonderful End to the First Half Term! 🎉



We enjoyed a lovely whole-day trip out in the community during **Local Offer** week — exploring the area and heading to a local fast-food restaurant for lunch, where we ordered pizza and chicken and chips! This tied in perfectly with our **Cooking** collaboration, as this term’s theme has been all about pizza — and it was a fantastic experience for everyone. All the students were so sensible and safe, taking turns to order their food. A special well done to **Hassan Miah**, who confidently and clearly vocalised that he wanted pizza — amazing communication skills! In the afternoon, we decided to visit the **Canary Wharf Roof Garden** via the DLR. Students tapped in and out, stayed together as a group, and enjoyed sitting at the front of the train for the best views of the docks. Once there, we relaxed, read books, played games, and even had a little dance at the roof garden — such a wonderful way to end the first half term! A huge thank you to the whole team — **Humairaa, Marta, Anika, Farhiya, Mirriam, and Majlinda** — for your continued support. We truly could not do it without you! Well done to everyone — let’s keep up the great work and energy! Parents and carers, please continue encouraging your child to help out in the kitchen — whether it is making breakfast, lunch, dinner, or even a simple snack or cup of tea — and then tidying up after themselves. These small steps make a big difference! Well done again, everyone — you have all been amazing!

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor

Have a fantastic half-term break,



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