

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

A very important part of our curriculum is to have students attending work placements. We are so proud of our **Transitions and Careers Team** for the incredible work they do finding the right work placement for the right students. A big thank you to **Natasha Wood, Assistant Principal for Transitions and Safeguarding, Alfie Begum, Careers Lead** and **Carolyn Davis, our Employment Engagement Officer and Research Lead**.

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 visit to Genesis Cinema in the Winter Term

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WEDNESDAY, 14th January

Movie Night! This will be our 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

As we approach the final few weeks before Christmas, our new students have been doing a great job settling in with their peers. This week, the spotlight is on **Mely**. Mely has been fantastic at listening, following instructions, and taking on small steps from staff before acting on them. She has been fully engaged in all her lessons and stays with the group both in college—especially during transitions—and when out in the community. It is wonderful to see how Mely enjoys following staff guidance and then supporting her peers throughout the day. She loves being one of the “extra staff” you can count on! A particularly wonderful moment this week was seeing one of her peers working on their independence during snack and lunch. Mely was right there beside them, offering support—helping her peer with feeding and using cutlery. Keep up the great work, Mely

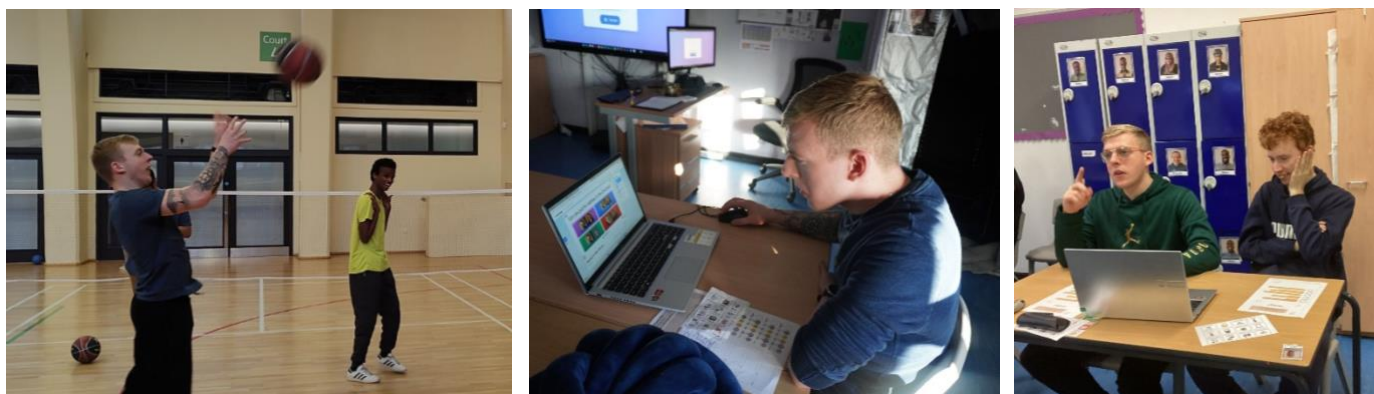
Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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Joe continues to be an exceptional member of our college community. He is consistently helpful, supportive to his peers, and a positive presence on all our trips. In every session, Joe remains fully engaged, patient, and focused, setting a wonderful example for others. This term, Joe is taking exciting steps toward his future ambitions by beginning a brand-new **work placement** at Phoenix School. He will be supporting **PE, English, and Maths** sessions as a **Teaching Assistant**, a role perfectly suited to his calm, encouraging, and mature nature. We are incredibly proud of Joe and cannot wait to see him achieve even more as he continues to grow in confidence and skill.

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



This week, for **Festive Friday**, I chose **Khadija** for her brilliant 1:1 **Self-Care** initiative. Last week, Khadija searched for different salons near the college to book an appointment. She eventually called a salon and booked a wash and blow-dry appointment on **26/11/25**, also asking about a student discount. Today, she called again to confirm her appointment. When we arrived at the salon, she greeted the staff warmly, confirmed her appointment, and patiently waited her turn. She left very happy with the treatment and had a wonderful experience.

Elena Vata, Instructor



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This week, I would like to highlight the excellent **work placements** being completed by students in **Darren's class**. It has been a fantastic term from a careers perspective, with many students engaging in individual placements and making impressive progress. **Tejan** has settled in quickly at his placement at the **Museum**, already demonstrating a range of skills, particularly his ability to follow three-step instructions and his strong cleaning skills. **Hamza** is making steady progress at the **Lost Property Hotel**, developing his confidence in approaching staff to let them know when he has completed a task. **Emma**, who has several placements, is doing very well at **Rymans**. She has been replenishing notebooks on shelves in size order and now requires fewer prompts from her job coach. **Thomas, Josh, and Francois** also have individual placements at the **Foodbank, Nisa Local, and Spitalfields Market**. Each of them is progressing well towards the targets set by their job coaches. The **Careers Team** deserves great credit for securing such a wide variety of placements, ensuring that every student has access to an individual or group work placement. Lastly, well done to the entire team in Darren's class for supporting the students and helping them work towards their skill targets. Well done to all staff and students!

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



Have a very good weekend,



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