

*"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"*

Phoenix Autism Trust Offices  
49 Bow Road, Bow, London, E3 2AD  
Telephone: 020 8980 4740

Phoenix College  
2 Paton Close, Bow, London, E3 2QD  
Telephone: 0204 546 7710

QMUL Project SEARCH Campus  
329 Mile End Road, Mile End, London, E1 4NT  
Telephone: 073 6810 0118

**London, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear parents, carers and families,

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!**

As we approach the end of the first term of this academic year, I would like to thank you for your constant support and feedback. It always makes me very happy to know that parents are reading and enjoying this weekly letter. A big thank you to our **Instructors, Mo, Darren, Elena and Frank**, our **Teacher, Helen**, and our **Curriculum Lead, Sarah**, for writing this beautiful Festive Fridays every week!

**Please remember that students will return to Phoenix College on Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**STAY UP LATE: 4-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Valentine's Disco!

**STAY UP LATE: 2-7pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> March**

OPEN HOUSE for all students: current, alumni and applicants. EID PARTY!

**Please save these dates!**

Formatted by:



**Imran Hassan -**  
Advocate

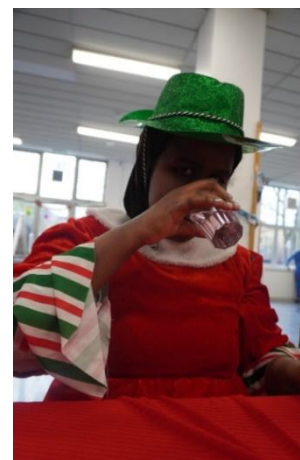
1

*"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"*

## THIS WEEK

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to say what a fantastic term it has been. It has been wonderful to see all the students settling in so well and engaging positively with the **curriculum**. I would like to start by thanking the wonderful team, including those who are new to the college. The support from staff has been amazing, and everyone has worked so hard to support students through any challenges they may face, helping them to access learning across all subjects. I am incredibly proud of each and every student. A special thank you to **Humaira, our Assessment Job Coach, and to Marta, Mirriam, Anika, Farhiya, and Ahad** – truly the A Team. Your dedication and commitment make a real difference every day. To celebrate the festive season, **Festive Friday** goes to all the team players and students in **Mo's Class**. All students have been fantastic in their own unique way and have shown great maturity, especially as we finished the term with our **Christmas lunch** and celebration. Please continue the great work at home and in the community by supporting students to get involved in activities you may have planned. Encouraging independence is key, and with the right opportunities and support, you will be surprised at what they can achieve. I know that each and every one of our students has a bright future ahead. Wishing you all a lovely festive month and a very **Happy New Year**.

**Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor**





*“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”*

This week, for **Festive Friday**, we would like to praise the whole class for the excellent work they have done across different sessions. The students were engaged, focused, and showed great enthusiasm throughout the week. Well done to everyone for demonstrating such a positive attitude and consistent effort. Special well done to **Nihal** - Nihal has been following his individual timetable very well, choosing sessions he enjoys such as **Cooking, Fitness, Self-Care, free choice, trading, and swing**. He was very active and engaged during sessions and supported his friends by sharing resources. Well done, Nihal! Sadly, we would like to say “see you soon” to **Arthur, our Assessment Job Coach**. Arthur has been fantastic at tracking students’ targets, creating resources, supporting students at their **work placements**, and supporting his team. He will be starting a **tutor role** at our **Project SEARCH** programme at **Clyde & Co**, covering for a member of staff going on maternity leave. This opportunity is very well deserved, and we are really going to miss him. We wish you all the very best, Arthur, and we look forward to welcoming you back next year. Well done to everyone for making this such a fun and successful week!

**Elena Vata, Instructor**



It has been a very positive end to the term for the students in **Darren’s Class**. All students have worked extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum. During classroom-based lessons, they have shown great respect for one another, particularly during group discussions, where they have effectively demonstrated their speaking and listening skills. It has been wonderful to see the strong friendships within the group, highlighted by the students organising their own **“Secret Santa”** and buying gifts for one another. Overall, it has been a great term. I would like to thank all the staff in my team—**Mich, Jorna, June, Misbah, and Cindy**—for their hard work and continued support of our students. I wish you all a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**.

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor**



3

*"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"*

On **Monday**, our class enjoyed a wonderful trip to **North Greenwich**. We travelled on the cable cars there and back, which was very exciting for everyone and a real highlight of the day. The students showed excellent behaviour throughout the trip and supported one another well, making the experience smooth and enjoyable. There was lots of excitement, fun, and shared laughter as we took in the views and made the most of being out in the community together. After the cable cars, we all sat down for lunch at **Jimmy's** at the **O2**. The food was great, and by the end we were all very full! It was a day full of positive experiences and lovely moments, and we made some really nice memories together that we will all remember fondly.

**Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor**



Have a wonderful holiday!



**Renato Marques**  
College Principal  
Phoenix College

Paton Close, London E3 2QE  
phoenixcollege.london Tel: 020 4546 7710

