

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

This week we are celebrating the achievements of our **Year 1 students!** It is fantastic to see the students that started with us in September making so much progress towards their EHCP targets, making new friends and attending work placements. And their journey at Phoenix College has just started!

All students are looking forward to our Valentine's Disco on the 11th February – please see more details below. This year's Valentine's Disco will take place at our building, **Phoenix South**.

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, 11th February

Valentine's Disco! This year's Valentine's Disco will take place at our Drama Room!

STAY UP LATE: 2-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 25th March

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

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Imran Hassan -
Advocate

STAY UP LATE: 2-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 06th May

Our last Movie Night at Genesis Cinema this academic year!

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK

This week for **Festive Friday**, we chose the whole Class due to the great skills they showed during the **Cooking** session. All students were engaged and focused. They worked independently to buy ingredients, chop, stir, and wash up after cooking. I was also very impressed with **Yousef**, who cooked noodles independently for his friends and washed all the plates afterward. **Seayum** showed great chopping skills and worked carefully and confidently. **Nihal** stayed for the entire cooking session and followed all instructions independently. Well done everyone!

Elena Vata, Instructor



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For **Festive Friday in Mo's Class**, we have chosen **Ayaan**. Ayaan has been increasingly independent and proactive in helping her peers and being more open to new activities and visiting to new places, like **Partnership Care**. Visiting this day care center as a class allowed Ayaan to interact with different students as well as the peers in her class and guide them through different activities.

Humairaa Uglhad, Job Coach



This week in **Darren's Class**, we would like to celebrate the achievements of **Siyam Ahmed**. Since transitioning into Darren's Class, Siyam has gone from strength to strength across a number of areas. Siyam's communication with both staff and peers has improved significantly. He is now confidently communicating with staff when he needs to leave the classroom, such when he needs a break, and has also begun standing in front of his peers to present his work to the group. This demonstrates a growing level of confidence and self-assurance. Siyam's strong work ethic is particularly evident at his current **work placements**. He recently started a placement at the **Vagina Museum**, where he has been completing tasks such as hoovering, mopping and cleaning surfaces. In addition, Siyam attends placements at **Tower Hamlets Homes and Mudchute Farm**, where he is excelling within a group setting by showcasing leadership skills and encouraging and motivating others. Siyam has shared with staff that he is thoroughly enjoying his current placements, which is clearly reflected in his positive attitude and high level of engagement. Keep up the excellent work, Siyam!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor

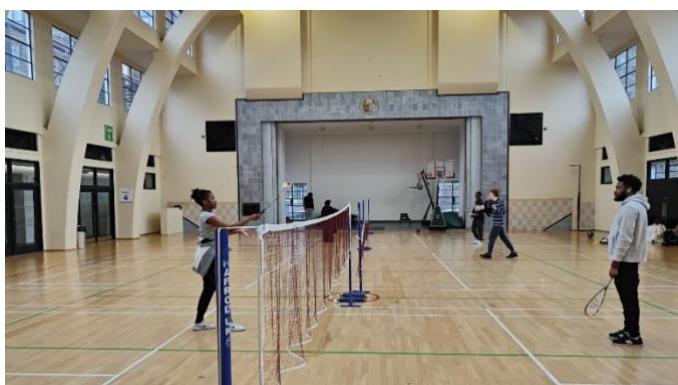


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Andrea returned to class after her break and settled back in very well. She joined the group on a trip and was cautious and alert when walking outside, paying close attention to the road and following signs and directions with care on our **Local Offer** trip. During The **Ten Academy** session, Andrea worked independently on the Computer and explored new creative apps. She made colourful patterns and then asked what emotions we might connect to them, showing curiosity and good thinking skills. In **Keeping Safe**, she bravely presented her work to the whole class and explained her ideas clearly. In **Enterprise**, Andrea continued to show concentration and independence by working carefully with **jasmonite** to make products. It was wonderful to see her confidence growing across different sessions.

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



Have an enjoyable weekend,

