

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

What a joyful half-term! Students worked really hard towards their EHCP targets but also had lots of fun. We closed the half-term with our yearly **Valentine's Disco** – but this time we had a silent disco! Students were given headphones and they had a choice of two different DJs! Thank you to our **Deputy Principal, Rick Nunn**, for the fantastic idea and to our **Office Manager, Ambreen Shafiq** and our **Careers Lead, Alfie Begum**, for organizing such a fantastic night out!

Renato Marques – College Principal



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THIS WEEK

Students across all four classes have worked extremely hard in **Fitness** this half term. **Darren and Frank's Classes** have shown significant development in their hand-eye coordination and balance during **badminton sessions**. It has been particularly pleasing to see students using the rackets with increased confidence, successfully striking the shuttlecock and engaging in short rallies with one another. Students in **Elena's Class** have been travelling to **Mile End Leisure Centre** for **basketball sessions**. They have focused primarily on developing their shooting skills, while also enhancing their **travel training** skills demonstrating greater awareness of road safety and becoming more confident travelling to a familiar destination. Meanwhile, students in **Mo's class** have been attending swimming sessions at **Atherton Leisure Centre**, with a focus on building confidence in the water and **swimming** lengths independently. A special mention goes to **Tobechi, Laely and Tahseen**, who have made excellent progress in recent swimming sessions. Well done to all four classes for their dedication and effort this half term. Have a lovely and well-deserved break!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor



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This week, **Frank's Class** had a fantastic trip to **QMUL Project SEARCH** as part of exploring the **Local Offer**. All students showed great interest and were fully engaged, confidently chatting with both an intern and the tutor. They asked thoughtful questions and demonstrated real curiosity about future pathways and opportunities, which was lovely to see. We also worked on **community life** skills during the visit. Everyone enjoyed lunch and snacks calmly and respectfully, showing excellent awareness of each other's personal space. There was even time for some fun playing table football, which brought lots of smiles and positive interactions. Afterwards, we went for a relaxing walk through **Mile End Park**, discovering different spots along the way. It was clear that students really appreciated the open space and natural surroundings, taking time to relax and enjoy the environment. The calm atmosphere had a very positive effect on everyone. What a lovely and meaningful trip all round. Enjoy your half-term break, everyone! You really deserve it!

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



This week's **Festive Friday** award goes to **Taffazal Hoque**. Taffazal has a fear of dogs, which is completely okay. Despite this, he has been doing some fantastic safe modelling out in the community with his peers during **Travel Training**, following safety rules with support and demonstrating safe behaviour. Every **Monday** we have been exploring new local social and **Fitness** opportunities for students to become familiar with. These experiences will hopefully support them once they graduate and can then be added to their **future timetables**. Taffazal has been following new strategies when he sees a dog. He will tell staff "dog," cover his eyes with his hands, or let staff know if he would like to change direction. He also makes us all laugh because sometimes, when a dog unexpectedly appears beside him with a "woof," he will even greet it! Well done, Taffazal. Finally, just a reminder of how important it is for students to attend college every day so they do not miss out on the fantastic learning and experiences they share with one another. Well done, everyone!

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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This week for **Festive Friday**, we are proud to celebrate **Abdulshakur** and **Maryam Amjad**. Abdulshakur has shown fantastic commitment in all his sessions, especially in **Digital World**. He has been consistently engaged and focused, and it is wonderful to see how confidently and independently he uses his laptop to complete his work. His independence and positive attitude are something to be very proud of! Maryam continues to shine at her work placement at **Refill Therapy** every Tuesday. She has been arriving happy, motivated, and ready to work. We have noticed a big increase in her engagement and confidence. Loreta, her job coach, has shared excellent feedback about Maryam's progress and the improvements she is making. We are so proud of how far she has come! We would also like to celebrate **Raihan** for his improved attendance this term 🌟 His commitment to coming in regularly has not gone unnoticed, and it is fantastic to see such positive progress.

Elena Vata, Instructor

Have a restful and joyful half-term break!



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