

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Ramadan Mubarak for those fasting now. We will have our traditional Eid Party with students on Wednesday 25th March. If you would like to celebrate with us, please arrive from 4pm for our Open House.

On a different note, our **Assistant Principal, Natasha Wood**, has now implemented a new system with **4 Job Coaches** supporting all work placements for the **Preparation for Adulthood** programme. We are very excited about that, especially as it will give students a more consistent support out in the community and in the building. Natasha worked very hard with the whole team on this new timetable and we hope to see the results of this enhanced system soon, with students attending more work placements and achieving even more outcomes.

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: 4pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 25th March

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

STAY UP LATE: 4pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 06th May

Our last **Movie Night** at Genesis Cinema this academic year!

STAY UP LATE: 4pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 17th June

Our last **OPEN HOUSE** for all students: current, alumni and applicants.

Please save these dates!

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THIS WEEK



This week we would like to celebrate the achievements of the students in **Frank’s Class** following a fun and engaging football session. Up until now, most of our **Fitness** sessions have taken place in the sports hall, so it was great to begin the term with an outdoor sporting activity. The students travelled to the **5G Football Pitch** in Poplar and showed fantastic energy and enthusiasm throughout the session. There were many positive examples of students bonding with one another, working as a team, and experiencing a real sense of

achievement when scoring goals. It was wonderful to see their excitement and enjoyment during the game, and we look forward to seeing how the class continues to develop their football skills over the coming weeks. I would also like to give a special mention to **Yusuf Rashid**, who continues to make steady progress with his general fitness and engagement during both his 1:1 fitness sessions and the football session this week. Yusuf was highly engaged throughout and clearly enjoyed the opportunity to interact positively with his peers.

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



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This week for **Festive Friday**, we have chosen **Nihal** and **Maryam Amjad** for their fantastic efforts and achievements! Nihal has shown incredible self-control and dedication by managing his fasting, even while taking part in a **Cooking** session. This shows real determination and commitment - well done, Nihal! Maryam has had a very busy and successful week attending four different **work placements: Refill Therapy, Whitechapel Leisure Centre, Spitalfields Market and litter picking** with her class. All of these placements involve developing and strengthening Maryam’s skills in cleaning, tidying, and organizing. She has shown great commitment by attending each placement consistently. Maryam has been supported by **Janita**, who will now be her dedicated **Job Coach** across all placements. This continued support will help Maryam build her confidence and independence even further. A big well done to both Nihal and Maryam for their hard work this week - keep it up!

Elena Vata, Instructor



Andrea has made strong progress this term. Her attention has improved a lot, and she is more aware of staying with her group. We went on a very long **Local Offer** walk in **Greenwich**, walking more than 8,000 steps. The group explored **Island Gardens**, went through the **Greenwich Foot Tunnel**, visited the **Cutty Sark**, and climbed up to the **Royal Observatory Greenwich**. Andrea stayed with the group the whole time, responded well, and was engaged. She also enjoyed football during **Fitness** at the open pitch and joined in positively. At **The Ten Academy work placement**, she did very well creating addition and subtraction worksheets. Good effort, Andrea!

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



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This week’s **Festive Friday** goes to **Shakil Miah**. Shakil has been attending college nearly every day. We encourage all students to come into college every day unless they are feeling unwell. It has been great to see Shakil joining in with every subject and transitioning around the college with his friends. He has been trying out all the activities, and it is lovely to see him asking for help when he needs it. This shows great confidence and a positive attitude to learning. We missed **Pancake Day** earlier in the week, so we decided to make pancakes together. I have to say we all had a flipping good time – even the senior leadership team joined in! It was wonderful to see so much laughter and so many smiles on the students’ faces. Shakil tried cracking an egg and followed the simple steps with minimal prompting. We even tried flipping the pancakes, which brought lots of laughter and smiles. Let’s keep it going! **Ramadan Mubarak** to those who are observing the month of fasting.

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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Have a fantastic weekend,

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