

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

INDEPENDENCE is a keyword in all areas of our practice: **curriculum design, target setting and lesson planning**. This week, you can see how that translates throughout our practice. You can see **Labib** getting more independent during his **work placements** and **1:1 tutorials**, **Darren’s Class** getting more independent with their **social skills**, **Yousef** becoming more independent with his **safeguarding knowledge** and **work placement** and **Mo’s Class** growing their independence skills while out in the community. What a fantastic week!

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

Labib had a great week and continues to be a fantastic member of the class. He stayed with the group and really enjoyed the visit to the **Hotel in the Park respite home**, sharing the experience with his peers. At his **TEN Academy work placement**, Labib used AI to create a reading worksheet for other students, showing great creativity and strong digital skills. He also continues to excel in his **1:1 cooking sessions**. Labib is becoming a real master of cookies and cakes, and his skills in the kitchen are improving every week. What an intelligent and capable member of the class!



Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



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This term **Darren's Class** students have been exploring different experiences that help support mental wellbeing. This has included time away from screens, arts and crafts, healthy eating and the impact of nature. This week, the class looked at how doing social activities with our friends and peers makes us feel. The class travelled to a **local coffee shop** and spent together enjoying hot drinks and cakes, doing jigsaws together, reading magazines and sharing conversations about their weekend. It was great also to see the students working on their independence skills by choosing from the menu and communicating clearly with the cafe staff to make their choices. Well done, Darren's Class!

Sarah Spiro, Curriculum Lead



This week for **Festive Friday**, we are pleased to celebrate **Yousef** for his excellent attendance at college and his active participation in all sessions. He has taken part in both indoor and outdoor activities during the **Keeping Safe** session with **Helen** and has shown great engagement throughout. As part of a wellbeing activity, Yousef independently made a fruit salad. He peeled the apples and chopped them independently, demonstrating growing independence and confidence. Yousef has also been making his own choices about **enrichment activities** and has chosen **TEN Academy**. In addition, he has been working on the computer, creating **PowerPoint presentations** for different students. Overall, Yousef has made fantastic progress in many areas. We are very proud of his hard work and achievements. Well done, Yousef!

Elena Vata, Instructor



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This week’s **Festive Friday** goes to the whole class. Since the **New Year**, we have extended our **Local Offer** lessons by taking our sessions off site and into the community for a longer period. Previously, these trips were just in the morning or afternoon, but after completing **risk assessments** and seeing students consistently demonstrating safe behaviour, we have started going on full-day journeys, including lunch. It has been an absolute joy. The students have been doing so well using different forms of transport and exploring local businesses and opportunities in the local area and even travelling a bit further. These experiences are helping students to become more familiar not only with the places they visit but also with the travel involved. Of course, they are also enjoying having lunch together with friends in different establishments, which has been lovely to see. This week we visited **Hotel in the Park Respite**, travelled by bus, and enjoyed a lovely lunch at **Victoria Park**. Well done to everyone!

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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Have a wonderful weekend,

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