

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back! Students returned to Phoenix College looking very happy and relaxed after the Easter break.

Thank you again for all your flexibility and support this week with all the **changes to transport**. It was a week full of challenges and changes but we are happy that transport is now rearranged for most students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you still have questions or concerns about transport. A big thank you to **Tower Hamlets Adult Transport Services** for working over the weekend to arrange emergency transportations for our students.

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, 06th May

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

FUTURE FEST: 4pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY, 17th June

A special event for all students, especially those graduating in the summer.

PFA Graduation: 4pm-6pm

WEDNESDAY, 15th July

A big celebration for the students graduating from Phoenix College this summer.

Please save these dates!

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**Imran Hassan -
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THIS WEEK

It was a fantastic way to begin the new term with our **Local Offer** session, starting with a visit to the **British Museum**. The day began with the students warmly welcoming our new **Curriculum Lead, Magdalena**, before taking part in a range of turn-taking communication activities that challenged and developed their memory skills. Following this, the group visited **Sainsbury's**, where it was particularly encouraging to see students supporting one another to make healthy choices while purchasing their own lunch items. **Joshua** and **Francois** showed great enthusiasm when travelling on the **Elizabeth Line**, demonstrating excellent knowledge of the route and confidently taking on leadership roles by guiding others on when and where to get off. A special mention must go to **Thomas Waterton**, who has not travelled on the **Underground** with college for some time. His confidence and independence throughout the journey highlighted the significant progress he has made over the past 12 months. At the museum, students thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of artefacts and statues, engaging well with their surroundings. Overall, it has been a brilliant week well done to everyone involved.

Darren Serrano-Griffths, Senior Instructor



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Tom has had a great week, taking part well in all activities. He really enjoyed the trip to **Holland Park**, where he engaged positively with nature and walking alongside the class, with his interest in **Japanese culture** shining through. Tom managed transitions well throughout the week, showing good listening and communication skills and using some words to express himself. At **The Ten Academy work placement**, he created excellent word search worksheets for other students, linking them to his special interests such as superheroes, **Ninja Turtles**, **Japan**, and pepperoni pizza, which supported both his engagement and creativity.

Frank Kasa, Senior Instructor



Hassan has shown a remarkable growth in his communication with staff, alongside developing strong and positive teamwork skills with his peers in class. It has been a genuine pleasure to see him gradually come out his shell, becoming more confident in expressing himself and increasingly able to follow clear instructions in both college and during off-site travel. Notably, Hassan has begun to independently request not only items he needs but also sensory support, such as arm massage or gentle tickles, demonstrating a growing awareness of his own needs. The **P1 staff** are extremely pleased with Hassan's progress so far and are excited to continue supporting him as he blossoms even further. Below I have attached a few photos of Hassan from this week.

Mirriam Nayya, Job Coach



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This week, we welcomed students back from the **Easter holiday**, and it was great to see everyone refreshed and engaged. **Raihan** stood out during the **Cooking** session, showing enthusiasm while preparing **burgers and chips**, and his full attendance this week is a fantastic achievement. **Reshma** worked independently on her timetable on her first day back, showing confidence and responsibility. **Aysha** also did very well by wearing her hearing aids throughout the day, supporting her learning and participation. Well done to everyone.

Elena Vata, Senior Instructor



Have a wonderful weekend,



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