

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

On Wednesday we will have our last trip to **Genesis Cinema** this academic year. Students are going to watch the movie “Michael”, about Michael Jackson’s life. Students (and staff!) are very excited about this last **Stay Up Late** event. **All current students and alumni are invited to this event!**

This week we introduce a new section to this newsletter: **Employer of the Week**. Our **Careers Team** will celebrate weekly students that are doing extremely well in their **work placements** – and hopefully securing paid supported employment! This week we are celebrating **Emma Chambe**, who is currently attending three work placements!

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: 2-7pm
WEDNESDAY, 4th May

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

FUTURE FEST: 4pm-6pm
WEDNESDAY, 17th June

Open for all students: future, current and those graduating in the summer.

PFA Graduation: 1pm-6pm
WEDNESDAY, 15th July

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

Please save these dates!

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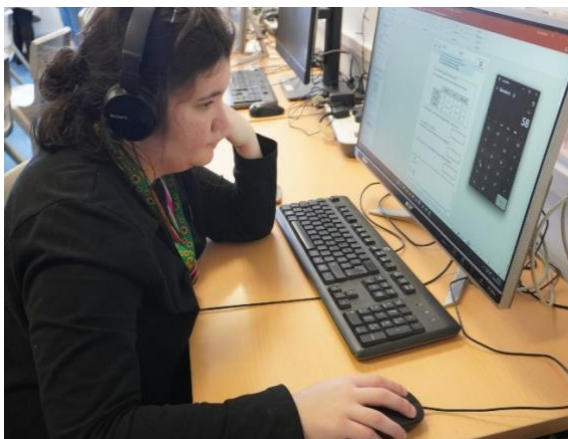
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THIS WEEK

This week’s **Festive Friday** goes to **Hassan Miah**. It has been great to see him communicating with different members of staff and building his confidence. Throughout the week, we have been out in the community during different **curriculum sessions** such as **Local Offer**, **work experience group**, shopping during **Cooking sessions**, and **Fitness**. We support students to be as independent as possible, helping them take responsibility and ownership of their personal belongings. When **out in the community**, students are reminded to bring their **Freedom Pass** every day, and it is always great when they have a little pocket money to buy something small during snack or lunchtime. Hassan was especially happy this week: he walked into college holding up his coins in a money bag, looking so proud as he came into the hall in the morning with a big smile. This week we went to **Greenwich** during our **Local Offer** session, where we explored different jobs, people do and thought about jobs we might like to do in the future.

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



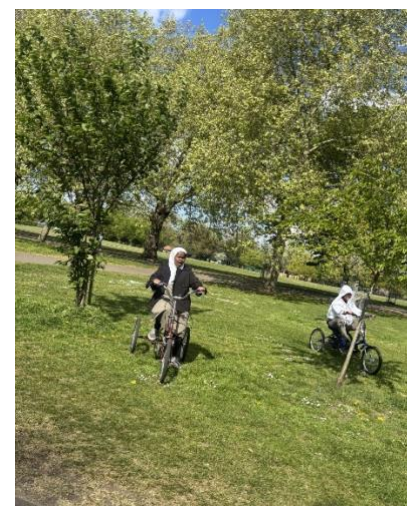
Khadija has settled back into college well and is making a positive start. On **Wednesday** morning, she worked hard on her **English and Maths** worksheets, mostly independently, which is important for her accreditation. She also tried to have positive interactions with her peers, which is still very challenging for her, but her effort was noted. During her **Ten Academy work placement**, Khadija stayed focused and completed her task well, creating English sentence-writing worksheets using an **AI-generated word bank**. Overall, it was a good effort and a strong return to college.

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor

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It has been a very positive week for students in **Mo and Darren’s classes** during **Fitness**. In Mo’s class, the progress since the **Autumn Term** has been particularly encouraging. Students have shown a significant increase in confidence when **cycling**. At the start of the term, many relied on tricycles or side-by-side cycles with staff support; however, most are now riding traditional bicycles and cycling independently through **Victoria Park**. This development highlights both their growing independence and resilience. A special mention goes to **Hassan**, who has developed a strong interest in learning to cycle and continues to make excellent progress. In Darren’s class, students have been focusing on football this term. **Hamza** and **Tejan** have especially enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate their shooting ability, showing impressive power and accuracy in their strikes. It has also been great to see them strengthening their friendship through sport, celebrating goals together in their own unique and positive way. Overall, it has been a fantastic week, with students from both classes demonstrating clear progress, confidence, and enjoyment in their fitness sessions.

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor



For this week's **Festive Friday** we chose **Tahmid Ali**. Tahmid has shown progress this week by not only transitioning to the classrooms but also participating in **Cooking and Keeping Safe** with **Helen**. During **Cooking** lesson he prepared his own lunch in the classroom by cutting up potatoes and frying them. On

Wednesday he joined in keeping safe where he did one activity on the laptop.

Yasmine St Croix, Job Coach

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This week, the **Careers Team** has chosen **Emma Chambe** as **Employer of the Week** in recognition of her excellent commitment and performance. Emma is currently attending three separate **work placements**, and we are delighted to share that all three **Career Job Coaches** have provided positive feedback. Her consistency, dedication, and professionalism across multiple environments have truly stood out.

London Docklands Museum

Emma has been doing exceptionally well during her **work placement** at the **London Docklands Museum**. She remains consistently engaged, warmly greeting visitors and interacting confidently with staff. Emma has also been developing practical skills, such as pricing items accurately and maintaining a tidy, welcoming front-of-house environment.

Janita Khan, Job Coach

Rymans

Emma has shown exceptional progress and dedication, showing great confidence on the till for the first time. She scanned items accurately and interacted positively with customers, demonstrating strong communication skills and growing independence.

Marta Ribero, Job Coach

Ayoka

Emma has been working extremely hard at **Ayoka** and continues to develop new skills each week. She thoroughly enjoys taking responsibility for pricing items, creating price tags, and carefully attaching them to products ready for sale.

Michelina Lecce, Job Coach



Have a great weekend,



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