

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We arrive at the end of this half-term with great achievements around all four areas of **Preparation for Adulthood: Employment and Education, Community Inclusion, Health and Independent Living**. We could not be prouder of our students and their accomplishments. Please see below some exciting news from our students in those four areas. Leading students to paid supported employment is our mission and we are happy to celebrate that with you.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO PHOENIX COLLEGE ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE.

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

FUTURE FEST: 16:00-18:00

WEDNESDAY, 17th June

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

SPORTS DAY: 10:00-14:00

FRIDAY, 26th June

For all PFA students!

PFA GRADUATION: STAY UP LATE: 16:00-19:00

WEDNESDAY, 15th July

A big celebration for the students graduating from the **Preparation for Adulthood** programme.

Please save these dates!

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**Imran Hassan -
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THIS WEEK

This week’s **Festive Friday** shout-out goes to the whole class for taking part in the **Local Offer** trip to **Shadwell Basin** for a water sports activity. I have to say, it was worth every bit of leaving early to get to the session! At first, some students seemed a little unsure, but I was really proud of them all. They listened carefully to the **health and safety** instructions led by the **youth worker** in charge and safely got into the **raft canoes**. The weather was perfect, the water was calm, and everyone had a great time. The students showed such bravery, positivity, and enthusiasm throughout the session. Every student attempted the activities and followed all safety instructions, which made it a really fun and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We have already booked a second session straight after the half-term break because the students were so happy to share how much they enjoyed it. Well done, everyone! I am super proud of the whole class! We will share all the details on the students’ future timetable schedule soon.

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



This week, we chose **Yacqoup** for **Festive Friday** in recognition of his fantastic effort and achievements. Yacqoup has been working incredibly hard during his **work placements**, developing excellent work

skills at **The Felix Project** and **Starbucks**. During our **Local Offer** trip to **Trafalgar Square**, Yacqoup confidently led the class and independently planned the route there, showing great independence and responsibility. In **French Enrichment** sessions, he has made excellent progress and is always enthusiastic about participating and answering questions. Yacqoup consistently engages well in **British Values** and **Keeping Safe** lessons, demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning across the **curriculum**. Fantastic week for Yacqoup!

Mya Chaaban, Job Coach

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For this **Festive Friday**, we chose **Yousef Rahman!** On **Monday**, during our trip to **Tower Bridge**, Yousef showed excellent leadership skills while guiding the group. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was very supportive of his classmates, helping them follow road safety rules especially telling them when it was safe to cross and when not. Yousef also greatly enjoys the **swimming sessions** every **Friday** with **Darren**. He always looks forward to them, arrives prepared and participates with enthusiasm each week.

Retzino Stagka, Job Coach



Tejan is our **Employee of the Week** for **Festive Friday!** This week, his work partner **Siam** was absent, meaning Tejan had to take on double the workload. He handled this challenge extremely well with very little prompting. Tejan was able to tell staff what task was next from his checklist and completed several tasks without any verbal prompts or modelling. He has been doing an excellent job at the **Vagina Museum** and always takes great care with his cleaning tasks, making sure every spot is cleaned thoroughly and to a high standard. Well done, Tejan, for all your hard work, independence, and attention to detail!

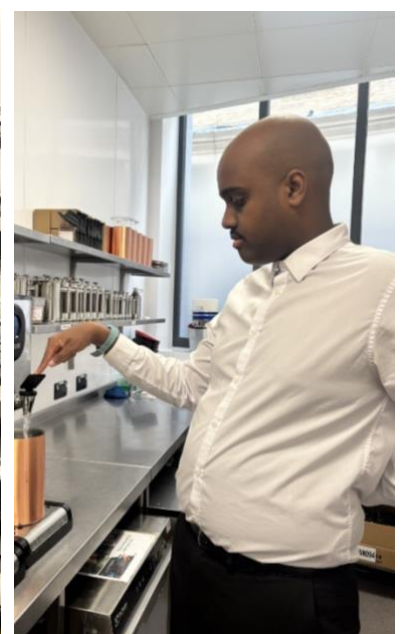
Marta Ribeiro, Job Coach



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Hamza has been doing extremely well during his **work placement** at the **Lost Property Hotel**. He has developed a strong routine in the kitchen and is now completing tasks much more independently. He works very carefully and precisely, always making sure tasks are carried out correctly and to a high standard. This week, Hamza has also shown increased confidence by engaging more with staff, asking questions, and checking what tasks need to be completed next. His positive attitude and growing independence have been very impressive. Hamza has been working extremely well at the **Hyde Park Cafe**. He has learned to complete several tasks and carries them out with pride. All the staff members are very fond of Hamza and appreciate the positive energy he brings to work every **Tuesday**. Hamza has learned how to separate the plates, cups and saucers correctly and understands what each bin is used for. He looks forward to his work placement each week and knows his start and finish times, as well as how to travel to and from work.

Michelina Lecce & Janita Khan, Job Coaches



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Have a restful and joyful half-term break,