

*“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”*

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It was so special to see our students back to Phoenix College! Students came back refreshed from a half-term with great weather and ready for the last half-term of this academic year.

This is a very busy half-term as we have many students graduating on the 15<sup>th</sup> July! Please do add these important dates to your diary: Future Fest, Sports Day and PFA Graduation – please see below.

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

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

**SPORTS DAY: 10:00-14:00**

**FRIDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> June**

For all PFA students!

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

**WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Please save these dates!**

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**THIS WEEK**

Throughout the term, students from **Darren, Frank, and Mo's classes** have had the opportunity to attend canoeing sessions at **Shadwell Outdoor Activity Centre**. It has been fantastic to see all students participating enthusiastically and engaging positively with both their peers and staff. While the sessions were enjoyable, they also provided valuable learning opportunities. Students developed their listening skills by paying close attention to the instructors' guidance on how to safely handle and correctly use a paddle. They were then able to apply these instructions effectively while **canoeing** around **Shadwell Basin** and taking part in a variety of team games and activities on the water. For many students, the sessions supported the development of fine motor skills, teamwork, and communication. Students worked together to manoeuvre their canoes, demonstrating cooperation, problem-solving, and effective communication with both staff and fellow students. It was particularly rewarding to receive positive feedback from the instructors, who commented on the students' enthusiasm, engagement, and enjoyment throughout the programme. Well done to everyone!

**Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor**



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This week, for **Festive Friday**, we have chosen the whole class for their positive return to college after the break. They came back enthusiastic, motivated, and ready for the final academic term. We would also like to give special recognition to **Abdulshakur**. He was very excited to see his friends again after a few weeks away and settled back into college life straight away. Abdulshakur resumed his timetable with enthusiasm, engaged well in all sessions, and followed staff instructions throughout the week. Well done to everyone for such a positive start to the term! We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable final term together.

**Elena Vata, Senior Instructor**



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This week, **Frank's class** enjoyed a successful trip to **Canary Wharf** after revisiting **CV writing and employability skills** in the morning. Students showed excellent focus throughout the day and represented **Phoenix College** brilliantly. The group demonstrated great camaraderie, respect, and patience, supporting one another and creating a positive atmosphere wherever they went. From visiting the **Sky Garden** and enjoying lunch together to exploring **Jubilee Place** and discussing job opportunities, the students showed maturity, teamwork, and strong friendships, making the day enjoyable for everyone.

**Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor**



Our **Employee of the Week for Festive Friday** this week goes to **Siyam Ahmed!** With lots of changes this week with his work partner, **Tejan**, being absent, and tube strike, Siyam was a bit anxious but he managed it all very well! He had to take on double the workload. Siyam was able to problem solve the journey to **Work Placement** as the bus terminated at a different bus stop and we had to wait for the next bus. He has become very consistent with his work routine. He completes his job and always tidies up with a smile! Well done, Siyam, for all your hard work and attention to detail!

**Jessy Tzesiana, Job Coach**



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Have a wonderful weekend,