

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

We are really looking forward to seeing you next week at our **Future Fest** – Transitions Fair. This is a very important opportunity for the parents, carers and families for leaving students to liaise not only with the team from Phoenix College but also with the services that will be working with your child after graduation.

Please do book a time for your visit as soon as possible.

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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THIS WEEK

I just wanted to highlight how incredible our students have been since returning from the half-term break. Despite many changes, they have adapted brilliantly and continued to show resilience, positivity, and enthusiasm throughout the week. It was wonderful to end the week on such a positive note as we celebrated our **College Eid Party** in June 2026. The students were so happy and excited – and who does not enjoy a celebration? It was fantastic to see everyone dressed in their beautiful outfits and enjoying the festivities. Of course, no party would be complete without food, including our famous **Phoenix samosas!** Throughout the day, students played a huge part in preparing for the Eid celebration. They helped with decorating the hall, making decorations, preparing and cooking snacks, organising activities, choosing music, and even creating beautiful henna designs. Their teamwork, creativity, and willingness to help made the event a real success. The joy and excitement around the college were wonderful to see, and it was a fantastic way to bring everyone together to celebrate. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work, positivity, and contribution to making the day so special.

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



Joe had a wonderful week and showed amazing skills and confidence. On Monday, he demonstrated his high-level swimming skills at **Stratford**. He also helped his peers on the journey to **Waterloo** to explore places in the community. Joe took part in the **Graduates Sports Day** and showed his excellent fitness by winning the running race. He is continuing his **Teaching Assistant** work placement at **Phoenix School** and we are receiving great feedback about his hard work and positive attitude. Keep going, Joe!



Frank Kasa, Senior Instructor

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Our **Festive Friday award** this week goes to **Aysha!** We have seen a fantastic improvement in Aysha’s confidence this week. She has been taking the lead during community activities, looking out for her friends, and showing much more confidence when wearing her hearing aid. Aysha is always helpful in class and greets the team every day with the biggest smile. Her positive attitude and growing independence have been wonderful to see. Well done, Aysha! We are all very proud of you.

Yasmine St Croix, Job Coach



A huge well done to **Maryam Amjad** for all her hard work and positive attitude over the past week. Maryam has been working exceptionally well and continues to demonstrate maturity, resilience, and understanding. Although her **placement** at **Refill Therapy** has been paused due to the retail site temporarily closing while it relocates, Maryam handled the news fantastically. She showed great understanding of the situation and accepted the change with a positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic work, Maryam!

Janita Khan, Job Coach



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This week, a group of students from each class, primarily our graduating students, attended the **Sports Day Festival** at **Mile End Stadium**, where they competed alongside students from other schools, colleges, and educational provisions across **Tower Hamlets**. Throughout the day, students enthusiastically participated in a wide range of sporting activities. These included team sports such as **football** and **cricket**, opportunities to develop their cycling skills using specialist bikes, and track events including the 100-metre sprint. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, showcase their abilities, and enjoy friendly competition in a positive and supportive environment. The day was not only filled with sporting achievements but also gave students the chance to reconnect with old friends who previously attended **Phoenix College**, making the event even more special. A special thank you goes to **June, Jorna, Mich, Mirriam** and **Jessy**, whose enthusiasm and encouragement helped create a fun and energetic atmosphere throughout the day. They worked tirelessly to ensure that all students had the opportunity to participate in activities and enjoy a memorable experience. We are incredibly proud of all the students who attended and represented the college so positively. We now look forward to our own **College Sports Day** in two weeks' time!



Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor

Have a great weekend,



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