

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents, carers and families that attended our **Future Fest** on Wednesday!

Working towards paid supported employment and volunteering opportunities is a big part of the programmes delivered at Phoenix College. For both the **Preparation for Adulthood** and **Project SEARCH** programmes, the work from our **Careers Team, Supported Employment Team, Instructors, Tutors** and **Job Coaches** is essential to allow students to find their own pathway into adulthood. Please see below some good news stories about work.

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

SPORTS DAY: 10:00-14:00

FRIDAY, 26th June

For all PFA students!

CLASS TRIPS: 9:00-15:00

MONDAY, 13th July

For all PFA students! End of the Academic year; Class trips before Summer Break

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, we would like to celebrate the achievements and progress that **Francois** has made in his community-based learning. During **Local Offer** sessions, Francois has demonstrated excellent travel planning skills. He confidently uses **City Mapper** to plan journeys and effectively communicates with staff about the quickest and safest routes to take. At both of his **work placements**, **Tower Hamlets Foodbank** and **Spitalfields Market**, Francois consistently demonstrates excellent attention to detail when carrying out tasks and following instructions. He responds positively to feedback, remembers any corrections or guidance provided, and successfully implements these improvements in his work. Francois continues to make a positive and professional impression at both placements. It has been particularly encouraging to see his confidence grow when using digital devices while interacting with customers. His willingness to develop new skills and engage positively with others reflects the significant progress he is making towards greater independence and employability. Well done, Francois!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor & Michelina Lecce, Job Coach



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Aniqa has continued to impress everyone in **Frank’s Class** with her outstanding independence and excellent computer skills. In **Digital World**, she works through tasks confidently and is able to figure out most activities on her own. During her work with **The Ten Academy** this week, she explored geography by selecting cities from around the world, designing maps using a web app, finding photographs, and answering questions about each location with great independence. Her community **work placement** is also going well and she has been working as a cleaner at **Mile End Park Hostel**. Aniqa’s kind nature and wonderful sense of humour brighten our days, and her funny jokes about **SpongeBob** and **Squidward** are always a highlight that everyone enjoys. On top of all this, the beautiful art pieces she has created have shown her creativity and talent. Go Aniqa!

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



Our **Festive Friday** for this week goes to **Yousef Rahman**! Yousef Rahman has continued to grow in confidence and is making excellent progress towards achieving his targets. He loves taking the role of the leader when he is out in the community and setting a positive example for others. During Tuesday's **Cooking** lesson, he worked mainly independently, demonstrating good initiative and responsibility. Once the activity was finished, Yousef took it upon himself to tidy up and wash the dishes after his classmates had finished. He has also become increasingly helpful around the classroom, regularly offering support and contributing positively to the class environment.

Retzino Stagka, Job Coach

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I am delighted to share that this week's **Festive Friday** from **Mo's class** is **Hassan Miah**. Hassan has shown fantastic teamwork skills throughout the week and has also demonstrated great progress in both his **reading** and **maths**. It has been wonderful to see him becoming increasingly independent, particularly in requesting breaks when needed and taking responsibility by bringing a timer with him to support his learning. Over the last couple of weeks, Hassan has truly blossomed. He arrives at college each day with a smile on his face and a positive attitude, which has had a wonderful impact on both staff and his friends. We are very proud of Hassan and all that he has achieved.

Miriam Nayya, Job Coach



Have a wonderful weekend,



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