

“A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment”

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Dear parents, carers and families,

I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the whole team at **Phoenix College**, both at the **Preparation for Adulthood** and **Project SEARCH** programmes, for keeping students safe and engaged throughout this very challenging week. With the severe weather alerts, it was extremely inspiring to see staff being so creative, professional and dedicated to make sure that we could keep Phoenix College open as normal.

A massive thank you as well to all parents, carers and families that kept close communication with us to make sure that students were safe, either at college or at home. **THANK YOU!**

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, 3rd July

For all PFA students!

CLASS TRIPS: 10:00-14:00

MONDAY, 13th July

For all PFA students before end of the academic year!

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

As we approach the final weeks of this academic year, we would like to congratulate all of our students for their resilience and hard work. They have continued to engage positively and follow their timetables despite the challenges of this week's heatwave. College has remained open and has made several adjustments to support both staff and students, particularly during practical sessions such as **Cooking**. This week, we also enjoyed a fantastic trip to **Barking Splash Park**, which was a fun-filled and memorable day for everyone. One of the highlights of the week has been our hydration breaks, which have taken place every hour, especially during the afternoons. Students have enjoyed helping staff and their friends stay hydrated by preparing and serving homemade mocktails, ice lollies, chilled water, and ice cream treats. These activities have provided lots of smiles, laughter, and valuable opportunities to develop work skills. Well done to all of our students for their positive attitudes and continued hard work throughout the week.

Mohammed Ahmed, Senior Instructor



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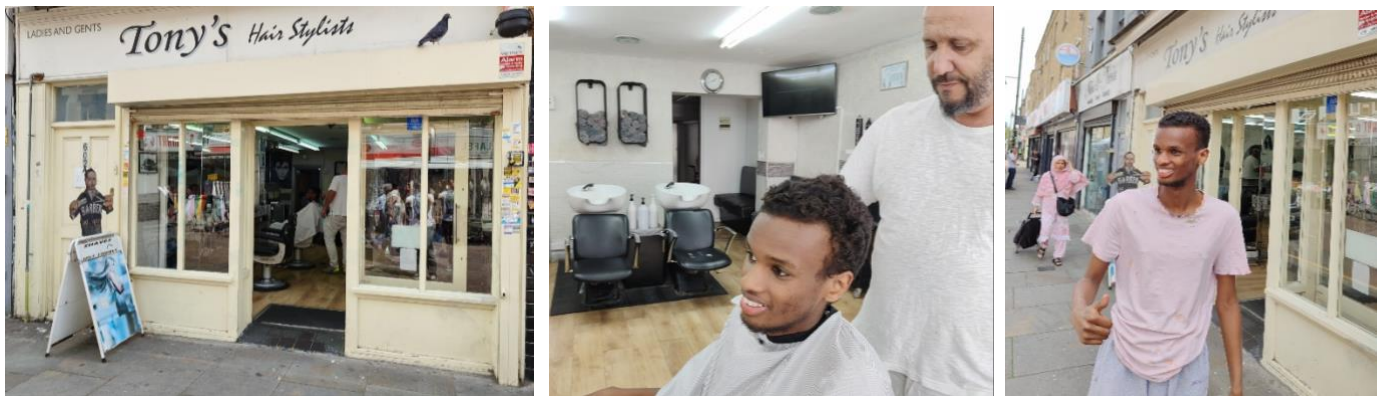
For **Festive Friday**, I chose a few students from each class. This term, students chose to book an appointment to have treatments in a **salon or barber shop** environment as part of their **Self-Care** sessions. The students have been learning about salons and barbers, the types of treatments available, and experiencing different environments to support their understanding of real-life situations. I am very proud of each student who booked and participated in the treatments. **Reshma** remained focused for one hour and completed her treatment without asking for a break. She really enjoyed the experience and was smiling and laughing throughout. **Andrea** was also amazing; she completed her treatment and appeared very relaxed at all times. **Jo** was very kind and polite, asking questions and engaging well during the session. **Maryam** was hesitant at first, but later she joined the group and sat in the chair for a pedicure. At the end of the treatment, she thanked all the staff. All students behaved very well, and it was a pleasure to see them engaging positively and enjoying the experience.

Elena Vata, Senior Instructor



Ibrahim had a fantastic **Self-Care** session this week. He prepared for a visit to the **hairdresser** by discussing what to expect and then enjoyed a trip to **Roman Road Market** with the group. Ibrahim confidently chose a hairdresser and had a lovely haircut. He was sensible throughout the visit, enjoyed chatting with the hairdresser, paid with his own money, and appropriately expected his change back. His fun personality brought smiles to everyone around him, and we were all very proud of the independence, confidence, and maturity he showed during the outing.

Ferenc Kasa, Senior Instructor



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This week, we would like to celebrate the achievements of **Hamza Ibrahim. Darren’s Class** recently attended a **football coaching session** delivered by a **West Ham United Community Coach** at **Poplar Baths Leisure Centre**. During the session, students participated in a range of football drills, focusing on passing, dribbling, and shooting skills. As a keen sports enthusiast, Hamza thrived throughout the session. He demonstrated excellent skill, accuracy, and enthusiasm in every activity, making the most of the opportunity to showcase his footballing abilities. Hamza also acted as a positive role model for his classmates, confidently demonstrating techniques and supporting others to develop their skills. It has always been a pleasure to see Hamza’s passion for sport shine through, particularly when celebrating a goal with his trademark shout of **“BOOM!”** or **“GOAL!”** His enthusiasm and energy are infectious and have brought joy to both staff and students alike. Well done, Hamza!

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor



Have a restful weekend,



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