

"A Clear Pathway Towards Independence and Supported Employment"

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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we have already got to the end of another academic year!

This has been an exciting, innovative and ambitious academic year. We had the challenge to welcome 18 new students in September at the Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) programme and 33 new interns in the Project SEARCH (PS) programme. It was exciting to embrace 51 new learners but also a big adventure for our staff team. I could not be prouder of the work done by both teams in making sure that learners felt safe but also striving to achieve their EHCP targets. It was a job really well done, Phoenix Force!

At the other end of the academic year, we saw all the Project SEARCH interns and 12 of the Preparation for Adulthood students graduating! We were so pleased to see all learners leaving with very clear outcomes and deeply appreciating their time at Phoenix College.

As I said in both graduations, please keep in touch!

Renato Marques – College Principal

Please see attached our term dates for the next academic year. Students will start their courses at Phoenix College on Monday 7th September 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the poster for the **Young Tower Hamlets Summer Camp 26**. They will offer free activities every Friday through August!

For graduates:

Open House – 14th October 2026

From 16:00 to 18:00



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THIS WEEK



This week, for **Festive Friday**, we chose the whole class as it was our final Festive Friday together. I would like to say a huge **well done** to all of our students and to my wonderful team for working so hard throughout this year. I am incredibly proud of the amazing progress and achievements every student has made. It was also our last class trip together, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed visiting the **Sea Life Aquarium**. On Tuesday, we had another whole-class picnic, and it was lovely to see everyone so happy and enjoying their time together. Wednesday was our **Graduation Day**, a wonderful celebration of all that our students have achieved. While it was a joyful occasion, it was also time to say goodbye to some of our amazing students: **Maryam, Raihan, Raheem, and Tahmid**. I am really going to miss you all. It has been an amazing year having each of you in my class, and I feel so proud of everything you have achieved. As you begin your next adventure, always believe in yourselves, work hard, and follow your dreams. I wish you all the very best for the future. Please keep in touch with us—we would love to hear how you are getting on. I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support and contribution throughout the year. Have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you again in the future!

Elena Vata, Senior Instructor



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This year we say goodbye to two amazing students from **Frank's Class**. **Aniqa** has been a wonderful part of our class. She is a very creative artist who loves SpongeBob and can draw perfect Uffa animation characters. Aniqa always finishes every task, works very independently, and always gives her best. She is kind, funny, and brings smiles to everyone around her. We will all miss her so much and wish her every success and happiness for the future. **Tom** has a truly unique personality and has given us many unforgettable moments. He often starts his computer work after everyone else but still finishes before everyone, and his work is always neat and excellent. Tom's love of superheroes, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Japan makes him who he is, and I hope these special interests continue to bring him lots of happiness throughout his life. I will especially miss listening to Japanese oasis sounds together. Tom has been a pleasure to teach, and we wish him all the very best for the future.

Frank Kasa, Senior Instructor

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support. It has been a fantastic year, and I am incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved. It has been a real pleasure to be part of each student's journey. I would also like to say a huge thank you to my amazing team – **Marta, Mirriam, Gavin, Anika** and **Shona**. A special congratulations to **Tahseen**, who is graduating from our class this year. It has been wonderful watching you grow, and I know you have a bright future ahead. I hope you continue to enjoy your cooking and baking at home, and I wish you every success in everything you do. Over the summer, please continue to encourage your child to practice the skills they have learnt this year and, where possible, continue exploring the local community and the travel journeys they have enjoyed with their peers. These experiences help build confidence and independence. This week, we travelled from college on the DLR to **North Greenwich** before taking the **Emirates Cable Car** across the **River Thames** and back again. There were lots of smiles and laughter throughout the day. We then enjoyed a snack at **The O2** before boarding the **Uber Clipper** for a beautiful journey along the **River Thames**, taking in London's famous landmarks. We finished the day with a delicious lunch together at **Wagamama** on the **South Bank** before travelling safely back to college on the Underground from **Embankment**. It was a memorable day that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you once again for all your support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mohammed Ahmed (Mo), Senior Instructor

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This week, Darren's class enjoyed a number of memorable highlights. On Monday, the class visited the **Gravity Max Arcade** at **Stratford Westfield** for their end-of-year trip. Students had an exciting time playing a variety of arcade games together and enjoyed a fun-filled day of friendly competition. After a lovely lunch, the group visited the **Project SEARCH** stand in **Westfield**, where they learned about and celebrated **Disability Pride Month** while supporting the programme's awareness activities. On Wednesday, we held our **Graduation Ceremony**, celebrating and recognising the achievements of our graduating students. This year's graduates from Darren's class were **Afzal, Emma, Hamza, Josh, and Thomas Waterton**.

It has been a pleasure working with each of you. As a team, we are incredibly proud of the progress, determination, and success you have shown during your time at **Phoenix College**. We wish you every success and happiness in the future as you move on to your next chapter.

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Senior Instructor



Have a great summer holiday!!!



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