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Dear parents, carers and families,

The highlight of this week was the article about Phoenix College in The Guardian. We are so happy and proud of our learners for sharing their educational journeys so eloquently. You can read the article via the link below:

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2026/nov/17/helping-neets-into-work-project

This week, I would like to introduce you to our **Lead Instructor, Mo Ahmed**. Mo is an integral part of Phoenix College and a role model for our students, staff and wider community. His dedication to Phoenix College goes beyond his excellent work in the classroom: he has also been actively seeking new opportunities for our learners. We benefit enormously from his knowledge, experience and strong connections within our local community, where he is widely regarded as a father figure.

Renato Marques – College Principal



Mohammed Tufael Ahmed - Lead Instructor

I am proud to have been one of the key team members involved in establishing and developing Phoenix College since 2015, when the provision first began at Tower Hamlets College.
Over the years, I have progressed into the role of **Lead Instructor**, delivering catering sessions, supporting college events, and contributing to **Preparing for Adulthood (PFA)** initiatives and project-based learning.
I hold Level 3/4 qualifications in Catering, Supervision, Food and Hospitality, alongside a Level 5 Diploma in Teaching and Education and **Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS)** status.
I am passionate about helping students develop practical hospitality skills, confidence, independence and readiness for adulthood and employment.
Looking ahead, I aim to support Phoenix College's continued growth, including expansion across multiple sites and the development of our own social enterprise and social care services, creating meaningful opportunities for students to gain vocational experience and achieve greater independence.
I am proud of how far Phoenix College has come and look forward to contributing to its continued success and future development.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

STAY UP LATE: 16:00-19:00 WEDNESDAY, 16th December 2026
This will be our first visit to Genesis Cinema this academic year!

Please save the date!

THIS WEEK

Festive Friday – Celebrating Samad Samad has had a fantastic week in ***Enrichment: Expressive Arts!*** He has worked incredibly hard to create some beautiful, colourful flowers using a wonderful variety of materials, including brightly coloured paper, paper leaves and pipe cleaners. He showed great enthusiasm, creativity and effort throughout the activity. His finished flowers were wonderfully vibrant and full of colour! We have lots of lovely photos of Samad in action! Well done Samad! We are so proud of your creativity and the fantastic effort you have put in this week.

Tahera Begum, Job Coach





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This week, our **Festive Friday** goes to **Abdul Waheed!** Waheed joined **Frank's Class** this **Tuesday**, and what a fantastic start he has made! Despite joining a little later than the rest of his classmates, he has settled in well. He has participated in ***Fitness*** activities with his new friends, and explored the local community during ***Local Offer***.
We are really pleased with how well Waheed has settled into his new class and look forward to continuing to get to know him, supporting his development and watching his confidence grow. It has been a lovely start! It is great to have you in Frank's class, Waheed! Keep shining!

Marta Ribero, Job Coach









This week, for **Festive Friday**, we have chosen **Joe**, **Labib** and **Yusuf Rashid** in recognition of their excellent work during the ***Enrichment: Baking session***. All three students demonstrated great confidence and enthusiasm while following the visual recipe step by step to prepare pancakes. They worked collaboratively, shared the ingredients appropriately and showed good teamwork throughout the activity. They also demonstrated an excellent understanding of kitchen safety by using the ***cooking*** equipment responsibly, with minimal support. Jorna and the supporting team provided guidance and supervision to ensure that all students remained safe throughout the baking session. It was wonderful to see the students working as a team, sharing resources and developing their practical baking skills.

Jorna Khan, Job Coach

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This week, we would like to celebrate the fantastic progress Rahi has been making during his ***Enrichment: Baking*** sessions, led by Jorna Khan. Throughout these sessions, Rahi has been developing his fine motor skills by using a variety of baking tools to prepare and decorate simple recipes with staff support. He has also been building his confidence and developing his ability to follow visual recipes with increasing independence. It has been particularly encouraging to see how the skills Rahi is developing during enrichment are transferring into other areas of his learning. Staff have noticed improvements in his engagement and participation during **Cooking** sessions, as well as his growing confidence in independently requesting equipment during classroom activities. These are fantastic achievements that demonstrate Rahi's continued progress in developing his communication, independence and practical life skills. What a brilliant way to celebrate your birthday! Happy Birthday and well done, Rahi! 🎂🎉

Darren Serrano-Griffiths, Lead Instructor









Have a wonderful weekend,

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