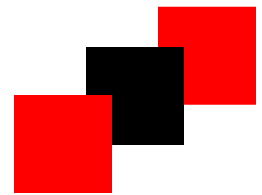


Sports Students Visit the Theatre of Dreams



BTEC Sports students spend an exciting day at Old Trafford, home of Manchester United football club.

The students were able to go behind the scenes at the club and investigate the stadium. The opportunity was too much for some who were overawed by the players changing rooms and the Directors box. They also had the chance to sit in the dug-out at the side of the pitch.

Following this was an interesting journey through the history of the club in its three floor museum. The story of Manchester United was told in excellent displays and the museum combined the success stories of the club alongside some of its greatest challenges.

Students were also given a workshop on health and safety at the stadium which tied into their BTEC unit. They learnt of the modifications that were made to the stadium after the Hillsborough disaster in order to ensure crowd safety on match days. This included the magnificent tunnel with its hydraulic roof which can be lifted up to 25 feet in order to allow rescue vehicles on to the pitch.

The students all had a fantastic time and felt that they gained a great deal from the experience both for their studies and also as football fans.

'It was the best experience ever! No words can describe how amazing it was!' year 13 student.

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