



# Castlefield Newsletter

## Spring 2025



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## Let It Snow!

Well, it wasn't a White Christmas - but we certainly enjoyed a White January! Eager to make the most of the weather, students wrapped up warm and headed over to Marsden in West Yorkshire. This little village is one of the best places to enjoy a snow day, surrounded by sweeping moors, peaks and crags. We had so much fun sledging down the hillsides and racing each other to the top again!

Spending time outdoors isn't just about having fun - it's crucial for our physical and mental health. It's one of the best ways to reduce stress, regulate our moods, and improve our overall fitness. We were very lucky to get some snow this winter and we hope we'll get the opportunity to enjoy it again next year. In the meantime, we look forward to all the adventures the summer months will bring!

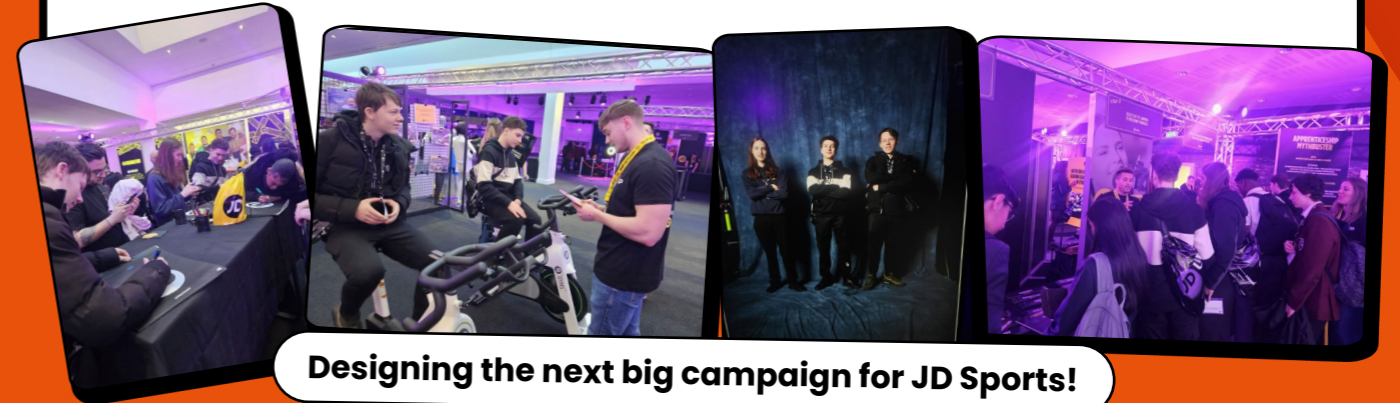


**Sliding into the new year - a snowy start to 2025!**

## Kickstarting Careers

At Castlefield Campus, we ensure pupils have the opportunity to explore a wide range of careers, helping them to make informed choices and prepare for the world of employment. This term, we were delighted to take part in a work experience event hosted by the JD Sports Up Foundation. Our young people loved the chance to learn more about an iconic, world-renowned brand that first began its journey right here in the North West of England!

Students learned about all the job roles available at JD Sports, opening their eyes to new pathways and opportunities. We enjoyed meeting famous influencers and even got involved with branding and merchandising our own JD products! We hoped this experience inspired our pupils to explore their talents and set goals for the future!



**Designing the next big campaign for JD Sports!**

## Sweet as Pie

They say nothing beats the smell of freshly baked bread, but we reckon we've found a close contender! As always, our GCSE Food Technology students have been busy in the kitchen this term, cooking up lots of tasty and nutritious meals. One of our favourites had to be the fruit pies - with sweet buttery pastry and a warm filling, it's the ideal treat to enjoy on a cold day! Pupils experimented with different ingredients and flavours, including mango and passion fruit, apple and mixed berries. Every single one of them was delicious! And better yet, it counts as one of our five a day...right?!

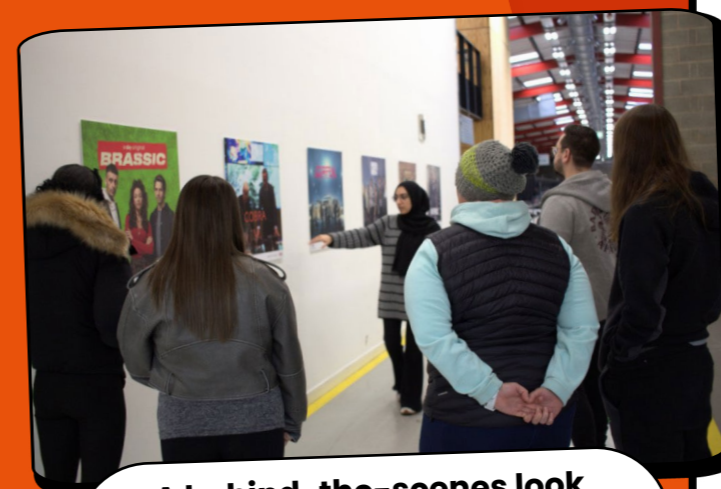


**Fresh out of the oven and glazed to perfection.**

## Lights, Camera, Action!

Students enjoyed their tour of the Sharp Project - a 200,000 sq ft warehouse that's home to more than 60 digital entrepreneurs and production companies specialising in digital content, digital media, TV and film production. We enjoyed going behind-the-scenes and learning about some of the famous TV productions that took place on site! We also explored all the exciting job roles available, including photographers, stylists, technicians and designers, learning how they work together to create high-quality digital content.

This was a great opportunity to learn about the real-world impact of the creative sector, from shaping public opinion and storytelling to driving technological innovation. We hope this experience provided valuable insights into potential career pathways and the skills required for our learners to thrive in this exciting industry!



**A behind-the-scenes look into the world of digital content and media.**