

SHEFFIELD UNITED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DARTON ACADEMY

Dates

14th May 2026

Students

20 year 8 students

Employers

Sheffield United Community
Foundation

Itinerary

1. **Introduction** to Sheffield United Community Foundation and the role it plays within local communities.
2. **Careers in Football & Community Work** exploring the wide range of roles available both within the football club and the community foundation.
3. **Community Project Challenge** where students worked in teams to design a sports programme for young people, considering budgets, promotion and impact.
4. **Esports Session** including a talk from the Esports Manager and hands-on experience using gaming equipment and the Formula 1 simulator.
5. **Showcase & Reflection** with students presenting their ideas and reflecting on the skills they had developed.

Equalex learning objectives

1. Increase awareness of careers within sport, community development and the wider football industry.
2. Develop understanding of the skills and behaviours valued by employers, including teamwork, communication and problem-solving.
3. Gain inspiration through engagement with professionals and exploration of different education and career pathways.

Impact

Students increased their awareness of careers within sport, esports and community development while developing teamwork, communication and presentation skills. The experience also helped raise aspirations by highlighting a range of pathways into employment and further education.