

Manchester United Trip

22nd January 2014

On the 22nd January 2014, 28 students from the Key Stage 3 girls football team and Year 8 boys football team were taken up to Manchester, Old Trafford, and invited to watch the Capital One Cup semi-final second leg between Manchester United and Sunderland, who suprisingly, had a 2-1 lead on aggregate. The atmosphere within the stadium was tantalising as we got ready for what was sure to be filled with drama and excitement. The first half saw many chances, one of which dropped to Jonny Evans who got United back in the game and set up an interesting cup tie. The rest of the half was full of chances for both sides but neither could convert. United stepped up their game after halftime and pressed for another goal to ensure a Manchester derby final. Adnan Januzaj came close with a free kick stopped by Vito Mannone, but once again no one could score. And so the game went into extra time. Once again both teams had their share of chances, but no one could score. Towards the end of extra time there were goals from Phil Bardsley for Sunderland, but no less than a minute later Javier Hernandez scored a goal at the other end. This meant that the match went to the gripping conclusion of penalties! Despite a poor few penalties from both sides we eventually had a winner; Sunderland 3-1.

Overall this was an amazing opportunity and allowed us to see a great match and we all thoroughly enjoyed the chance to watch a Premier League tie! Many thanks to the PE staff for organising such a great trip.

