



# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM | 2025

As we reach the end of our second full year of delivering education at JEP, we are proud to reflect on a year of exponential growth and progress. Our curriculum journey has continued to evolve, and we've made significant strides in delivering high-quality education tailored to the needs of our young people. We have consistently operated above national AP attendance levels, and this year has been no exception something we're incredibly proud of. Even more encouraging is the substantial improvement in qualification results and outcomes across all subject areas. These successes are the result of several key developments, including more effective strategies to support positive behaviour choices and deeper engagement in the classroom. Our newly refined exam approach has also played a vital role in helping our YPs achieve their full potential.

We remain firmly committed to further improving our provision because it is what our young people deserve, and because we know it makes a difference to their futures.

Looking ahead, our curriculum focus will be on embedding our newly designed subject overviews and introducing an exciting new Life Skills and IT curriculum. On the pastoral side, we'll be implementing the Zones of Regulation to help our YPs better understand and manage their emotions and behaviour. We'll also be placing a renewed emphasis on the use of Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), ensuring that every YP receives a bespoke, needs-led approach to their education.

Thank you for being part of our journey so far. We look forward to continuing to grow together in the year ahead.

Wishing you a restful and positive summer break.

Jason Whittaker  
Head of Provision

## Exam Results

### English

- 100% pass rate in Speaking, Listening & Communication (Levels 1 & 2)
- 95% pass rate in Reading at Level 1
- 100% pass rate in Reading at Level 2
- 70% pass rate in Writing at Level 1
- 100% pass rate in Writing at Level 2
- 100% overall pass rate for learners who sat all three elements at both levels

### Maths

- 90% pass rate at Level 1 Maths
- 60% pass rate at Level 2 Maths

### Vocational

- Occupational Studies – 100% pass rate
- Art – 100% pass rate
- Health & Fitness – 100% pass rate
- Dance – 100% pass rate



It's been a fantastic year at JEP Youth Engagement, and we couldn't be prouder of what our learners have achieved. From 100% pass rates in Art, Health & Fitness, Occupational Studies and Speaking & Listening, to strong results across English and Maths—including Level 2 Maths where we beat the national average. Behind every result is a journey, of building confidence, overcoming challenges, and discovering what they're capable of. Whether it's been developing essential skills or exploring vocational pathways, our learners have made huge strides—and our staff have been there every step of the way.

We said a heartfelt goodbye to our Year 11 and Post 16 leavers as they completed their final exams and officially finished their time at JEP.

Throughout this exam season, our young people showed resilience, sitting their NCFE qualifications with determination and commitment right to the very end. We couldn't be prouder of the way they've grown and persevered.

To mark the occasion, we held a special celebration brunch. Staff served up a barbecue of sausage barms, followed by cakes and plenty of smiles. Each young person received a personalised message from staff with words of encouragement, pride, and best wishes for their next steps. Jamie Pilling, the founder of JEP, joined us to congratulate the young people. Jamie shared some inspiring words of wisdom, encouraging them to believe in themselves and embrace the future with confidence and purpose.

To celebrate and say goodbye to our amazing Post-16 yp's, staff took them out for coffee and cakes. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on their journey, share memories, and wish them all the best as they move on to new opportunities.

As we shared with them on the day:

"We know the road here hasn't been easy. You've faced challenges, but you showed strength, growth and resilience every step of the way. At JEP, we saw more than the setbacks, we saw your potential. We've watched you learn, reflect and push through when it mattered most. This isn't the end of your story. It's just the beginning. Keep going. Keep showing up and never forget what you're capable of. We're proud of you – all of you."

# JEP Leavers

## 2025





# SPORTS DAY



JEP Youth Engagement Celebrates National School Sports Week with Action-Packed Activities Day

JEP Youth Engagement proudly hosted an unforgettable Activities Day at Walshaw Cricket Club. The event brought together young people from our Bolton provision for a full day of sport, teamwork, and resilience.

Despite the heat, our students showed incredible determination, energy, and enthusiasm as they rotated through a series of sporting events including Football, Cricket, Rounders, and Dodgeball. Each activity offered opportunities for students to challenge themselves physically, build communication skills, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

Our young people were a credit to themselves and to JEP, demonstrating excellent teamwork, encouragement of others, and a real sense of community. From powerful shots in cricket to quick reflexes in dodgeball, there were moments of brilliance throughout the day that reminded us of the power of sport in engaging and inspiring learners.

A huge thank you to Sam for organising, the staff, volunteers, and the team at Walshaw Cricket Club for helping us make the day a success. Events like these are a vital part of our alternative provision offer – giving students a chance to thrive outside the classroom and develop skills that support both physical and emotional wellbeing.

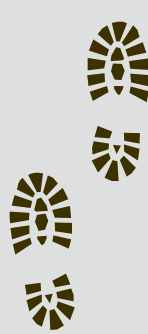
Year 6 Sports Day was filled with energy, teamwork and friendly competition. Our young people participated in a variety of athletic events, showcasing their skills and determination.

The encouragement and community spirit were amazing to see. It ended with celebrations, proud smiles and memories from the year 6's last couple of weeks together at JEP.





# JEP'S "STEP UP FOR SHELTER" SPONSORED WALK



At JEP Youth Engagement, we believe in building not just academic skills, but personal strength and character. This was proudly demonstrated during our recent Sponsored Walk, where our students took on a challenging 9-mile route through the stunning surroundings of Wayoh, Entwistle, and Jumbles Reservoirs.

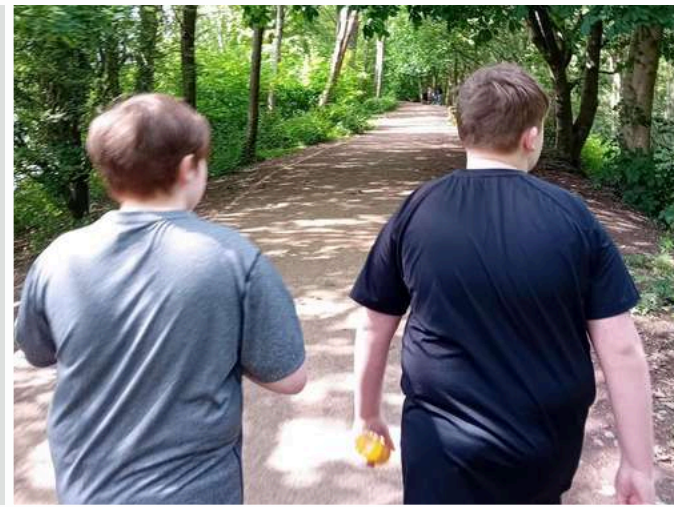
The walk was no easy feat – with varied terrain, long distances, and the demands of staying motivated over several hours – but our young people rose to the challenge with outstanding resilience, determination, and a positive mindset.

Throughout the day, students supported one another, kept spirits high, and pushed through moments of tiredness and discomfort to complete the full distance. The beautiful natural landscape offered the perfect backdrop for reflection, conversation, and a real sense of achievement.

This Sponsored Walk wasn't just a physical challenge – it was an opportunity to raise awareness and funds for causes important to our students, while also promoting the values of endurance, teamwork, and perseverance that lie at the heart of what we do at JEP.

We are incredibly proud of every student who took part. Their commitment and resilience are a reminder of just how capable and strong our young people are when given the right support and the opportunity to shine.

Well done to everyone involved – and here's to more adventures ahead!





# Safeguarding Over the Summer Holidays



## Online Safety.

- Talk regularly with your child about their online activity.
- Set age-appropriate screen time limits and app permissions.
- Use parental controls on devices and Wi-Fi.
- Encourage children not to share personal information online.
- Ensure they know how to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

## Don't Risk It for a Challenge

- Social media dares or peer pressure can lead to unsafe choices.
- Your life is worth more than a few likes—say no to risky behaviour.
- If you get into trouble, try to float on your back to catch your breath and stay calm – Float to Live.
- Call for help and raise your arm—don't tire yourself out by swimming hard.
- If someone else is in trouble: Call 999 and look for rescue equipment—don't jump in.

## Water Safety Tips for Teens

- Think Before You Jump
- Don't jump or dive into water unless you know how deep it is.
- Hidden objects under the surface can cause serious injury.
- Cold water shock can affect even strong swimmers—enter slowly and feet first.
- Never overestimate your swimming ability in open water.
- Strong currents, tides, or cold temperatures can quickly become dangerous.
- Avoid swimming alone or after dark.
- Look for safety signs and follow them—they're there for your protection.
- Avoid isolated or unknown spots like canals, quarries, and fast-flowing rivers.

## Support services

YoungMinds Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) – Free online counselling for young people

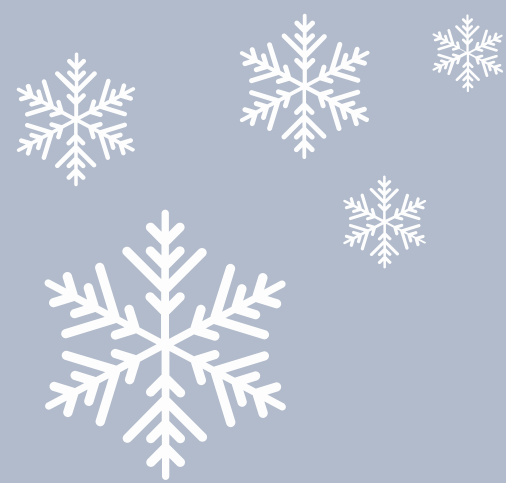
## Useful Resources & Emergency Info

In an emergency: Call 999 and ask for the Coastguard (beach/sea) or Fire & Rescue (rivers/lakes)

Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS):  
[www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)

RNLI Water Safety Advice: [www.rnli.org/safety](http://www.rnli.org/safety)  
#FloatToLive campaign:  
[www.respectthewater.com](http://www.respectthewater.com)

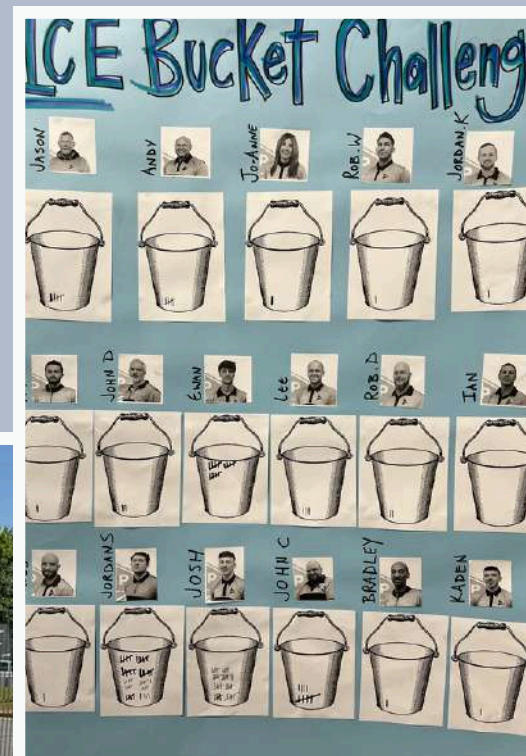
# ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



As part of World Mental Health Awareness Week, JEP Youth Engagement took a fun – and freezing – approach to raising awareness and funds for mental health charities by hosting our very own Ice Bucket Challenge.

In the lead-up to the event, our young people had the chance to donate and cast their votes for which brave staff member would be drenched with a large bucket of ice-cold water. The excitement built throughout the week as donations rolled in and the votes piled up, creating a real buzz across the provision.

On the day of the challenge, the atmosphere was electric. Staff took it in good spirits, and when the winning name was announced, students gathered eagerly to witness the chilly moment – all for a fantastic cause. There was laughter, cheers, and even a few offers to hold the bucket!



All donations went directly to mental health charities chosen by our students, reinforcing the importance of not only supporting emotional wellbeing but also taking positive action to help others. The event sparked valuable conversations around mental health and showed that awareness can be raised in creative, inclusive, and memorable ways.

We're proud of our young people for getting involved, showing compassion, and making a difference. The Ice Bucket Challenge reminded us all that small actions – even a bucket of ice – can have a big impact



# JEP ALLOTMENT PROJECT- GROWING TOGETHER



This term, we're excited to introduce the JEP Allotment - a new initiative designed to support and nurture our young people. Research from 'Hand Made Places' highlights the many benefits of working in an allotment, including improved self-esteem, enhanced mood, cognitive development, and both physical and mental wellbeing.

Our young people have truly embraced the experience. They began by germinating seeds on site, carefully tending to them in small pots before planting them out in the allotment. So far, we've planted sunflowers, runner beans, and peas, each chosen for their vibrancy and potential to flourish.

As a creative addition, we've also built our JEP Rock Snake - a colourful trail of hand-painted stones, with intricate rocks representing all of our primary and secondary centres. This has been a wonderful collaborative project and a real team effort across the board.

We're incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and care our young people have shown - the allotment is already blooming with life and positivity.







# ART

This year our YP's have completed their art exam. They produced some amazing pieces of work learning different styles of art to produce their final pieces.

We are so proud to announce that all who have submitted work has passed!

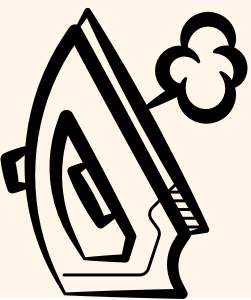




# Cooking & Life Skills



**This year JEP has introduced life skills to it's curriculum. This includes cooking, ironing, money management and community work.**



**Led by our brilliant Ed Co's its become a fast favourite amongst staff and students.**

**Keep up the good work!**





## **42 Under 42**

We are thrilled to announce that this year our CEO and Founder Jamie was selected for the 42 Under 42 list by North West Business Insider. This honor highlights inspiring leaders making a real impact.

A well-deserved recognition of his dedication, vision, and the impact JEP continues to have on young people across Greater Manchester.

We are proud to have you as our CEO!



As we wrap up another incredible school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership, support, and dedication. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and shared successes- and we couldn't have done it without you.

We wish you all a restful, joyful, and safe summer. May this break bring quality time with family, new adventures, and well-deserved relaxation.

We're already looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead!

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