TEAM AND LEADERSHIP: HOLYHEAD SCHOOL

AIM
This course is designed to give your pupils the skills valued by an employer – how to work within a team and leadership styles. It will increase their confidence and communication skills.

CLIENT OBJECTIVES
Holyhead wanted a course that would bring their new senior students together and give them the skills to perform their role effectively. They wanted to increase their team work skills, make more use of their initiative and be able to act as role models for other students in the school.

THE COURSE
The Trust chose specific activities that would take the students out of their comfort zone. These activities also encourage them to work as a team, making them really think about how they communicated with others and how their actions affect the wider team. Throughout each activity, one pupil was given the opportunity to take on the leadership role and at the end, they were able to discuss and review what they had learnt.

OUTCOME
Improved team working skills. The pupils were taken out of their comfort zone and into activities where they had to work as a team in order to complete the task.

Increased awareness of leadership styles. By encouraging each pupil to take on a leadership role throughout the week, they were given the chance to lead the team. By reviewing the activity at the end of the session, they were able to identify what skills they had learnt and what was their own leadership style.

Improved communication skills. By working as a team, they had to learn how to communicate with each other effectively for the task to be a success.

THIS COURSE MAKES OUR SENIOR STUDENTS MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN WORKING BACK AT SCHOOL. THEY HAVE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUPPORTING OTHERS AND HAVE A HIGHER EXPECTATION OF THEMSELVES. FOR SOME OF OUR STUDENTS THIS IS SERIOUSLY A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE.

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