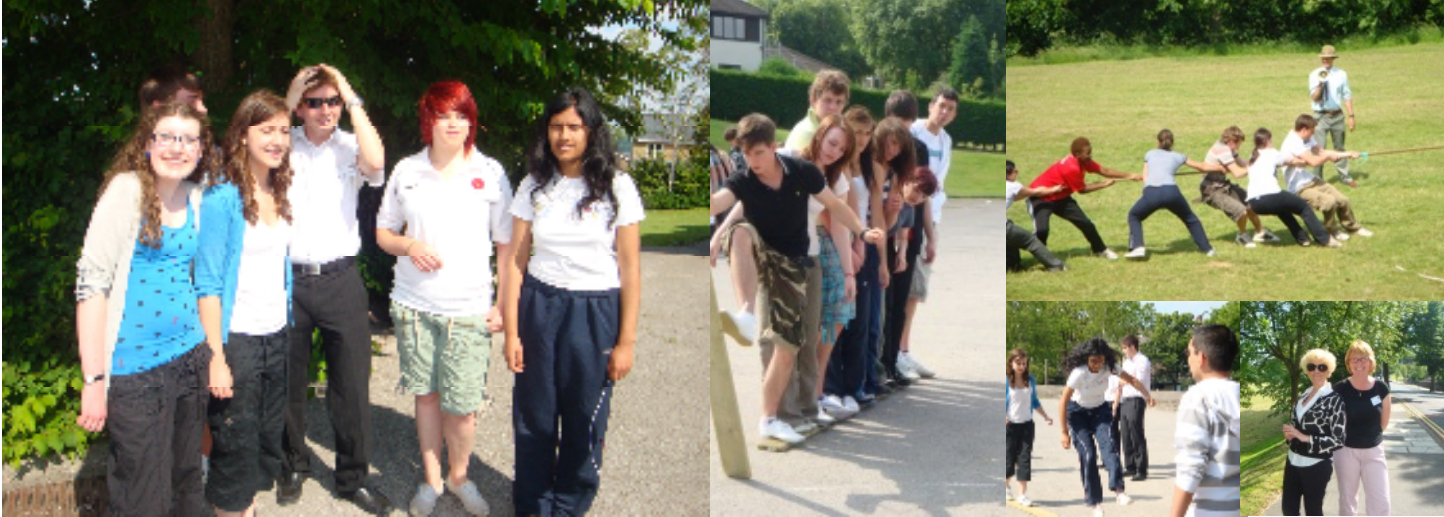


# Leadership For Life 2009



This year's LGGS/LRGS Leadership for Life Workshop, held at LRGS on Thursday and Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The Lower Sixth year groups worked in mixed teams of eight or nine students to complete a series of tasks. Whilst each team had the help and advice of a mentor from the wide world of 'work', it was down to the students themselves to work and communicate effectively with one another in the planning and execution of a number of assignments and activities. The feedback from the mentors is that the students acquitted themselves very, very well indeed. These mentors described the students as articulate, enthusiastic, hard working and a delight to be with.

The feedback from the students themselves is that it was a 'great' two days. Deliberately their pre-Workshop briefing had not been detailed and so they were not sure what to expect, other than they would be given a number of non - 'A' related tasks, designed to make them appreciate all the various components of leadership. As they discovered over the two days, these ranged from 'Establishing a Strong Team Identity and Ethos through Clarity and Purpose of Communication' to 'Accepting a Challenge and Convincing Your Team to Commit to It'.

By the end of the second day, the teams had bonded and had all achieved well. They had, for instance, been Rocket Men and Women, they had used their innovative planning skills to devise a Social Enterprise activity which they had presented to the Dragons in their Den and they had produced well crafted and carefully targeted workbook for the pupils at Dallas Road Primary School. So not only had the Lower Sixth students themselves benefitted from the two days, but others in the local community did so as well. Everyone came away with a more secure understanding of what makes an effective leader.

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