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Linking Sport and Languages - Engaging Learners



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Overall Aims

- To demonstrate why and how linking languages and PE/Sport can engage and motivate learners
- To explore how those links are made
- To give practical examples
- Provide an opportunity to discuss ideas in the context of your school

Learning together

What is it about Sport and Physical Education that appeals to young people?

What is it about Languages that young people enjoy?



Self esteem

Physical approach to learning

Respect for self and others

Structured approach to training

Confidence

Working with rules and laws

Focus on performance

Inspiring trainers / coaches / others

Positive relationships with adults

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Achieving success

Benefits seen from hard work

Leadership skills

Understand progress and improvement

Communication skills

Understanding importance of overall health

Discipline

Importance of practice

Positive self image

Varied approach to training



Motivating way of working

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Respect for authority



Team work

Importance of preparation

The key aspects of Physical Education



- Values
- Skills
- Context
- Pedagogy

How do these fit with languages?



- Values
 - Understanding and respect for rules
 - High expectations/Ambition
 - Confidence
 - Motivation
 - Respect for team members and opponents
 - Ethics and fair play

Lymm High School - values



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How do these fit with languages?



- Skills
 - Observation skills
 - Communication skills
 - Analytical skills
 - Evaluation skills
 - Leadership and teamwork skills

Bramcote Hills Sport and Community College - skills



Foreign Language Leader Award



- What is it?
 - A scheme based on Sports Leadership which teaches leadership skills through the medium of sport

Foreign Language Leader Award



- Benefits to young people
 - Growth in confidence
 - Improved responsibility
 - Improved behaviour
 - Better understanding of the role of the teacher
 - Enhanced communication skills
 - Enhanced motivation skills
 - Enhanced organisation skills
 - Better understanding of how people learn
 - Better personal attainment in foreign languages

Foreign Language Leader Award



- Some benefits to you
 - Encourages a different approach to teaching languages
 - Can motivate and engage disaffected young people
 - Can help you to provide support for your local primary school

Foreign Language Leader Award



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How do these fit with languages?



- Context
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Hobbies and leisure activities
 - Food and drink

Droitwich Spa - context



How do these fit with languages?



- Pedagogy
 - Mentoring and coaching techniques
 - Practical learning opportunities
 - Group and team work opportunities
 - Use of competitive situations

Bosworth Community College - *pedagogy*



Discussion

How might some of these ideas work in your school to engage and motivate learners?

The New Secondary Curriculum



The possibilities?????????



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