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Leadership Conference a Success!

A flurry of activity started the first week of school when we inspired Grade Eleven and Twelve students with a three-day leadership conference at the Coast Hotel. The conference was based on: learning about “who we are” as individuals, insight into self-regulation, engaging in a variety of team-building activities, discussing hot topics and centering our main lectures around the topic of leadership, goal-setting, organization, and running events and campaigns. We were also able to have conversations about university goals, what to know about university and why we need to know it. It was a full week, and yes, some students would have liked an 8 am or 9 am wake up time rather than a 7 am physical start to their day, but you can’t have it all as they say... 😊



The teachers saw their returning students with eyes widened; tight rosebuds that blossomed in just a few short days at this leadership retreat. Mr. Michael commented, “it was a wonderful week and I do believe Amanda got the best out of our students...I truly enjoyed this experience, not only for myself, but more importantly for the students. Thank you for your innovative ideas, introducing activities that allowed us to discover more about one another, and for all of the *lollipop moments* we encountered”.



Note: *Lollipop Moments* helped all of us highlight times in our lives when someone made that impactful statement, gave us a stroke of confidence, encouraged a needed push in another direction or challenged us to greater heights. Sometimes, something as simple as having an individual enter our lives with a smile or make a kind gesture that resonated with us, is all a person needs to respond positively. We all have these moments, big and small. Those are constant reminders for us to strive to achieve great things, be present in the moment, and to create “lollipop moments” for others.



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The students presented unanimous positive feedback. They were asked to anonymously comment on anything they disliked and give corrective criticism on aspects about the program they would change. As reflective professional practitioners at Take Action Educational Solutions Limited, we constantly strive to achieve excellence. This conference was outstanding as one student's account describes:

"My experience at the retreat was a vast improvement over what I had predicted it would be. I had thought we would listen to boring lectures and do uninteresting assignments. Thankfully, I was completely wrong. The experience at the Coast Hotel was filled with good fun and learning. The lectures from Mrs. Amanda had great wisdom and insight. I now have new ways of thinking about my future and myself. Additionally, the hotel experience itself was above expectation...complimentary food, a bed for myself (and the list goes on) were among things I never thought I would get and I am glad to have attended. I would not have to think twice about attending this conference again!" ~ Arian



Another attendee described the leadership retreat as, *"something really special...everything was valuable, enjoyable, and very important for me. Our lecturer, Mrs. Da Silva, was outstanding...she has a big passion for what she is doing and who she is doing it for. Thank you for giving me the chance to complete this retreat!" ~ Anonymous student reflection response*



To be involved with such a willing, delightful group of students is a rewarding lollipop moment! It is such a pleasure to see students flourish and develop their ideas. Their excitement to inspire others on their quest to achieve great things as leaders of their school is contagious and rewarding to witness. Innovation is the obvious result of "freedom of thought" and "independent thinking." The future is in the capable and achievable hands of these young folks. It is comforting to know there are many young individuals ready to 'Take Action' toward creating a bright future for themselves and others!