



GO LEAD CONFERENCE

INSPIRE STORY

THEME-FEMALE VOLUNTEERS

The development of female students as leaders at Key Stage 3 and their impact on increasing provision for their peers in secondary schools through extracurricular activities and the development of female students as future referees or coaches at Key Stage 4.

BACKGROUND CONTEXT

We have a large cohort of 1300 pupils, we have a large PE team however not many female PE staff compared to Males. In the school there is a lot of negativity towards female sport especially football.

WHO WERE THE KEY PLAYERS?

In 2024 8 girls were selected to take part in the Go Lead training (from yr 7, 8 & 9). The training was hosted by Inspire Together and led by the YST tutors and Inspire mentors supported by Barclays and the FA. Since completing the conference, the girls have been supported by Mr Wells (PE Teacher) and Rhianna (PE Technician).

WHAT WERE THE KEY ACTIONS?

Since the conference, the girls have met regularly to talk about more opportunities for girls in all sport including football. Since completing their action plan, the girls have organised a girls only inter house football tournament which 40 girls played in. They advertised this during assembly and form time via posters. It was a great success

WHAT IMPACTS HAVE YOU AND THE GIRLS SEEN?

The leaders have planned and now deliver a girls only after school football club which is attended by 20 girls every week. This has meant more teams are being entered into competitions with large amount of girls wanting to play, girls now enter the ESFA national cup in all age groups. Girls football is extremely popular in school.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY CHALLENGES? HOW HAVE YOU OVERCOME THEM?

Some students negative mentality towards girls sport and football has made it difficult to encourage all girls to take part in football. Through perseverance and encouragement, girls football has become a popular sport amongst girls at school.

WHAT ARE YOUR/THEIR NEXT STEPS AND PLANS TO CONTINUE?

To continue to grow girls only football club after school and build links to girls football teams to allow a pathway for girls to play football locally.