

Team-building day helps students make friends

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WORKING together to balance nails, move tyres in a certain order and transport a ball from one end of a field to another using alternately coloured pipes were some of the activities for Ladies' and Elizabeth College students in a team-building exercise.

Year 12 students from both schools took part in a two-day induction, with the second day involving team-building activities at the Elizabeth College field off Rue a l'Or.

Charlie Cottam, assistant principal and head of sixth form at Elizabeth College, and Dr Vanessa Mitchell, head of sixth form at Ladies' College, said that they have done these team-building exercises for the last couple of years.

Adam Burroughs, safer internet worker from The Hub, also spoke to the students about e-safety and there was a visit from staff from training company Positively Mad about the transition from GCSEs.

'It's a great opportunity for them to meet each other, they'll be in classes together and can get to know each other,' Dr Mitchell said.

The students were mixed and split into groups to work through the different team-building exercises.

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With each group was a Year 13 student who had been through the process before.

Year 12 students Eve Wilkes and Peter Brock, both 16, had the same favourite activity from the day, which was moving tyres, which were in order of size, and they had to keep them in this order.

Eve said that everyone had different ideas. The pair said it was a chance to speak to their fellow students.

'There were plenty of guys I had no idea what their names were,' Eve said.

Peter said it got them talking to other students to whom they might not usually speak.



Among the team-building day challenges set for Elizabeth and Ladies' College students was moving a ball from one end of the field to the other using alternately coloured pipes. Left to right are: Francesca Bown, Dan Le Messurier, Amy Wood, Lance Malic, Joel Tucker and Lauryn Scullion.
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