



BUILDING COMMUNITY LINKS

Hear from schools as to how Tennis Leaders helps to build successful community links through:

- Collaborating with an LTA accredited coach to deliver the Tennis Leaders course
- Hosting festivals and competitions for local schools
- Helping at a local tennis venue
- Leaders acting as school ambassadors.

TOP TIPS

- Partnering with primary schools and/or tennis venues facilitates opportunities for Tennis Leaders to gain real-life experience quickly.
- Tennis Leaders in the community should reflect a wide demographic of socio-economic backgrounds.
- Partnering with a club or venue who will deliver Tennis Leaders is a win: win. The club/venue can offer facilities, equipment and experience (and potential future paid or voluntary work) in return for a regular stream of qualified Tennis Leaders
- Shout about your cohorts gaining their qualification, T-shirt and certificate – it's a great community news story.



My students got a lot out of the fact that they were being led by a professional LTA tennis coach rather than their PE teacher. They also liked using lots of different tennis equipment that we don't have lots of (or at all) in school."

Shona Butler,
John Kyrle High School

WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM, WEST MIDLANDS:

ran a course for their BTEC Sport groups and a course for Year 7 girls.

They invited primary schools to take part in the Mini Red Y3&4 competition and a KS1 tennis festival. The leaders supported at other School Games events including Boccia, SEND, multi-skills and archery, projecting positive experiences of sport and competition at inter-school and intra-school events. These activities are great PR for Windsor High School, strengthening relationships with local primaries and supporting the personal development of the young leaders.

Out of the 14 Year 7 girls, 6 were Pupil Premium, 2 EAL and 3 SEND. In their community work, they are inspiring others to overcome barriers – or perceived barriers – to sports and leadership participation.

AT BRADFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, YORKSHIRE:

10 pupils took the optional Tennis Leaders course.

All additional modules were delivered by the Head of PE across a number of weeks in the summer term 21/22. BGS already teaches tennis as part of the curriculum to all age groups, has a tennis programme and is a club sponsor for Skipton Tennis Club. The partnership is founded on the school and club sharing the same core values, including the desire to open up tennis in the Craven district.

This collaboration enables Skipton to offer free weekly junior social tennis to all children in the area but mostly focused on KS2 / secondary age. This successful initiative opens up tennis to the wider community and attracts new players who enjoy both sport and socialising.



Lower ability students often make really good leaders, and the girls LOVED the experience. The plan is that some of the girls will form part of our Leadership Academy and run sessions in local primary schools."

Katie Jones,
Windsor High School and Sixth Form



The collaboration between Skipton TC and Bradford Grammar School produces far more value than a purely financial sponsorship deal would. Our visions and values align, which is essential to creating successful joint initiatives. Together, we aim to improve positivity and wellbeing in the community and open up tennis to all, whilst promoting BGS and its inclusive approach to playing, supporting and celebrating sport. Pupils undertaking the Tennis Leaders course are rewarded with real-world, long-term volunteer and coaching experiences."

Adam Cox, Director of Tennis,
Skipton TC and Simon Hinchliffe,
Headteacher, BGS



**JOHN KYRLE HIGH SCHOOL,
HEREFORDSHIRE** offered Tennis Leaders exclusively
to girls to encourage female participation in sports leadership.

Since the course, leaders have helped run the School Games Tennis event organised by the SGO and held at the school. They have also supported community sessions and run inter-school competitions.

DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL, HAMPSHIRE
delivered Tennis Leaders as an “activity” PE lesson in the
summer term to 19 pupils from Year 9 to Year 11 studying
PE GCSE.

Some of the tennis leaders are now assisting at their local tennis clubs, demonstrating confidence and commitment. Those undertaking the DofE Bronze Award used the course as their skill activity over three months.

ATLANTIC RACQUET CENTRE, DEVON
delivered Tennis Leaders free of charge to approximately
120 Year 10 pupils across two local secondary schools.

The leaders completed the Helping at a Competition module at ARC then assisted at a school competition or festival event. The students who took part were all GCSE PE students studying the Sports Leader award. The majority were new to tennis and the gender split was approximately 50/50.

Stand-out leaders (about 10% of the cohort) were invited to help deliver the coaching programme at the centre and around half became regular volunteers at competitions, helping the tournament referee.

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Links with the primary school enable course attendees develop their leadership skills.”

Shona Butler,
John Kyrle High School

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I recommend schools find a local club or centre and offer assistance at their festivals if they deliver the sessions for free. Everyone wins and it costs nothing! ARC has gained some good Level 1s and even Level 2s who have not coached or played tennis previously, and the school has introduced teenagers to a new sport and the world of volunteering.”

Tom Vinall, General Manager,
Atlantic Racquet Centre (ARC)