

Leadership

Leadership Roles



House Leader



Tutor Group Leader



**Head or Deputy of a Student
Council Committee**



**Island School
Ambassador**



**Head of a project like Island
Currents or the Yearbook**



Head Student

The Myth of the Leadership Role

Role vs. True Influence

✗ THE COMMON MYTH

Having a Role

Believing leadership only belongs to Head Students, House Leaders, Heads and Deputies of the Student Council etc. implies you must wait for someone else's permission before you can make a difference in school culture.

✓ THE REAL POWER

Daily Influence

Understanding that leadership is simply **influence**. Every day, through your mood, your reactions, and your inclusion of others, you actively shape the climate around you.

Everyday Leadership



Set the Culture

Don't just join the room's energy—change it. Answer the quiet question, help someone who drops their books, and break awkward silences.



Upstanding

When a joke goes too far in class or a group chat, be the first person willing to speak up and say, "Hey, that's not okay."



Set an example

People watch how you handle a bad grade, a lost match, or a mistake. Lead by showing maturity when things go wrong.

Active Participation & Initiative



First to Volunteer

Step up for responsibilities, group presentations, or tasks when others hesitate. True leaders build momentum through their willingness to act first.



Class Engagement

Break awkward silences by asking and answering questions. Your participation creates a vibrant, safe environment for peers to share their ideas.



Fill the Gap

Notice where help is needed and take initiative without waiting to be asked. Leadership is seeing a silent need and moving proactively to address it.

Breaking the Bystander Effect



Group Chat Boundaries

Redirect toxic talk or simply state "let's drop this" when gossip starts spreading online.



Hallway Inclusion

Notice someone standing alone at lunch or during group work? Pull up a chair without making a big deal of it.



Back Up Your Peers

When another student takes a risk to do the right thing or to be an upstander stand next to them so they don't stand alone.

"Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence, and inspiration."

— Robin Sharma

Your Leadership Action Plan

STEP
1

Notice

Pay attention to who is left out or where silence needs breaking.

STEP
2

Act

Use 5 seconds of courage to step up, invite, or intervene.

STEP
3

Repeat

Turn small supportive choices into daily habits.

STEP
4

Transform

Watch the culture of your grade and school elevate around you.

Your 5-Second Challenge

Pick ONE moment this week to be first. Be the first to invite someone, the first to speak up, or the first to shut down negativity.