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Compendium's Summer..... with Piers Morgan!!??



Before you go!

Many of you will be moving towards 'summer holiday' mode now, so before you rush off to pack your swimming costume/walking boots/chic sunglasses (or whatever takes your fancy), don't forget to read Compendium's SHORT Summer Catch-Up! Newsletter.....

- ✚ *Don't forget about Compendium's very special 'crunch beating' offer!*
- ✚ *Do you have learning and development projects which are delayed or on hold because of budget cuts?*
- ✚ *If so, remember that Compendium Learning can offer a substantial reduction in fees, of up to 25%, enable you to get going with those projects!*
- ✚ *This offer is open for any work booked and confirmed during July 2009, for delivery by December 2009.*
- ✚ *Contact me to discuss your needs! (alex@compendiumlearning.com).*

Summer Reading: The Z-A of Coaching!

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Special Offer!!!!

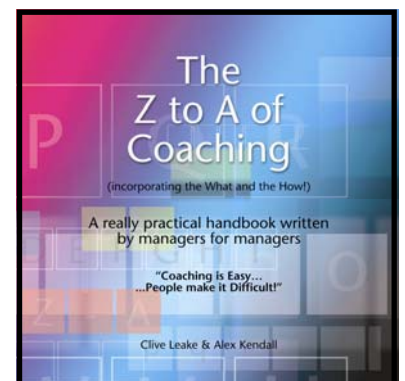
Summer Reading - 2 books to make you think!!

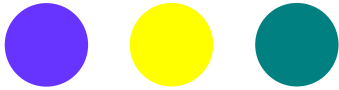
- *The Z-A of Coaching*
- *Red Top Leadership! Piers Morgan tells all!!*

Need to brush up on your coaching while you're lying on the beach (or wherever else you read while you're on holiday)? Then try 'The Z-A of Coaching'!!

This is a straightforward handbook on coaching, and a jolly good read (though I would say that, as I wrote it with my colleague, Clive). The 'Z - A of Coaching' is a practical, 224 page 'jargon free' guide to coaching for leaders and managers. It incorporates both the 'Whats' and the 'Hows', providing a really pragmatic approach to coaching in the workplace.

Interested in 'The Z-A of Coaching'? Email me at alex@compendiumlearning.com





Red Top Leadership! Piers Morgan tells all!!



A couple of weeks ago, my husband stuck a book under my nose and said, 'Read this'. Always the obedient wife, I dutifully started reading. And I couldn't stop..... It was fascinating. And the book was 'The Insider - the private diaries of a scandalous decade' by the man many people love to hate - Piers Morgan.

What!?!?

So what made it fascinating, and why am I recommending it to you? Well, whatever you may think of the 'red top' journalism approach, and in particular, of Piers Morgan, it makes for an intriguing leadership read. It is not marketed as a business volume - quite the reverse - but it provides an interesting 'take' on a number of business issues from the perspective of a fast moving, risk taking, cut throat organization, which may be a million miles away (or maybe a bit less than that?) from the organizations which employ us. It got me hooked, and here are some of the themes which absorbed me:

- Leadership style
- Followership style
- Ethics (not surprising really!)
- Integrity
- Risk taking - levels of, frequency of, consequences of
- Loyalty
- Seeing the bigger picture (or not!)
- Confidentiality and trust
- Honesty

Of course, what works in one business sector may be disastrous and completely unacceptable in another. For me, there lies the fascination. We cannot truly understand, and develop our own behaviours unless we can compare them against others, and how they work in other settings. So, my recommendation for a fast-paced (and sometimes racy) summer read, with the opportunity to reflect on business and leadership along the way, is Piers Morgan's book, 'The Insider'.

Let me know what you think! Happy reading!!