

# Recent Client Feedback

**Sept 3, 2018**    **Derbyshire Music Service UK, 150 Teachers. Keynote Address “Music and Mindset”**

Dear Michael Wow! You got our training off to such a great start yesterday and set the tone, focus and pace for the day. Much appreciated. Delegate feedback, below. We'll be in touch to work with you again! **Jayne Briggs, School Improvement Adviser. Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership.**

*Fascinating!*

*Brilliant!*

*Fantastic! Thought-provoking for teaching at all levels from beginner to advanced*

*Great talk – so engaging and interesting*

*Very inspiring – a lot to think about*

*An entertaining and up-beat start to the day*

*Very interesting, clear and important points. Lots of practical advice. Real food for thought.*

*Inspirational and interesting*

*Refreshing and informative – will definitely follow up on the reading list*

*Excellent, informative, authoritative. Definitely have him again*

*Thoroughly enjoyed this – would like to hear more*

*Excellent, thought-provoking presentation*

*Brilliant! Will use some of the phrases and quotes. Best thing of the day.*

*Very good. Challenged the orthodox that everything is teacher's responsibility.*

*Very good speaker. One of the best in recent years.*

*Really excellent speaker. Very informative and relevant to teaching today.*

*Great session. It would be so good if a shortened version could be delivered to our secondary school pupils.*

*A return visit essential*

*Very entertaining. Best speaker for some time*

**Oct 7, 2018 Excellence Day, Aldar Academies, Abu Dhabi. Sessions for high-achievers from a four-school cluster. Full day workshops on excellence, neuroscience of learning, intelligence.**

Michael's visit was a fantastic opportunity for our students to feel empowered and take control of their learning. Students were able to recognise the role of self-motivation and being an independent learner. Michael engaged students from start to finish and students embraced his methods on

excelling further. It was a great day which was pitched perfectly to primary and secondary students. We look forward to welcoming Michael back again in the future. **Hayley Richmond, Academy of Excellence Coordinator, Aldar Academies, Abu Dhabi, UAE.**

**Developing Musical Skill: How to Practise for students, parents, teachers. Numerous sites.**

Dear Michael, I just wanted to thank you for giving such an inspiring presentation to our pupils, parents and staff yesterday. Every pupil I have spoken to today who was at the presentation has said how much they enjoyed it and how much it made them think. "Chunking" will certainly be the Wycliffe word of the month! I feel very fortunate that you came to Wycliffe and I hope many other schools will be able to see your presentation in the future. **Gemma Russell, Wycliffe College, UK. Oct, 2018**

Who'd have thought that a talk about instrumental practice could be so fascinating?! With huge thanks to Michael Griffin for visiting us! **Tim Garrard, Westminster School, London. Sept, 2018**

Many thanks Michael for a great evening yesterday. Invigorating and informative. Lots of appreciative comments and lots for us to think about. Thanks Michael! **John Padley, Queen Anne's School. Sept, 2018**

Dear Michael, the talk you gave was delivered in a refreshingly animated and communicative manner which kept students and parents alert and interested. The hour seemed to fly by. The fact that you based your talk around research evidence was particularly impressive and certainly had an impact with our higher-end students. Your academic approach was great to see, but it was far from dry and alienating – the warmth, humour and musicality also shone through, leaving students and parents inspired to try and make a difference to their habits of practice. Thank you so much for your time and we hope to see you again in the future. **Dr Oliver Leaman, Blundell's School, UK.**

Dear Michael, we are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear you speak. We look forward to seeing our students reap the benefits in their work. **Helen Phillips, St Peter's School, Christchurch UK. Oct, 2018**

Hi Michael, a great evening and wonderful talk! So many thanks. **Becky Homent, Bristol Suzuki Group, UK Sept, 2018**

Dear Michael, thank you so much for finding the time to visit us at Moreton Hall yesterday. Your presentation was very information, succinct and pitched at absolutely the right level for the audience. The students who I have talked to found it 'very inspiring' and it has 'motivated them to practise more thoroughly'. I particularly like the fact that you can apply these techniques to other areas of life too. We hope to welcome you back to Moreton soon. **Helen Rayner, Moreton Hall School, UK. Sept, 2018**

Michael spoke to an audience of students, staff, and parents, all of whom were thoroughly engaged, entertained, and enlightened. His talk focussed on practice methodologies and intrinsic motivation, and there could not have been a more inspiring and thought-provoking start to the term. **Michael Highway, Sevenoaks School, Kent, UK. Aug, 2018**

**Seeking Excellence: Student presentation on self-determined learning and expertise**

Michael's talk was exactly what the students needed at the start of their A levels. He got them thinking about how they work and about how they could make best use of their time to succeed at

their goals. Focusing their minds on ensuring they know that they CAN achieve and supporting this with relevant examples was very powerful and I hope will see our students set high expectations of themselves. **Mrs Clare Freeman, Head of Sixth Form, Royal Masonic, UK Oct, 2018**

It was great to welcome Michael Griffin to speak to the Kingswood Sixth Form. His presentation on "Seeking Excellence" exploded a few myths and spelt out a clear message about the path to success. First class lecture to launch the new General Studies programme! **Craig Woodgate, Kingswood School, Bath UK. Sept, 2018.**