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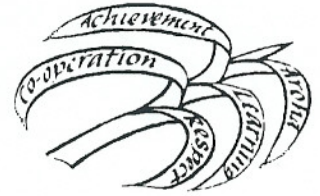
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Feedback with regards to Darren Pereira Shape your Destiny

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The seminar was excellent. It was one of, if not the best, motivational event that the school has had for some time. Students and staff members were all very impressed- even those who do not offer compliments easily had positive feedback.

From the staff, much of the feedback centred around Darren's ability to capture the audience. They were amazed at the way in which he gained their concentration and then held it for four hours. Darren dealt with 'louder' students with an intelligent use of humour and sarcasm which didn't put them down, but actually lifted them up. His presentation was perfectly pitched at the 17-18 year age group he was working with and they related to his relaxed, humorous personality.

Students raved about Darren's presentation. They are still speaking about it one week later and some have told me that they are trying to incorporate as many of his ideas into their school work and home life. One student made the effort to tell me that they have altered their 'life plan' as a result of Darren's seminar. Students enjoyed his pitch and felt that Darren's relaxed approach made them want to listen to him. They commented that normally presentations are so boring that they don't want to be there – this time they said was very different. Year 11 students have already asked if Darren is returning next year as they have heard that 'he is awesome'.

Personally, I have been very impressed with Darren's professionalism. Despite, awkward moments and often late notice of things from my end, he coped very well. He never showed frustration and always was happy to adjust his planning to suit our needs. The school would very much like Darren to return to our school next year.

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