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Dear Darren

I wanted to write and give some feedback on the recent "Shape Your Destiny" presentation to our Year 11 students.

The feedback both on the forms provided and anecdotally has been extremely positive. Students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and were totally engaged throughout. Your energy is infectious which meant that students readily cast aside any cynicism or "need to be cool" and were keen to be involved. However, rather than simply be entertained, they came away with many valuable tools. The "anchoring" is particularly something that many students mentioned in the days following the seminar. The formula for setting SMART goals (along with the reason for setting goals) was also valuable for students to learn. The immediate practice they gained in setting a goal about which they knew they would be asked within ten days meant that the theory was immediately put into practice.

I have had many parents comment that their son/daughter came home from school that day with a very clear idea of where they wanted to go in terms of their future career and the need for it to link their passions, ideals and talents. I have recently undertaken the process of checking subject selection for 2009 and have seen evidence of clear and realistic future vision.

As almost all students felt a follow-up would be beneficial in Year 12, I have discussed this with the Year 12 Dean and we are looking at booking another seminar. I have certainly already rebooked for the 2009 Year 11 group.

Thank you, Darren, for your ongoing work with our students.

Yours sincerely

Year 11 Dean