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Dear Darren

Thankyou for an uplifting and effective presentation to our year 10 students. It has been one of the best we have held at the school in terms of student response and feedback from parents.

From the time the music began as students entered the room it was clear to them that this was going to be a presentation unlike others they had attended. You quickly established a positive rapport with the group and their engagement was maintained throughout as the content was relevant and delivered with maximum energy.

The high level of participation in the activities indicated that the strategies you offered the students for goal setting and motivation were stimulating and effective as they put them into practice. Even the staff joined in !!

Perhaps the best acknowledgement of the value of the seminar comes from the students. Formal feedback from students indicates that the majority really enjoyed the presentation and, importantly, report that it helped them in thinking about their plans for the future. Several parents have contacted the school to say that their children came home "buzzing" with positive comments about what they had gained.

Here are a few comments typical of the many we received:

- *Things were clearer for me after the seminar. The fact that it was fun to be at made it so much better. I feel surer about what I want to do now.*
- *Loved it how it was presented. It wasn't the boring old speech about his life commitments. It was about us ! Darren was awesome.*
- *The seminar helps you to realise your goals, your dreams. It makes you realise you are unique and that you should follow your dreams and be who you are.*
- *I gained confidence so if I put my mind to it I can do what I'd enjoy.*
- *Before I went in I had no idea of what I wanted to do. Now I have a reasonable idea and feel much more confident in my subject choices.*
- *I learned that thinking positively really helps.*
- *The DJ was awesome!*

To engage 200+ students for a similar number of minutes takes great skill. Clearly what you offer and the way you offer it is well planned and effective. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

Sue Jackson
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