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Really inspirational, the way you get the disaffected pupils listening and joining in is brilliant !!

Rebekah Holt, Stockport School

The Big Picture came to us in 2009 and worked with our Year 9, 10, 11 & Sixth Form. The workshops took place in January. Six weeks later we did our round 2 data collection and the Yr 11 grades had risen considerably (more than in previous years). The ONLY thing we had done differently that could account for this was inviting in Keith Warren from 'The Big Picture'.

Summer 2010 Sixth form results % of A-E results shot up !!

The sense of aspiration and 'can-do' is noticeable amongst these year groups.

Ann-Marie Wade, Meopham School

Immediately grabbed the whole years attention and kept it for over two hours !! Completely engrossing

Amanda Taylor, Hampton Academy

An awe inspiring presentation. The whole content hit home big time. If this doesn't increase motivation... nothing will !!

Steve Morley, The Nobel School

This morning you had every one of our 16 year olds hanging on every word you said, they left believing...

Shirley Young, Clacton Coastal Academy

Students were challenged, inspired, motivated and engaged. We will be booking Keith again !

Mike Keveth, Looe Community School

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What can I say, you captured the students attention from the start. I've never seen anything like it... Fantastic, brilliant !! Just what we wanted

Bev Green, John Of Gaunt, Trowbridge

Hi Keith, you will no doubt be delighted to learn that the pupils at Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi in Holyhead gained their best ever GCSE results this year.

During the pupil exit interviews I asked them what had made the biggest difference - they pointed out three things:

1. Support from staff, including additional revision sessions
2. 'Coping with exams' workshop facilitated by CAMHS
3. 'The Big Picture'

We have also had a greater number of pupils returning to our 6th Form, which is brilliant news. So Keith, it's a HUGE thank you from Holyhead. We hope to welcome you again in the future.

Nia Roberts, Holyhead School

Absolutely the very best guest presenter I have ever worked with... As a result of Keith coming in, we will be re-booking him.

David Bishop & Ruth King, Fakenham School

Totally engaging and very very motivating... ! Loved it

Elaine Ford, Exmouth Community College

Pupils really engaged and actually thinking clearly about the future and how to get there

Tom Norris, Hull Collegiate

During the 30 years of teaching, I have never seen anyone engage students the way you do !!

Peter Lowder, Central Technology College

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'Students were engaged and it makes an excellent start to the term.'

Pat Macbeth, King John School, Benfleet, Essex

'Immediately grabbed the whole year groups attention and kept it for over 2 hours! Facilitated the students in making serious choices about their future and working towards these goals NOW. Keith's messages are the similar to ours - the difference is that it is Keith, and not us. Dynamic delivery. It's often quite hard to keep this age group focused because of the amount of time on computer games etc... They need instant gratification - Keith delivered this! Completely engrossing!'

Dee Yeatman, Hampton Academy, London

In 2009 Keith and the 'Big Picture' performed to our Year 11. The impact was very noticeable. One student in particular, Jonathan, who on his Record of Achievement evening, stood up in front of the parents of his Year group and told them a moving story about how he wanted to change his life and improve his chances... and he attributed this to Keith's talk. He connected with the message Keith gave and to the trip he'd made to an aquarium, at which he'd decided he'd like to become a marine biologist. He continued to work much harder, particularly at home and told everyone at his ROA evening that he had worked hard and wanted to go on to do A level Maths. On results day he'd achieved 6 grades B & C at GCSE - enough to do his A Levels. He now has a plan! Thanks Keith'

Heather Jenkins, Headteacher, Looe Community School

'Keith you really motivated the students. Getting reactions from some who don't normally engage was brilliant. To see students who previously have no plan or idea of the future then talk in front of the school about what they plan to do at the end - Fantastic'

Sue Galloway, Guidance Manager, Kings International College, Camberley

A fantastic insight for students, making them think and do for themselves

Mo Sneyd, Director of KS4, Norton Canes High School, Cannock

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'What was immediately apparent was that you had a great rapport with students - you're direct, but calm and measured and that really works with our students. They loved the pace, the names, the games and prizes! The booklet works well too. Thank you so much'

Sadie Gray, Voyager School, Peterborough

'Students were interested, involved and captivated for 2 hours in a cold hall, on hard chairs! The true test was at the end when the bell went for break - many, many students stayed to talk with Keith and ensure they received their postcard in a month's time'

Des Johnson, UCE Academy, Ellesmere Port

'Amazing, very motivating, can't believe all the Year 11's were engaged for 2 hours and interacted - I think they were fascinated. I would recommend Keith - he got me thinking of where to go with my life!'

Julie Meacham, Stuart Bathurst High School, Wednesbury

'Very informative and an eye opener. It was very obvious that the pupils enjoyed and reacted positively. Thank you'

Geraint Williams, Ysgol David Hughes, Anglessey

'Great Fun, engaging for students and staff. Really got the young people thinking in a different way'

Barbara Nicholls

'Everything we wanted to see and hear. The students were enlightened with the session. Excellent affirmations for how hard they are going to work in the future.

"Keith is cool" is now an official mantra!'

Trish Rosevear, Marlwood School, Bristol

'The students had the right word - "Legend"

Dr A Whitby, Marlwood School, Bristol

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'The students loved it and really engaged. Keith got some very key messages across to the students – what's cool now and does this equate to what's cool in the future. Thinking. Doing. Now.

K Appleby, Stockport Academy

'Students were engaged, positive and enthused by Keith's presentation. Very interesting and enjoyable!

Lyn Davidson, Sir Graham Balfour School, Staffordshire

'It was a real thrill to watch Keith fire up our Year 11's with aspirations to achieve their dreams – his interaction with them is terrific and he even drew out the least confident of students.

Frances Holloway, Bishops Park College, Essex

'A really good session...good to see the 'hard kids' engaging and involving themselves in the session. Keith – you're a very honest man. I am sure that some of the kids have gone off thinking about the 'now'

Paul Mitchell, Ackland Burghley School, Camden

'The stuff that you do is 'spot-on'... it's a different way of looking at things'

Adrian Anderson, Director of Learning Firth Park, Sheffield

'It was a fantastic session that gave our students a deeper purpose and understanding to their last few months at college. Keith was articulate, friendly and gave an inspirational performance. Absolute value for money – I would recommend him to any school who wants to motivate their students!'

Nick Morley, Impington Village, Cambridge

'Engaged pupils. An Excellent day! Well worth the money – we took a risk and benefitted!

Paddy Keane, St Patricks RC High School, Manchester

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'Entertaining, motivational, captivating. Good stuff! Big it up for Keith. Brilliant and just what the girls needed!

J Murfet, Gravesend Girls Grammar School

'Very inspirational for all the students. Great to have an outsider helping to guide the students for their futures. It 'challenged' many to really think about themselves. Good fun also – but a very clear message comes through. Thanks a lot.

Ilona Bond, St Thomas More Catholic School

'I haven't seen the 6<sup>th</sup> Form laugh and learn so much for a long time! An inspiring talk with a great message! Thank you.

Jackie O'Keefe

'Keith, there is not often a chance or time in the day to truly reflect on where you have been, where we are now and where we are going, but the last two hours had the lot!

We are a School in a deprived area with many students having no drive or focus. But today there have been many of our students with 'lit up faces', positive thoughts and...smiles! Thank you!!

Jenna Parry, Norham Community Technology College, North Shields

'An excellent presentation which fully engaged the whole of Year 11 and the two hours flew by! Gave a lot of food for thought and thoroughly enjoyed by staff and students. Worth giving up the time at such an important stage in their exam preparation. Highly recommended.

Andria Sharp, Morley High School, Leeds

'I really wondered what on earth Keith could do to keep our students (a whole year group) focused for 2 hours...they loved him! Students participated, even in front of the other students on stage and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I sincerely hope it really does change their lives.

Bethany Venross, Bristnall Hall Tech. College, Oldbury

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'Outstanding! Students and staff loved the session. Students talked about during afternoon – lots of good work to build on. Many thanks.

Andy Pryde, Henbury School, Bristol

'An inspirational lecture. Interactive and fun. Focusing of key points yourselves need! Very fast pace. Kept students 'on their toes' at all times – an exciting and thought provoking session. Thanks you Keith.

Corinne Heywood, Gravesend Grammar School for Girls

'An impressive presentation. Kept 210 students engaged and interested for 2 hours. A big message delivered in a different style, quietly but with impact!

Steve Cartner, The Friary School, Staffordshire

'A very engaging and thoughtful show. The students were actively involved through the techniques used and this helped them reflect on their own aspirations and make commitments to themselves for the future.

Anonymous

Truly inspirational, adding a whole new dimension to learning...

Bal Bhachu (Head of PSHE), Firth Park, Sheffield

"The day here at Oakgrove has been brilliant and Keith was the highlight of the day for all the Yr 11s! They were loving him; his energy, positivity and drive, and the constant re-affirmation of the bigger picture message was great. He also had a super manner and demeanor with the students, which he had to really use at the beginning, as they are a hard year group, who expect everything and he managed to break their mould! Good work Keith!!"

Melissa Gardner, Oakgrove School, Milton Keynes

An enjoyable, motivational presentation.... students were engaged and inspired by the activities. A good time to do it halfway through Year 10, when they have got to grips with their options and GCSEs. I thoroughly enjoyed it, as did my colleagues; good to have someone from outside

Amanda Sitto, Charles Edward Brook, Lambeth

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A very inspirational speaker who uses his excellent interpersonal skills to engage and motivate the students he is working with

Janet Armitage, Grangefields, Pudsey

Keith certainly had his hands full as there were 50 students from three different schools and all difficult learners so, considering that and the dynamic of the group, he did an amazing job. He succeeded in keeping them engaged, reaching their level and identifying particular individuals to work with for the biggest impact. Fantastic!'

Teaching and Learning Adviser of South Gloucester,  
Yate International Academy

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Dave Dudley, Helston Community College, Cornwall

A really inspiring and motivating session which had my whole year groups' attention for the 2 hours. It was wonderful to see my year group confident enough to perform in-front of each other. A fantastic session, thank you."

Claire Holden, Head of Year 10, The Causeway School

"Thank you Keith. A superb presentation! Absolutely 'nailed' what our kids needed to hear. Very positive response from the kids and staff. Look forward to inviting you back to Year 10."

Teresa Hussey - Head of Learning Village, Milton Keynes Academy