

## **Chris Sivewright – Almost Random Theatre Company**

Chris, from the moment he stepped into the classroom, looked every inch the self-assured actor and I wondered if he would be able to have an interesting and meaningful dialogue with 17 S5/6 pupils, on the subject of Business Management.

I shouldn't have worried.

From the moment he started, with a well-known predictive thought tool involving the word "carrot", he had the pupils totally engaged in what he was saying. He achieved this in a quite mesmerizing fashion by using eye contact, quick fire questioning, personalising the questioning and relating it back to a previously questioned pupil. To achieve this was no easy feat as not all of the pupils were studying Business Management and some find it difficult or daunting to answer simple questions. One of our pupils from Poland was made to feel quite special because Chris had been to Poland and was using this fact to capture the pupil's interest.

As Chris had indicated (in our 5-minute preparation for this event) that he had taught Business Studies for 30 years, I was interested to find out if the knowledge and enthusiasm were still there.

Again, I needn't have worried.

His exposition of the various strands of the topic:-

Marketing – Identifying, Anticipating, Satisfaction; BOGOF, HRM, Pricing – fixed and variable; Stock Exchange - Bull market, Bear market;

brought the whole subject to life in a way that was a joy to watch and learn from.

On behalf of myself and the pupils who were there, I would like to say a big thank you to Chris for taking the time to speak to us and for giving us the benefit of his experience.

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