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## Musical Development: Mindset and Drive

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*Motivation* is the fuel of human choice and action. *Self-directed* learning is an over-arching aim of education. *Mindset* is the critical factor that determines learning effort and perseverance. It is without doubt a significant factor for musical success. These fundamental principles underpin the drive, the how, and the why of learning. This is essential understanding for music teachers, and broadly applicable for life-long learning.

Michael Griffin presents a teaching strategy that maximises student drive, passion and curiosity. He draws from the great music education advocates of the past, relevant educational psychology, modern neuroscientific revelation and case studies, to invoke a model of empowerment, engagement and possibility. This inspiring, interactive workshop will encourage teachers to examine the methods and mindset that underpin their teaching, and to consider new ways of thinking, new ways of doing.

*Absolutely excellent and incredibly useful. Brilliant strategies and food for thought.*

*Persuasive, planting lots of ideas that will affect the way I teach in the future.*

*Brilliant! Just what I needed to get back in the groove!!*

*Really inspirational and the time just flew by. I would like to hear more. He has given me lots of ideas for adapting my teaching this term.*

*Michael is extremely knowledgeable and inspiring. He really made me think about my teaching, learning and motivation strategies.*

Hampshire Music Service PD days, January and September, 2015.

Michael Griffin is an educator, speaker, author, conductor and pianist. His talks are inspired by the premise that the greatest predictor of progress - music and otherwise - is the quality and the quantity of learning time. He has consulted for Cambridge University Press and has written five books, with *Learning Strategies for Musical Success* receiving wide acclaim. Griffin has presented in about 300 schools and conferences in over 25 countries.

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[Unlocking Musical Potential](#)

The greatest predictor of music success is the quality and quantity of practice time. For students, parents and tutors. Based on the book *Learning Strategies for Musical Success*.

[The Expertise Mindset](#)

Three core learning ideas: motivation, mindset and memory formation. Suitable for 16+ including staff.

[Study Stress and Music](#)

What is the impact of background music on learning? Given that approximately 70% of students listen to music during homework, this informative and interesting research-based lecture is immediately relevant not only for students, but for teachers as well.

[How Are You Smart?](#)

We are all smart, and in different ways. Ideal for ages 10-15, this presentation empowers students with a sense of their unique multi-intelligent self. Based on the work of Howard Gardner.