

# Michael Griffin

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## Testimonials



### **Qatar Music Teachers Conference: Doha, 12-13 November, 2015**

*I thoroughly enjoyed today and leave with plenty to think about how I will approach motivation, praise and rewards. Enjoyable, relevant, and well researched.*

*Such a treat to hear and engage in stimulating conversation and ideas. Your topics and sessions were incredibly thought-provoking.*

*Your sessions reminded me to take a step back and evaluate why I'm doing what I'm doing for my students. Thank you so much for reinvigorating, inspiring, and reigniting the passion in my teaching.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed these two days. It was very interesting; I learnt much and feel inspired. Michael is a wealth of knowledge. This is the best CPD I've ever attended.*

*These two days were most inspiring. I have lots to read up on and research. Great two days. Best CPD I've had.*

*It was very inspiring and many of the ideas Michael presented are applicable to our everyday teaching. This was a wonderful learning opportunity.*

*An amazing experience. Excellent on both days.*

*Really interesting, useful and necessary. Just the right balance between intellectual stimulation and practical subject matter.*

### **British Schools of the Middle East 'Unlocking Musical Potential'**

#### **Dubai, UAE 8-9 November, 2015**

*Michael delivered a fantastic course for us recently about Unlocking Musical Potential. The feedback from the delegates was one of excitement and enthusiasm to put what they had learned into practice. Michael's knowledge, passion and personality act as an enormous inspiration to those who meet him and we look forward to more!*

*A fantastic two days. Lots of great ideas and much to think about. I enjoyed the science behind music and metacognition.*

*Michael has a wealth of knowledge that he is clearly passionate about sharing. Excellent exposure to different theories and approaches. Very interesting, inspiring and detailed. I thoroughly enjoyed it.*

## **UK Tour – September - November, 2015**

*An Inspiration and affirmation of what we are trying to do. One of the best Insets I've had.*

*Michael Griffin was wonderful and inspiring both for my teaching and own practice.*

*Excellent! Michael Griffin was thought provoking especially in regards to effective practice techniques.*

*This training day was great and I came away feeling inspired. Michael Griffin was amazing!*

*Excellent! Michael Griffin is a good speaker. Nice to hear what we already knew, but this time explained clearly.*

### **Bath and NE Somerset Music Service & South Gloucestershire Music Service Sept 8, 2015**

*Fantastic! I implemented quite a few of your ideas in a lesson I gave straight after your lecture.*

*Thank you so much for your fantastic presentation today in Wandsworth! You've given me so much to think about, and I can't wait to read and look at your books.*

*Really inspiring - love to work together in future. - Jane Dennison, ABRSM*

### **Wandsworth Music Service Sept 10, 2015**

*Very interesting indeed! Michael Griffin really touched on practice, motivation, and about getting the best from students. All his points were helpful.*

*Michael was inspirational. Great to be reminded of the basics! Informative and well presented.*

*Great to have your own thinking confirmed by an expert. Motivating!*

*A very good speaker. We all need to keep hearing this message and he delivered it very well.*

*Michael Griffin was brilliant! Just what I needed to get back in the groove!!*

*Really inspirational and the time just flew by. I'd like to hear more. Best speaker in a long while.*

*Packed full of useful and interesting information for us to take away with us.*

*His ideas made so much sense and he presented them in an easy to understand and interesting way.*

*I really like his approach and will be trying more this year!*

*I went away with lots of ideas to try. It really made me think about my teaching, learning and motivation strategies that I use and why.*

*Michael is extremely knowledgeable and inspiring.*

### **Hampshire Music Service Sept 1, 2015**

*The sessions were very well received by the teachers with lots of positive feedback.*

*Thank you once again for the thought provoking sessions at the beginning of a new term. We look forward to another session soon!*

### **East Sussex Music Service Sept 3, 2015**

*A very inspiring talk that had both my kids excited on the way home.*

*Just wanted to say many thanks - great afternoon last Saturday - really useful and perfect timing! –Carl Clausen, Conductor HCYO*

*I just want to say, that my daughters despite reservations, thoroughly enjoyed your presentation, to which I am very impressed.*

*A superb session. It was great that we parents had the opportunity to listen to the learning strategies session with our son.*

*A very engaging speaker who was interesting and enjoyable for all ages. This was excellent.*

*The talk delivered by Michael Griffin was so encouraging and useful. We came as a family and our daughters age 11 and 8 enjoyed every minute of it.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed it.*

*My students' performance in their first lesson after Michael Griffin's talk was noticeably better!*

*I really enjoyed this. He was a great speaker to listen to. Entertaining and highly motivating for our 9 year old violinist!*

*A brilliant talk! I enjoyed the way pupils were encouraged to participate and sing the 'learning' songs.*

*My daughters –despite preconceptions – loved it and have already begun to modify the way they practise.*

*My son has been completely inspired by this event! A very worthwhile afternoon!*

***Hampshire Youth Orchestra Sept 12, 2015***

*An excellent talk this evening. Michael is a superb speaker, and delivered key messages in such an engaging way. Richard Nicholson- Headmaster*

*Michael was really easy to listen to, pitched it very well for the young people and the feedback from everyone leaving the hall was really positive. Head of Music*

***King's High School, Warwick Sept 16, 2015***

*Great lecture this morning. Thank you so much for the inspirational talk. –Kate Woodman, Head of Keyboard Studies.*

*This was a first-class talk by a high calibre, international speaker. What a great start to a new school year. – Red Maids website.*

*Bravo! Superb talk from a world-renowned music educator. So much inspiration!*

*Inspiring lecture today thank you - so much to think about!*

*Feedback from girls and staff: "I went straight home and practiced!"*

*"Every single one of my students this morning has mentioned 'chunking'!"*

*"I've got the '3 Peas' as my screen saver!"*

*"I found the talk really interesting and have been using the ideas in my practice"*

*The peripatetic staff have all reported very positive conversations with their students.*

**Red Maids School, Bristol, Sept 22, 2015**

*Bravissimo Michael! Wonderfully inspiring. Still on a high. –William Bruce.*

*Thank you for such a brilliant lecture at Guildhall, you were so wonderfully entertaining and informative. I hope they have you again soon!*

**Guildhall London, Sept 12, 2015**

*Michael Griffin gave a superlative talk to music scholars and teachers. First rate!*

**Headington, Oxford, Oct 6, 2015**

*Thank you very much for visiting us yesterday evening to open the year with such an insightful and engaging talk. Psychology in music is a topic rarely touched upon in lessons so you held a captive audience and have left us with much food for thought! It was truly inspiring to listen to your ideas and experience on this subject, and from the huge amount of unsolicited feedback received I can assure you that all the boys (and staff!) greatly enjoyed this event!*

**Eton College, Windsor Sept 24, 2015**

*Back home from an excellent ERTA Conference yesterday, that included a presentation from Michael Griffin, Australian music educator, about his approach to instrumental teaching, "Learning Strategies for Musical Success." Everything he highlighted reflected the principles and tried and tested teaching techniques employed by good Suzuki teachers, and it was really helpful to have the opportunity to re-visit them in a very practical way.*

**European Recorder Teachers Association, London, Oct 30, 2015**

*Many thanks for a fabulous session last Friday. Wish we had time for more! - John Padley, Director of Music.*

**Queen Anne's, Caversham, Sept 4, 2015**

*What was the most successful aspect of the Dorset Music Service Day?*

- *Pedagogy discussion with keynote speaker Michael Griffin was very useful and relevant.*
- *Listening to Michael Griffin's opening speech.*
- *Inspiring/challenging keynote speaker Michael Griffin.*
- *The mix of theory in the lecture room with Michael Griffin which was inspiring and thought provoking.*
- *Mind strategies and assessment which gives me things to take away and curriculum stuff practical.*
- *Mind strategies by Michael Griffin – excellent*
- *The keynote speaker Michael Griffin and his follow-up session were excellent.*
- *Michael Griffin's session on Intelligences, where music is at the centre.*

**Dorset Music Service, Oct 5, 2015**