

"It was engaging and inspiring, overall an enjoyable experience. Hearing his story was incredible and motivational and makes me want to chase what I want, not the security I've been told I need."

- **Student, Robertsbridge Community College**

"Jack-the-Lad is an inspiration to all students, he connected with all the kids he was talking to and his attitude towards how to persevere in life was truly motivational, an amazing guy!"

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"Jack's speech was both inspirational and entertaining. He talked about perseverance and being who you are. His manner and the way he presented himself showed that he isn't just telling us to follow our dreams, but shows that he has taken to heart everything he told us. His successful career and life showed us students that we can be successful as well. Before he started the speech he went into the audience to talk to and shake hands with us; this shows that he really connects with us and his speech is actually genuine".

- **Student, Robertsbridge Community College**

"Dare to Dream is an amazing programme and we're really proud to be a part of it – keep up the great work!"

- **Business supporter, Riverdale**

"Jack was truly an inspiring speaker, his charisma and approach captivated our student audience (and the staff too!). We can't wait to have you back Jack!"

- **Library & Work Related Learning Administrator, Chailey School**

"The Burgess Hill Academy were pleased to invite Jack to give a special presentation to our Year 9 students on "Dare to Dream". From the very start of the assembly, Jack engaged all our students with humour and humility. Talking about his background and how he didn't let a difficult start in life stop him from achieving his goals. It is not an easy task to hold the attention of 180 13-14 year olds but Jack interspersed a strong message – "you can achieve, if you put your mind to it" with little anecdotes about celebrities that he had met during his time at Heart FM. "Absolutely fantastic" and "Really inspiring" – just two comments from students as they left the hall. We are definitely looking forward to inviting Jack back to inspire our Year 10's."

- **Careers Leader, The Burgess Hill academy**

"From the start the presentation was engaging and thought provoking. The theme and message of how grades alone are not the only measure in life of how successful you can become and how resilience, perseverance and just being "that nice guy" can sometimes be more powerful in enabling young people to achieve their goals and aspirations in life.

This was a really powerful message and presented in such a way that kept the entire cohort transfixed for an entire hour! I would (and already have) whole heartedly recommend you to any schools/education establishments who are looking for external speakers to encourage, motivate and inspire their young people to follow their dreams and not give up on their goals and ambitions in life, all the teachers that heard the talk also found it inspiring."

- **Careers Leader, Robertsbridge Community college.**

"The talk Jack gave was fantastic. So inspirational and the Year 11's were so attentive. Not a peep heard and they were totally engaged with what he had to say. I have heard back from a number of staff that were in attendance that said how brilliant it was. Also our Principal who was able to attend for the first half came in to see me in my office just now and said it was a really good quality presentation, just the sort of message we want for our students and he hopes we can have more speakers in like yourself."

- **Careers Leader, Hailsham community college**

"It was so informative and a true reality check. It has helped me not to worry as much about my exams and life in general".

- **Year 11 student from Angmering School**

"Jack taught me to realise that it doesn't matter what others think, just don't follow them. It's challenged me to have a go and show more confidence in what I might have. It was a great assembly".

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"It was really nice to hear from someone who is so down to earth and just normal".

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"Jack was so inspirational. It made me want to think about my time at school and strive to be a nicer person".

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"It was very moving assembly hearing about Jack's school years. It has made me think about how I speak to people".

- **Year 11 student from Angmering School**

"It is sometimes hard to catch the attention of young people when they have so many things going on in their lives. This can be frustrating as a teacher; however we were privileged that you were able to come and speak to our Year 9s today as you had them rapt from start to finish. Your words were truly inspiring, and your style of presentation appealed to all types of student. I have never seen so many students want to thank a speaker after delivering an assembly like that, and that speaks volumes."

- **Assistant Head Teacher at Warden Park School**

"Today's assembly gave a positive attitude to everyone. It made everyone understand that they are unique in their own way. It also told us that it's our life, our decision we should do it the way we want and not how our friends or family want us to do it. It also said that one bad thing can affect people badly and that people should be kind."

- **Year 9 student from Warden Park School**

"Personally I found the talk very inspiring and it reminded me that I should always be myself. it also motivated me to keep following and chasing after my dreams. I especially like it when he talked about his own childhood experiences and his celebrity encounters. It was quite amusing as I remember listening to him on the radio. This experience will stay with me for a long time."

- **Year 11 student from Angmering School**