



SHREWSBURY
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern

Art of Learning Courses

Lance King, Art of Learning organisation, first approached the school in April 2005 to see if we might be interested in the courses his organisation was offering. The content of the courses sounded intriguing and Lance came with some high recommendations so we decided to give him a try and arranged for him to talk to all of our Year 11 pupils in the autumn term; the course was concerned with examination preparation and resilience.

Lance immediately showed himself to be part of a professional organisation; details of the course were circulated promptly and Lance even dispatched equipment to the school by post several weeks in advance of his arrival in Bangkok. On arrival Lance visited the school prior to his talk to make sure everything was in order and to find out a little about the types of pupils he would be talking to.

Lance spent the whole day with all of our Year 11 pupils, the majority of whom were second language learners. In the time I spent with Lance and the pupils I saw that they were really interested in what he had to say, as I was myself. This was borne out by short written assessments completed by the pupils at the end of the course. Talking to them afterwards their enthusiasm for the course was overwhelming; they were unanimous in their opinions of how useful and interesting it was, but also how much they enjoyed it. Much of this is to do with the friendly and approachable nature of Lance who seems to draw the pupils out of themselves. Lance puts in a full day at the school and when he had finished with the pupils ran a one hour course for staff on the contents of the day.

So impressed were we by Lance that we invited him back in May to talk to our Year 9 pupils in two half day, school success, courses. The reaction from the pupils was similar to the Year 11 pupils

Lance is friendly adaptable and utterly professional. He will adapt courses that he has to the needs of the school and the pupils; he also runs courses for parents and teachers. We are at the moment looking closely at what else his organisation can offer our school.

I would thoroughly recommend his organisation to other international schools. Have a look at what he is offering; it might make a significant difference to your pupils and the way in which they learn.

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