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It is rare that an individual can impact on a group of people and a place in the way that David Barg did when he workshopped our high school, primary school and beginner bands, and their conductors and music teachers at band camp in April this year.

His unique approach to teaching, especially the way in which he focussed on the personal growth of each individual in the group catalysed in every participant the sense of self-worth that fosters active participation and responsibility for learning and creating. This in turn resulted in dramatic improvement in their music.

David modelled enthusiasm, commitment, intention and hard work. He presented his information in a dynamic and humorous way, while his serious messages were not missed. His excellent workshop raised morale in our groups and lifted expectations for competitions that we were due to enter, and in which we were subsequently successful.

We invited David back to our school to follow up on his work. David was extremely professional and selfless. He spent a great deal of time with individuals — worked sensitively, encouragingly, and expertly, leaving us empowered and thankful.

I strongly recommend that he is supported to continue his work so that he reaches others, as he did us.

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