

16<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Dear Ranjit

Thank you so much for organising the Yorkshire Sign Film Festival again this year, the pupils SO enjoyed seeing their film and the other films on the big screen!

The pupils learnt so much about the process of film making, about working as a team, the hard work and organisation involved in a project such as this – so did I! The need for planning, storyboarding, make up, costume research on the internet, language – learning and remembering lines and then translating meaning into BSL, a greater understanding of the working world, improving their technical abilities: filming and editing. Those in the film had a massive confidence boost seeing themselves on the big screen. Some colleagues who hadn't been involved in the film making were amazed at their confident explanations of the process and what they'd learnt when they went up on stage and signed in front of so many people.

They all enjoyed meeting Matthew Lewis. Some pupils had prepared questions, then, on the day nearly everyone wanted to be part of it, get up onstage and ask a question themselves! Matthew was so lovely and treated each question with importance and gave them so much of his time and effort.

It was also lovely to see friendships being forged between schools, discussing the films as well as who fancied who!

**Here are the pupils' best bits:**

'I enjoyed Matthew Lewis talking about his films' Iram

'Talking to new friends from Doncaster' Charlotte

'Asking a question to Matthew Lewis and getting him to sign my Harry Potter DVD' Sohaib

'I liked the fly on the wall documentary and going up to collect the award...but I had really shaky hands!' Aquib

'Meeting Matthew Lewis' Zohaib

'Matthew Lewis saying it hurt his groin area when he was riding broomstick!' Kamer



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'It's the first time I've met a famous person and got an autograph' Munzir

'Interview with Matthew Lewis – he was funny!' Waqas

'I liked meeting a famous person and seeing a photograph of me in the Media museum leaflet! I felt like I was famous!' Arooj

'Seeing myself on the huge screen!' Aliko

(she has not been in this country very long and this was her first trip to the cinema! A deaf film festival and herself on the screen!)

'Meeting Matthew Lewis and asking him a question' Joel

'Meeting other deaf people from different schools' Samea

'Watching our film and other school's films' Adrian

'Meeting Matthew Lewis and asking for his autograph' Melissa

#### **Staff Best bits:**

A deaf boy came up to me and introduced himself so confident and 'chatty'. Nice to see them all mixing.

Nice seeing and catching up with ex pupils who were involved in Youth deafinitions.

Seeing our film! The trick of the tree – made people think they were stuck up a really tall tree!

Waqas looking cool and confident.

Our film was the best!

Watching their film.

Hearing everyone laughing at our film!

Watching our pupils totally engrossed in all the films.

Seeing our pupils on the big screen.

Seeing them onstage, so confident explaining their part in the film.

We're already thinking of stories for next year's film!

May suited us fine, later in the year might be okay too but June is full of GCSE's, July might mean that Yr 11's have already left. May is probably best. SATs have gone now but school's can still opt to do optional ones and set the dates individually so that might be problematic...but I guess the deaf pupils could do them at a different time since they are no longer national and on set days...

Thanks again!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Henri Grumbridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'G'.

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