

Junior ‘Warrior’ Programme

Passion - a burning desire to succeed

Student name:

Training venue:

There is an expression around at the moment that I think shows exactly the opposite of PASSION. It shows that the person who says it just does not care at all. The expression I’m talking about is ‘WHATEVER.’

You see the word ‘whatever’ really needs to be with some other words to help it to make sense.

Here are some examples;

1. ‘Whatever it takes’ from our old T – Shirts.
2. ‘Whatever I need to do’
3. ‘Whatever is necessary’
4. ‘Whatever happens you can depend on me’

Whatever can be a very good word when used with other words. You see, all the 4 expressions above say that we are PASSIONATE about something. They say that, no matter what happens, I’ll be there doing whatever is necessary.

Some people become passionate about doing sport, some people are passionate about watching sport, some about music, some about the cinema and some about other people. There are good things to be passionate about and there are definitely some less good things to become passionate about. Some people decide to not get passionate about anything. This is sometimes a good way to not get your feelings hurt. If you don’t really allow yourself to care about anything (“Whatever”) then you won’t care if it disappears from your life.

The problem with this approach is that it tends to make dull people. They are never excited (another word for passion) so they are usually unexcited (or boring).

Most of you are still young enough to be deciding whether you will be a passionate person or not, so have a think; does anything really make you ‘buzz’ with excitement? Does anything stop you from sleeping (in a good way) because you can’t wait to do it?

I have to be honest, there are some things that make me say ‘whatever.’ If you told me Eastenders would never be on TV again I would say it. If you told me Wayne Rooney had been transferred to Chelsea I’d say it, but there are lots of things I am passionate about too.

If you offered me £1million to not be a Martial Artist I would turn you down. If you told me I couldn’t spend my time helping people to become more confident, I would be really upset.

So here is your task this quarter.

Tell me what you ARE passionate about and why. What things in your life really make you BUZZ with excitement? If you haven’t found out yet, what do you think it might be?

I have read your work so far and I KNOW that many of you are very passionate about some things. Enjoy yourself telling me as much as you can about these things here please, answers on the back of the sheet please.

Master Vince.

