

Inspirational Teaching: Three Things from Rob

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Enthusiasm

- Be enthusiastic about your subject
 - If you aren't when you are given the subject to teach, find a reason to get that way
- Sell your subject
 - Don't expect your audience to share your enthusiasm, at least at the start
- Look like you are having fun teaching

Knowledge

- Know what you are teaching
 - Know your subject
 - But don't sweat too much detail – finding things out with the audience is fun
 - Know your audience
 - Where they are coming from and where you want to take them – context is key

Humour

- “You only need to be funny if you want to get asked back”
- If you reach a point in your development as a teacher where you are relaxed enough to try being amusing then you are doing well
- Don’t stress about having to be funny or try to find a funny persona
 - Just try to be a slightly more amusing version of yourself