

‘Thanks for everything. You did it again :-)))))’ (A parent from Portugal)

‘Thanks so much for the great planning of the Course, as you say he has arrived tired but very happy. The aim of the Course has been 100% accomplished: a place where young people can develop themselves in an English-speaking international environment.’ (A parent from Spain)

‘For me it was a great event in my life, and one I’ll never forget. As my dad said ‘it was obviously a life influencing event, and one that has had a very positive effect.’ (A UK Rep)

‘She had a wonderful experience at VacStuds this summer. Her self esteem and confidence have been strengthened. And she now says she enjoys using the English language, which she did not before. Thank you.’ (A parent from Norway)

‘Thank you so much for yet another perfect summer. I would like to tell you that I sincerely appreciate all the hard work put into the course by you and all the members of staff.’ (A Norwegian student)

‘Thank you for making this year’s VacStuds just as popular as last year. She came home, and, as expected, was just hanging around at home the first days - not particularly happy; there was no organized program - and she was missing her friends. She had a great time, and is already asking about going back next summer... Her birthday is in October, and this is her greatest birthday wish (although not the cheapest one...)).’ (A parent from Norway)

‘I loved to see the great progress she has made. She is also a more mature person now and the relations with the friends she made seems more sustainable and with greater substance. (A parent from Israel)

‘This has been a great year at VacStuds and I’m really looking forward to go back in 11 months!’ (A student from Spain)

‘I just want to thank you for giving her a summer she will remember all her life! Thank you so much.’ (A parent from Norway)

‘I would like to thank you and all your staff for the excellent organization, atmosphere, learning and having fun school at the same time! He said this was his best vacation ever! He felt to be part of a family. He said ‘Mum I have to go back next year, there is my family!’ He has met a lot of new friends, and he really improved his English. Now we are in the Canary Island and he still wants to speak English with us. Thank you and congratulation for the excellent job. (A parent from Italy)

‘Thank you for all the good care you and your team took of her. As she says: ‘the best month of my life!’ She enjoyed her stay tremendously and it looks as if she hasn’t landed yet, she’s still with her mind at Mary Hare!’ (A parent from Spain)

‘As I am back home and the contrast between VacStuds and my normal life shows me how extraordinary this place is, I feel a huge need to thank you for having offered me this wonderful opportunity of simultaneously making great friends, improving my English, learning an incredible lot about the whole world and myself, and of course having the great chance and privilege to introduce a lot of young people to my interesting country and nation. I honestly think that I had, and by far, the greatest time of my life, and days I will remember all my life, just as my eternal gratitude to you.’ (A student from Canada)

‘Thank you for letting me to come to VacStuds this year. In this amazing month I made so many friends, practise my English a lot and I had so much fun. On class we made our own film, which I will never have the chance again at somewhere else. I had try new sports that I don't even know when I'm in China. And the thing made me most proud for myself and all my teammates in Douai-Elstree to build our own house and win the house competition. Everyone was working so hard for Douai. Now when I am back at home I feel maladjustment because I was always with my friends when I was at VacStuds and I'm so lonely now at home. Also my days at VacStuds were full of fun activities but when I am back at home the only thing I am doing is homework. The whole world seems so boring. That's also a reason why I am always looking forward to come to VacStuds every year since my first time here. VacStuds is our home. We can always feel safe, warm and hope. VacStuds is the place I love. Thank you for organizing Vacational Studies and keeping it running for such a long time. Anyway, it's the ‘days I will remember all my life!’ Hope to see you and everyone next year.’ (A student from China)

‘He is back. He had a great time! And his English is fluent (not perfect, but fluent and with a much better accent). It really was worth the investment.’ (A parent from Norway)

‘A few words to thank you for the incredible experience that you have offered to our son. When we decided to send him to VacStuds, we knew that it was going to be an intense and valuable experience, but still, we were definitively underestimating it. He came back happy, self-confident, enthusiastic and full of stories of new friends, new games, new sports, new interests to share with us. The insightful and thoughtful report that you sent us on his behaviour at Mary Hare reflects very well our son today. We just wanted to let you know that we really did not take this for granted, and we would like to thank you and all the team for having embraced him this way. We shall be happy to be contacted by new families who want to propose this experience to their kids and want to hear our impressions.’ (A parent from Italy)

‘My daughter spent an amazing time with all the international friends and staff. She wishes to return next summer. Thank you for all you have done.’ (A parent from China)

‘Many thanks to you and your team for these wonderful four weeks.’ (A parent from Germany)

‘We met two tired, but very happy, girls at the airport yesterday. E claimed that this year ‘had been even better than last year’ and H was just ecstatic about the 4 weeks. Thank you once again for their attendance at the Mary Hare School. An experience for life!’ (A parent from Norway)

‘Just wanted to say thank you for an amazing month in Vacational Studies again. I had the best month so far in my life.’ (A student from Norway)

‘I would like to thank you so much. It is my pleasure and I am so happy to meet my son again and more happy to hear that he was so lucky and spent a very nice time with large experience at your school and he asked me already before he come back, if can come the next year again. Thin is a sign that it was very successful for him and me. It was not easy for me against his mother and my family, how can I send him alone, but it was the right decision and I am very happy about it.’ (A parent from Israel)

'This is to tell you that she has arrived 'as happy as a sandboy'. The first thing she told us was: 'It was even better than last year!' Congratulations and thank you very much for all!' (A parent from Spain)

'It was the most amazing time that I've ever had in my life.' (A student from Germany)

'I've gained a lot of experience, independence skills, English improvement, being more sociable, etc. I wish everyone to get in VacStuds even only once in their life, because it changed me a lot, I grew-up and now it helps me in the life of everyday. VacStuds will always be a big part of me, and I made incredible friendships. I thank you a thousand times for all the things you've been doing for me.' (A student from Monaco)

'I had an amazing time as part of the staff. It was more rewarding than I ever could have imagined and the encouraging atmosphere continues to develop me into a more rounded and confident person. You have - yet again - achieved a marvellous feat in another great year at VacStuds and I am so glad that I could be a part of it.' (An Apprentice.)

'Just as you told us, our kids came home with a lot of joy and plenty of new friends and relations all over the countries. It was the second year for C. He had been so happy after the first year in 2016, that he spent the whole following year to convince us to send him again this summer. After his second VacStuds summer in 2017, he came back still more satisfied.' (A parent from the Lebanon)

'VacStuds leaves such an imprint on everyone who experiences it, not because of what it does but because of why it does it.' (A member of staff from Spain)

'VacStuds has changed me in a way I never thought it could. Before it started I didn't even believe it could change me at all, but VacStuds proved to me the opposite. Of course my English got way better in these four weeks, but that was clear before. VacStuds also taught me to be more outgoing, to show my skills and not to hold me back.' (A student from Germany)

'Summer is now officially over and school has started. The enthusiasm and energy of the summer days are now replaced by hard work and school pressure and they slowly fade away. But there are parts of those months that don't disappear which are memories. I am thanking you because you offered me once again the most wonderful summer I could have ever wished for.

Thanks to the course I've not only improved my English (or at least I hope I did), but I also changed as each time I get back from VacStuds. I wouldn't say VacStuds metamorphosed me into someone else, it actually made me discover and develop parts of me I didn't know, and made me accomplish things I would never have thought I was capable of. Thank you so much for this.

I assume you must read this a lot but I also wanted to tell you how grateful I am because thanks to the course I had the chance to meet some amazing people and come together again with some of my best friends (such as Louise who I'll have the pleasure to meet in Nice in a few days). I've never been as much myself as when I was in VacStuds. I love the fact that there is no judgement because we are all the same there; strangers and foreigners gathered in a country that most of us don't really know. We all start all over again and decide exactly how we want to be seen and that is a huge and extraordinary opportunity.

Furthermore, I must thank you for giving me the chance to be an ambassador, it was an interesting experience for me and I hope for the students at the course. It gave me more confidence (which is something I gain from year to year in VacStuds) and if in the beginning I used to feel a bit stressed about how the presentation would actually turn out, in the end I really felt comfortable with it.

As you already know, I've applied for next year and I am really looking forward to Vacation Studies 2018! It will be my 5th year at VacStuds and the past two years I've had the opportunity to have positions of responsibility which was really helpful building a spirit ready to take initiative, help people, understand people and grow up as a person myself. You might have noticed I signed up to be a prefect. I really hope you will consider me: I feel I can do a great job as a prefect, as I hope I did as a mentor and assistant house captain. If you think I could be a good prefect, I'd love to be one.

I will finish by saying thank you again for allowing me to join this unique course. It means a lot to me. Whatever I do during the year, wherever I go, whoever I meet, there is no such place that I miss as much as Mary Hare School. In this beautiful place full of astonishing people, I've created the best memories ever and lived some days I'll remember all my life.' (A student from Monaco)