

Thank you for the great moments A spent with the team. He really enjoyed all the students. To continue to be more mature I may ask the opportunity for him to have for next year more investment in VacStuds and I want to see with you if he has the possibility to be House Captain. (*A parent from Monaco*)

As L says to me: “Mum, nobody can understand what VacStuds really is about, if you don’t live it yourself”.

She told me an anecdote about a boy her age, who at the beginning of the course said to her that he was not going to like VacStuds, that it was not his thing. L talked a lot with him during the first days and she said to him “this place has something magical, wait and see”. The last day, this boy was crying, and said “you were right, it’s magical”. I find that such a beautiful story. I tell her, if I can send her again next year, she should go for a mentor role, that’s in a way what she did with this boy!

I want to thank you for your hard work, year after year, to keep your magic formula alive and to make it better every year. That relaxing and happy look she has on her face when I watch your photos and videos, is a look I only see when she’s at VacStuds. (*A parent – and former student herself – from Spain*)

Thank you for choosing me to be one of the UK Reps this year. Not only did I have one of the most fun-packed and exciting summers of my life, but I also had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people from all sorts of different cultures, many of whom are now some of my closest friends.

This course has not only opened my eyes to the uniqueness and vibrancy of the rest of the world, but has also taught me a great deal about myself as a person, and I feel has made me grow immensely.

I enjoyed the last four weeks so much and I would absolutely love to return as an apprentice next year if given the chance. (*A UK Rep*)

This summer was the greatest one I experienced. I had “the time of my life”. Last month, I made so many wonderful memories, made new friends, and learned, a lot. At VacStuds I learned about English, about socialisation but also about myself. I went through all of those activities, those new things, those classes, those hours of filming, those challenges and I grew.

First, I came back home with a very different perspective of life and of people. I am surely more mature and also more independent now.

So, I thank you. For everything.

Starting from the skype interview, to the meeting with the Norwegians at Heathrow, to the lovely masterclasses which, I think, helped me the most to improve my English level (now I can understand and quote ‘Macbeth’), to the exciting events, to the club, and all the way to the last day.

You were right, on that day, I cried, with everyone, for everyone, and I really liked it. At that moment, I could feel all that energy and at that moment, I realised that I would miss

VacStuds so much. It has been a week now, and I still am full of nostalgia.

You do such an amazing work, and you built a wonderful environment for teens to blossom. You planted me and laboured to make me full of growing. It worked with me. *(A student from Quebec, Canada)*

Vacational Studies is becoming an important part of our family life. *(A parent from Spain)*

Her experience at Vacational Studies was extraordinary. She loved everything: the lessons, the social and sport events, the trips, the life at Mary Hare School, the staff, the new friends. To be part of different groups and be accepted by everyone was extremely important for her. She told us that everyone was friendly. Many thanks for helping her to become more confident of herself and obviously to improve her English. She has already expressed the desire to come back to Vacational Studies next year. *(A parent from Italy)*

Thank you for all the work that you put in, for us students to have the best moments of our lives. This year was amazing and VacsSuds has been the best place for me because it had a really big impact on my everyday life.

It would be fantastic to come back year after year after year.

My first year at Vacstuds opened the world to me, helped me a lot to grow up as a person and to become more sociable and interactive with people.

It was truly a great year and being a House Captain was an important factor. I enjoyed having a role in my house, having some responsibilities, and leading the people in events as well as in sports. It motivated me to step up next year to become a Prefect. Being a Prefect is a big step to becoming a staff member. It would be an honour to reach the highest position of SSSO one day if the opportunity presented itself. *(A student from the Lebanon)*

I have witnessed good improvement of her English language skills as she becomes a very confident interlocutor. She obtained the ability not only to understand the language, but also to express herself fluently in a manner that enables her to interact with native speakers at peer level.

She made good friends at Mary Hare and she continues to develop the relationships she established through social network. Completing three summers with VacStuds, she went through quite a journey. For her, like for all of us, those would indeed be days to remember all our lives. *(A parent – and former student himself – from Israel)*

Thank you! S had an amazing stay at Vacational Studies. He now has friends all over the world. *(A parent from Norway)*

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to live once again one of the most incredible, amazing, unforgettable months of my whole life. I am now sitting at home, with tearful eyes, feeling a bit empty but with a heart full of joy and a head full of wonderful memories. I am so grateful and thankful because I believe that once again I developed as a person during this month, mostly thanks to my Prefect role which I think will help me a lot in life. Being Head Mentor, too, was an amazing opportunity and I enjoyed this position, chairing meetings and

working with people in order to help some students to have the best summer. (*A student from Monaco*)

Thank you so much once again for this beautiful summer and for all the experiences I had the opportunity to live. VacStuds really is like a second home for me. I couldn't imagine a summer without it. (*A student from Sweden*)