

Reactions to the Summer of 2024...

'We just got the final report for L and we wanted to express our sincere thanks for the remarkable experience our son had at Mary Hare this summer. The month-long residential course was truly transformative for him. He has returned home with a newfound confidence, greatly improved language skills, and a deepened appreciation for different cultures.

The immersive environment you provided at VacStuds has not only advanced his English proficiency, but also broadened his horizons. He has spoken so warmly of the friendships he formed with students from across the globe, and it's clear these connections have enriched his understanding of the world. The activities and excursions he took part in were not only educational but also filled with fun and excitement, creating memories he will treasure for a lifetime.

We are genuinely thankful for the care, dedication, and expertise of the entire VacStuds team. Your commitment to fostering a positive, supportive, and enriching environment was evident in every aspect of the programme. My son's time at VacStuds has left a lasting impression, and we are thrilled with the progress he made during his stay.

Looking forward to 2025!' (An Israeli parent and former student)

'Thank you so much to you and all the staff for all your efforts to create such a magical stay at Mary Hare this summer and thank you for all the wonderful pictures you have posted that have given us some insight into the activities they have been lucky to take part in! It has been really touching and lovely to see!' (A Norwegian parent and former student)

'A is still flooding me with experiences of the last four weeks. All of them had a great time and already hours after their return they asked us if they could „do it again“ next year! Thanks for your support and the great work you and your team just did (again)! (A German parent and former student)

'M came back really excited for the unforgettable month, as every year.' (An Italian parent and former student)

'Full of impressions and new friends, we have already heard that she wants back next year.' (A Norwegian parent)

'The summer of 2024 has made a positive difference in M's life. As you say this is 'an investment that lasts a lifetime.' VacStuds creates multiple opportunities for later contacts and personal progress. My admiration and respect for what VacStuds stands for goes

further that my imagination.' (A Norwegian grandfather of former students)

'The children arrived home safely and very happy (and sad to be back!). We want to warmly thank you and all staff for this wonderful opportunity. They met many new friends and learnt a lot! They have lots of stories to tell us and we feel that it was really a great experience for all of them.' (An Italian parent)

'Vacational Studies has been one of the best things that could have happened to me. Here I found a family. During this past month I had the chance to see and learn how the sports and social team works and prepare for every event and I realized how much I want to become one of them. I want to

come up with new ideas, help the rest of the team, work together and spend another incredible summer in my second home. Nothing would make me more excited than to follow the steps of my mom and my aunt and work just as they did some years ago and give the best of me as them. As I said in my public speech in Dulverton, I know that these were days that I'll remember all my life.' (A Spanish student)

'His feedback after one week: "I hate it and I want to come home asap."

...after two weeks: "It's okay and I am getting to know people."

...after three weeks: "I have made fantastic friends and I really like it here."

...after four weeks: "It was great and I want to be back next year!"

So thanks a lot to you and your team. You have made this summer very special for my son.' (A German parent whose son will, of course, be back.)