

Days I'll Remember All My Life

When I was on my way to vacstuds I didn't know what to expect. On the plane trip to the UK I was worried, nervous and uncertain. I was immediately greeted with a warm welcome by Francesca. When I arrived at the airport in London, she introduced me to some of the students that had been before. Suddenly a friendly looking person came and greeted me. He asked my name and asked how old I was. So I answered. My name is Ezra Lukama and I am from the Faroe Islands.

The person I met was a young man from Angola. Then while waiting for the bus I met another young man called Antoine from Slovakia. Never in my life had I imagined meeting people from such countries. The bus arrived and we then drove to vacstuds. When we arrived there were people who were waiting to welcome us. As I stepped out of the bus I lost this feeling of nervousness and the worries in my mind and I was filled with excitement and curiosity. I was excited to see what the coming month had to offer. I met wonderful people from a number of countries.

At the start I didn't know a lot about some practical things like where to wash our clothes and where to eat so on and so forth. Then I met this wonderful individual called Max. He was a young Belgian individual which was a few years younger than me. He helped me a lot and we ended up being very good friends.

Then there came the first house event and what I thought was amazing. People that have just met working together and helping each other. From that moment I learnt that it is hard to win things on your own and that teamwork is always better.

In the classes we had I learnt a lot of new things. One thing was new English words and their definition. Another was stepping out of my comfort zone. Normally I keep to myself, but in these classes I learnt how to speak up. Acting was also very challenging for me because I had to do some things that I wouldn't do normally.

The events at vacstuds were so special. I participated in some events such as Eurovision, so you think you can dance Mr. & Mrs. and the follies bergère. I had many great practices with my fellow Faroese Magnus. When the night to perform came we ended up in fourth place out of nineteen. Then the Mr. & Mrs. where I had to dress up as a woman for the first time of my life. So you think you can dance was one of my favorites. We had many hours of practice to perfect our dance. And when the big event was over, we finished in second place. And then my favorite, follies bergère, we sang two famous songs by Coldplay while the whole crowd sang in unison.

Then comes the sports day one of my favorite Events. We played frisbee, football, volleyball, basketball, we ran, we swam, even though I had a cast on my finger and couldn't participate, I had a lot of fun standing on the sidelines cheering for my house, Douai Elstree.

The thing i enjoyed most about vacstuds was telling people about the Faroe islands. How life is and a bunch of other questions. Some good and some bad questions. But I answered all of them with great joy. At vacational studies I realized how rare it is for me to be from the Faroe Islands

As the camp came to an end I had to say goodbye to all the people I had met. We sung the school song for the last time and it was so emotional thinking that I wouldn't have been here if it wasn't for a competition that I entered.

Now I am sitting at home and all I can think about is what a month I have had. My English has improved a lot. I have met a lot of new people. And I have learnt a lot of new life skills.

Dear Mr. Mucklejohn I want to thank you for the wonderful opportunity you gave me. I am extremely grateful for what you made possible for me. I really wish to come back next year, but it is really tough with my family's financial situation. I would like to thank you once more for changing my life. If your ever need someone to represent vacstuuds here in the Faroe Islands I am here to help.