

Wellingborough Salvation Youth Group

What they've put down below is from their heart in their own words.

Harry : What I got out of summer school was an uplifting experience shared with friends from around the East Midlands. I chance to get back together with friends I hadn't seen in a while and share in fun, games and fellowship together.

Jordan : Every year I look forward to EMSS (East Midlands Summer School) but this year more than ever. I knew it was going to be a good week but little did I know god would make it challenging as well I've been having issues for the last two years with different things and I've kept them all to myself. But with support from two staff members and my two closest friends we solved the situation together. This year something was mentioned during worship that really got to me, it was when a member of staff read psalm 121 – "I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

At this moment I knew it was time to tell someone. During a very tearful talk with a member of staff I told him everything that no one else knew but myself. Between us we told another member of staff and my two best mates, it felt so good to get it off my chest. The four people I have told have been praying hard and after two years of keeping it to myself and a few days of praying my prayer was answered and the situations had gone. And now everyday more than ever I thank god for how incredible and comforting he is. Leading up to this I felt very scared and to ashamed to tell anyone but now I feel like a huge weight is off my shoulder and I can relax and not be anxious.

The bible reading that really stuck with me from EMSS was Jeremiah 29 v11 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. This verse is so true and for me it worked out in the best way possible. I thank God that now I can wake up every morning and not worry about the day ahead.

Lucy : During the week I took part in art and singing. In art we took bible verses that were mentioned in the worship in the morning and interpreted them in our own way. Also in the week we had a Christian singer called Philippa Hannah who writes her songs around her faith and how she came to being a Christian. Also a comedian who came and done a workshop with us and then a show in the evening with Christian jokes. Throughout the week I made new friends and memories.

Zara : Once again I had an awesome week at summer school! I loved the singing and I also really enjoyed the art group. It was great to meet up with friends and to also make new friends. During the week , we had a singer who came to perform. Her name was Phillipa Hanna and not only did she have an amazing voice, she had a powerful story to tell of her Christian journey. I am really grateful to the rotary for helping with our funding for summer school, I loved every minute and can't wait for next year!

Ashley : Summer school is one of my favourite weeks of the year! Its a chance to learn more about God and to have fun worshipping together with people our age from around the division. Everyone makes life long friends and has an awesome week learning and laughing together. This year i took part in both band and singing and also learnt alot about how to use technology and media to spread a positive message and hopefully bring joy to others in our worship media sessions. Thank you to the rotary club for helping us to be able to take part in such an amazing week.

Matthew : Music school. I enjoyed worship media