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A few weeks ago, I took part in Global Scholars and it was an eye-opening experience for me. During the program we learned about a variety of world issues and how we as youth could take part in tackling them. I loved this experience and I enjoyed getting to know new people and now I have acquired a lot of knowledge that I never knew about before.

This program was definitely a pleasant event that happened and I very much enjoyed all of the speakers that came to talk to all of us, especially the ones that interacted well with us but I think a major highlight of the event was the social hours. Even though they were very late for the people in England (because of the time zones) I still forced myself to go to them at 2:00 am and I definitely didn't regret it because now I have made very good acquaintances.

Even though by the end of the program I had made many friends, I think the most challenging aspect was socialising and getting used to talking to each other in our smaller groups. However, this was a natural thing but considering that we only had two weeks, I was anxious we would not be able to communicate effectively for the best of our group. Luckily by the end of our program we all felt more comfortable with each other and I give most of my credit to the socialising hours, which is why I am glad that I forced myself to go to most of them. And now I have become even better at socialising so that helped me to gain a helpful skill.

One of the biggest things I learned was how to contact my representatives as this would be a useful skill that I would use in the future; this was actually the most beneficial skill that I learned from this program.

I would recommend this program, not just to people who are passionate about certain issues but to people who do not know about difficulties in the world and want to find out about them. I say this because I did not really know what issues I was passionate about before joining Global Scholars but now I know that I am passionate about racial injustice. Also, this program allows me to speak to people in power and positions that I might want to be in one day, so it is greatly beneficial learning about their day to day lives and some of the concerns that they have to face.

I think that if I were to improve the programme, I would probably suggest to take designated breaks halfway through the speakers' presentation just so that people could refresh their minds to what they are saying but other than that I would not change any part of this experience.

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