

Nils '21

Germany

Before Nils arrived, he wrote a letter to the faculty, and from that moment on, became a beloved member of the RLC community. He was excited by the natural environment—the woods, the lake, the trails, the outtrips, the people—as well as all the activities associated with the campus environment, from learning to taking polar dips into Lake Rosseau. During his time at the school, he served as prefect and participated in the full range of curricular and co-curricular activities.

“When I decided to come to RLC,” he says, “I believe it was mainly for the reason that I didn’t feel like I had grown up yet. I wanted to use RLC as a gap year to grow up a bit and decide to be a child a bit longer. When I decided to go to RLC, in my eyes that was the best decision I’d made so far in my life.”

“What has helped me most on my way in this absolutely gorgeous school was that I went there with the idea to be a totally new person. And I think I am a different person when I am here and I think I’m a better person when I am here. But it was also so easy to be a good person here, because everywhere I look all I see is friendly faces, people smiling at me and people encouraging me. When I first came here, I was really blown away by that ... I think RLC for really giving me that.”

Nils shared a boarding room with a Canadian student, who he described as a great friend. “It was an honour to share a house with every Clarkson boy,” he says of his boarding house. “I’ve learned true comradeship here. It’s a great house and great people.”

Nils described the faculty as helping him realise the passion he has for the outdoors and being active. “That has ultimately helped me looking into careers after school. I’m really thankful for that. It shows me that my job can be what I want to do for life ... something to really fulfill me and make me happy.”

“It was in the winter of 2020 that I decided that RLC was not just a one-year thing. I wanted to do it longer. And really grow up here. I’ve really learned taking responsibility is important in life. Through RLC I learned who I want to be, and what I want to do in life.”

