

Emilia Pashley - Storyteller for Scarborough Stories

Emilia's story explores an important moment in a school exam.

Violet: So your story starts the exam. Can you tell me about what happened?

Emilia: I finished doing the exam. So I got this out because I had nothing to do. I was just waiting until they had to go out. So I got this out, and then the teachers was like 'put that away. It's banned. Don't let me see it again.' And I was just like... it made me feel trapped.

Violet: Can you explain how your fidget spinner helps you.

Emilia: It helps me by... It's mainly a distraction from what I'm feeling at the time and it's just mainly a distraction. And it wouldn't make me think about it as much.

Violet: So why did you decide to move to Scarborough when you're in the middle of your exams?

Emilia: It was mainly for education. The school I was at, I was mainly being bullied, so it was time to move. I needed to move just to get away from the people mainly.

Violet: That's absolutely fair enough. When you did move here, what did you do with your education?

Emilia: Joined caedmon sixth form. It was good. I met a girl who joined me into this social group called Interactive. ever since she has done I've absolutely loved it. And I just love doing it.

Violet: That sounds absolutely amazing. So what kind of thing do you do with interactive?

Emilia: Loads of different activities. My favourite activity is Peterigg. We stay for two nights. Which is where we're in with other people. We sometimes do archery. Have like a little bonfire. Do something where we have to find letters in groups. Crate climbing. And just have fun mainly.

Violet: That sounds amazing. So is interactive like a once a week thing?

Emilia: Once a month mainly. Sometimes it can be more than that, it depends what interactive want to have planned.

Violet: So that sounds so cool. So I know after you went to sixth form. You went to Blueberry Academy. Can you tell me a bit about that?

Emilia: Okay. I joined blueberry when I left the sixth form. So just after sixth form. I was shy to start with but as I got more into knowing people and got the hang of it, I started to get more confident. And now I'm really confident.

Violet: That's amazing. So I know you do like some work experience with Blueberry, just tell me a little bit about that.

Emilia: The work experience I do at the moment is a nursery just working with children, which I love doing. Just still sometimes I have to, if they're not doing what I'm saying they've

already asked more than once I have to get the head and they sort it out because they're just not listening to me.

Violet: Have you always wanted to work with children?

Emilia: Yes.

Violet: How do you feel all of these different experiences? So you different six forms, blueberry, interactive, all of those things. How do you think they've shaped you as a person?

Emilia: I think they've been good experiences, it's changed my life completely to where it was and where I came from, and I've just enjoyed it more.

Violet: That's so cool. So what advice would you give to someone struggling with their self confidence?

Emilia: Just try trying everything you can and try if you suggest new things, you give it a go and just keep trying. You'll get what you want eventually and just don't give up, mainly.

Violet: Oh, that is amazing advice. So I just got a couple more questions. My next question is what do you think of Scarbrough after moving?

Emilia: I think it's more like me. Creative because some people are creative in their own ways. And sometimes imaginative because some people can be imaginative with what they're doing.

Violet: That's an amazing answer. So one final question. If you could say anything to the teacher that banned your fidget spinner, what would you say to them?

Emilia: I would prefer it if you let me fidget with that, because it would have helped me distract from what else I was thinking because I mainly just wanted to walk out of that room.

Violet: Well, thank you so much for sharing your experiences. I'm so glad that you feel comfortable telling that to everyone here.