What VEX means to me

I have learnt a lot of new things through participating in vex. Our team is definitely not going to win the world championships but vex is only just beginning in the UK and therefore we are doing a lot of teaching ourselves what to do.

Participating in robotics has taught me many new skills. As team leader, I have learnt a lot of people skills, such as getting a team to work efficiently and how to talk to people. I have also had to learn how to balance my time between doing robotics and having a normal life. I have made lots of new friends in different years who I would not otherwise have known.

The most rewarding part for me has been participating in my teams outreach project. Although I am not considering a robot based carer, I have considered teaching. Therefore I have really enjoyed the opportunity to work with primary school children to programme robots. It has really made me appreciate how hard a primary school teachers job is!

The most enjoyable thing for me though has been the developing of tactics. I have really enjoyed it and not only do I fell pleased when it gives us the edge in matches, it has also given me a greater appreciation of the role of a coach in a team.

To sum it up, vex has taught me to think outside the 18” cube! I now think in two cubes.

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