

Student Hannah Fletcher, 19, from Walsall has been singing with her Mum Sharon in a local choir for a couple of years. Their choir director Conrad Gayle told them about the B Positive choir and asked if they would like to be involved. As an existing blood donor Hannah jumped at the chance.

Hannah says “The B Positive choir sounded like a great cause to be a part of. I started giving blood when I was 17 because I wanted to help people and being a part of the choir is another way of helping people.”

The choir experience has been fun and exciting for Hannah, she said “We are like one big family”. She also said, “God has given me this opportunity to be able to help people, encourage them and let them know that we are not alone, he is always with us.”

Whilst having fun Hannah has also learnt more about the need for closely matched blood to treat patients with ongoing conditions like Sickle cell anaemia and is now friends with many people in the choir who require blood on a regular basis.

This knowledge has inspired Hannah to donate as often as she is allowed. Hannah adds “Being a part of the choir brings home to me how important giving blood is. For me giving blood for the first time was a really nice and exciting experience. I really enjoyed seeing so many people who had come together to donate blood. I met donors who had been giving blood for a long time and they were telling me all about their experiences and the number of donation they had reached. I had no problems donating blood and really enjoyed the drink and biscuits after too!”

Hannah’s enthusiasm and passion for blood donation also extends to her experience being part of the B Positive choir. She says “Being a part of the B Positive choir and Britain’s Got Talent – one of the most watched shows on television is an amazing experience, it is so uplifting and I can’t stop smiling. I’m enjoying every minute knowing that we are doing something good to help people at the same time.”

