

The Kosei Grapevine

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The Sun Shines on the 59th Otomesai!



Lucy's First Otomesai

It was my first time to experience the school festival this year and I must say I was very impressed! It's clear that a huge amount of work went into making the two-day festival a remarkable success and everyone from every year-group got involved. First were the dances and performances from junior high and high school. Everybody worked together to put a great show on. Some chu 3 students made a fashion show using clothes that they had made and customized themselves and did their "best model walk" on a home-made catwalk to the soundtrack of catchy pop-music. Other girls from the same year-group put on a fantastic silhouette show that left every one mesmerized! We also got to watch some fantastic dancing and some extremely funny drama sketches that had everyone laughing. Outside in the school yard the baton girls performed a jazzy routine. Although everyone had fun it was also sad for some of the Ko 1 students as this was going to be their last performance before they head off to New Zealand. Nevertheless, everyone had a great time and all of the parents were suitably impressed! In the high school building each classroom had been transformed into a special themed-room which numerous fun activities for everyone to enjoy. I dressed up in a traditional Jordanian dress, watched some Harry Potter magic tricks, saw the students' beautiful drawings, went to a haunted house, watched a scary movie and many, many more! Between activities I took many trips outside to try one of the many stalls selling delicious food and drink. We were served not just by the students' mothers, but also by high-school students who were selling food they had made themselves. Delicious stuff! All in all everyone really enjoyed the festival. There was a fantastic group feeling throughout the weekend and everyone left with a huge smile on their face. Well done to everyone involved, let's cherish the happy memories!

Young Americans Take Kosei Gakuen by Storm Again!

This summer we were once again lucky enough to be visited by the "Young Americans". These talented singers and dancers joined forces with our own equally talented students to produce a musical show to be performed in front of a crowd of proud parents and friends. During the practice time the students were able to communicate in English with their new American friends. Many girls discovered that their shyness melted away when presented with the need to communicate in such an exciting context. We look forward to next year!





Kosei Girls Go International!

England

What did you do in the summer vacation? Did you meet your friends or go on a trip with your family? Well, the girls of Grade 11 went on an amazing trip to England.

Most students stayed for just one week, but a group of around 30 stayed for a whole month. First, everyone stayed with a host family in Cheltenham for a week. Cheltenham is a nice town in the west of England. From there they could visit cool and interesting places like the historic cities of Bath, Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon. Do you know which famous person came from Stratford-upon-Avon? I'll give you a hint: He wrote 'Romeo & Juliet'. Keep reading to find the answer!

After one week, most students returned to Japan but the remaining students moved to Brighton. Brighton is a fun city on the south coast of England, famous for its beach and fish 'n' chips. The students could enjoy learning English at a language school and made friends from all over the world. And, luckily for them, the weather was fantastic. It was the hottest and sunniest summer in England since 2006.

By August 2nd, all the students had arrived back in Japan, loaded with souvenirs for their friends and family. They had a really great time! By the way, do you who came from Stratford-upon-Avon? It was William Shakespeare!

Have a good second term, everyone!



Sri Lanka

On the 22nd of August a group that included 15 students from Kosei Gakuen Girls' along with our Rijicho-sensei and Hashitani-sensei took off for Sri Lanka. Ten of the participants were from our high school and five from our junior high school.

For these girls this was an exciting opportunity to not only visit a foreign country but to learn about its people and culture. They also hoped to share Japanese hospitality with the people that they met there. The group spent a week in Sri Lanka. They met with many local people, enjoyed the local food and participated in cultural exchange events.

The group received a warm welcome and made many unforgettable memories. Through this trip they were able to deepen the bond that exists between Kosei Gakuen and Sri Lanka as well as form new bonds with the people that they met there.



Important Dates

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| Oct 1 st | Tokyo Citizens Day |
| Oct 14 th | Health Sports Day |
| Oct 12 th | Eiken Day |
| Oct 20 th | Oeshiki |



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