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A Message from our new Principal

Kosei Gakuen Girls', educating young women who can understand different ways of thinking, and will be able to make a contribution on the global stage.

Our school's founding principle is to help young women to take their place on the international stage and make a contribution towards a more peaceful world. We aim to achieve this through our classes, school events, research trips abroad and other educational activities. This year, we are emphasizing five different ways in which our students can work towards this goal in their everyday lives. These are; Greeting others, bowing to show respect when they pass through the school gates, improving their organizational skills, expressing their gratitude before and after a meal, and showing consideration towards others. In this way, we are helping our students to grow not only academically, but also as people. We hope that, through these activities, our students can develop skills such as empathy and the ability to view a situation from another person's perspective. Such skills will be essential to the global leaders of the future. As a designated Super Global High School, we realize the importance of encouraging our students to be considerate to those around them every day. In international society, it is important to work harmoniously with others. This is why we consider these skills to be an integral part of our programs, and encourage our students to work together to solve problems and overcome new challenges.

Takanori Shishido

Principal

Principal Shishido's message can be found in Japanese on our school's website:

<http://www.girls.kosei.ac.jp/>



Profile

Our new Principal, Mr. Takanori Shishido, is a highly experienced English language educator who has himself studied abroad. He worked at Kosei Gakuen Boys' before moving to Kosei Gakuen Girls' to become the head of our International Relations Department. He became Deputy Principal in 2016 and we are now delighted to announce his appointment as Principal.

Super Global Class First Intake Visit SOAS

The 14 students of our SG Class' first intake returned from London in late May after spending six weeks studying at the prestigious SOAS (a part of the University of London) and St. Giles language school for six weeks. During their stay, each student was billeted with a host family in North London.

At SOAS, the girls worked on their academic writing skills and attended lectures related to our school's research theme of furthering peace in multi-ethnic societies through fieldwork. During the weekends they took trips to places of historical importance including Oxford and Brighton. This unique experience of university life abroad helped the students to broaden their horizons and will no doubt help them to transition to university life in Japan successfully.



Students from our SG class attend lectures at SOAS.

日本語版

SG クラス 1 期生の生徒 14 名がロンドン大学とセントジャイルズ英語学校での 6 週間の研修を終え帰国しました。研修期間中生徒たちは、ロンドン北部の家庭にホームステイしました。

ロンドン大学ではライティングの授業や多民族社会の共存に関する講義を受けました。週末にはオックスフォードやブライトンなど、歴史的にみて重要な街を訪れました。大学で講義を受けるというこの貴重な経験は、きっと生徒たちの視野を広げ、今後の日本における大学生活にも役立つこととなるでしょう。



Student Voices: Home Stay Life!



Yukie Omae

Yukie spent three months in Auckland as a member of the first intake of our JHS Study Abroad Course. She is now a member of the KGGS Study Abroad Course and will spend 2018 in New Zealand. Yukie gave the following speech at a recent school event:

"I'm Yukie Omae. Today, I'd like to tell you about my short term study abroad and my dream.

First of all, I'm going to tell you about what I did and learned in New Zealand. . The reasons why I joined this study abroad program are to improve my English abilities and to become independent from my parents. Before I went to New Zealand, I was worried about whether I could do things by myself or not. However, my host parents taught me how to do housework and then I did everything myself, like washing clothes, washing dishes, cleaning the house, and cooking. Now I know how, I can do these things in Japan, too. I also think that my listening ability become has better than before. At first in New Zealand, I couldn't understand what people were talking about, but after a couple of weeks, I could understand almost everything. I was happy when I could understand the contents of a conversation.

By the way, my host family members are all from India, so I had many opportunities to try new things. For example, I learned how to cook Indian meals, how to eat curry with own hands, and some Hindi words. These were all amazing experiences for me. What's more, my host family took me to lots of places. I especially remember the day which was the last day of my homestay. They took me to a restaurant secretly, and they said, "You are a member of this family, so you can come back to this house whenever you want." When I heard that, I felt so happy and I didn't want to leave them. I learned many things through this study abroad. The above experiences are ones that I will always treasure.

Next, I'm going tell you about my dream. Actually, I can't decide what I want to become concretely, but I can say that I would like to use English for my future job. What's more, I'm going to go to New Zealand next year for one year. To be successful in my study abroad and to achieve my dream, I need to study much more, and I'm really looking forward to learning new things."

日本語

5月15日にスポーツフェスタが行われました。例年通り生徒は紅組・白組に別れ綱引き、ムカデ競争、騎馬戦など様々な種目で競い合いました。

それぞれのチームが衣装や選曲、振り付けにこだわったダンスを披露しました。とてもすばらしく、印象に残るものでした。総合優勝は僅差で紅組となりました。



School Events: 2017 Sports Festival!

Kosei Gakuen Girls' 12th Sports Festival took place on Monday, 15th May. As is tradition, the students were divided in to two teams; red and white. Each team included students from all year levels, and was led by students in their final year of high school.

Events included a tug of war (綱引き), "Mukade" relay and the ever popular "Kiba-sen", where students sit on each other's shoulders and try to capture their opponents' (相手の) bandanas.

As always, the highlight of the day were the dances. Both teams' choreography (振り付け) was highly memorable. Each dance included a lot of on trend songs and dance moves.

This year's contest was particularly close, with the red team winning by the narrowest of margins. The final score was 570-600!

Information on the Sports Festival can be found in Japanese at:

<http://www.girls.kosei.ac.jp/>

Important Dates

17 th July	Young Americans Performance
20 th July	End of Term Ceremony
1 st September	Opening Ceremony

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