



Brighton Secondary School

Japan Study Trip 2024

Day 7 – Saturday

Following our breakfast provided from our accommodation at the Japanese Ryokan 'Sparkling Dolphins Inn', our scheduled coach arrived outside our doorstep at 8:15am. The full-day bus tour consisted of visiting an array of Japanese heritage sites such as temples Kinkaku-ji (金閣寺), Ryoan-ji (龍安寺), and Kiyomizu-dera (清水寺), with an extra visit to the stunning Bamboo forests of Arashiyama (嵐山).

Students were given the opportunity to see sceneries that featured a six-hundred-year-old bonsai tree, a breathtaking golden pavilion, a traditional rock garden, lively monkeys that thrive on top of tall mountains, and a beautiful lake with lotus flowers that reminded us of how 'beautiful things arise from mud,' during today's struggles with hot and humid conditions.

Our bus drove through the suburban side of Japan, contrasting our experiences with the bustling cities of Tokyo, whilst our tour guide, Jun, educated us on the historical significance of Shintoism and Buddhism - the two most prominent religions in Japan.

Lastly, we arrived in Gion to enjoy a leisurely dinner and arrive back at Sparkling Dolphins Inn at 9pm.

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