



# Brighton Secondary School

## Japan Study Trip 2024

### Day 11 - Wednesday

Today was the students second morning in their home stays, after waking up at around 6:45am the students made their way to school with their host student.

The students then made their way to the kimono experience where they were met with some nice instructors who explained how to put on their kimonos, then they got to work. One by one students tried on kimonos, each suiting the student wearing them. After putting on the kimonos, students then sat down for a tea experience where they watched a well taught student performance and example of how to prepare tea for someone, the intricate process being a fascinating thing for the students to watch.

After this, the students were either instructed on how to do the same or were given the opportunity to try tea prepared for them. At around 11:40am the students then removed the kimonos, thanking the instructors, before making their way back to the meeting room where they were then given free time to do as they please.

At 12:50pm the host students entered the meeting room to eat lunch with the student they were hosting, everyone had a lovely time chatting and getting to know each other while eating their meals. Once lunch ended, host students left and the Brighton students made their way to an art room to begin learning techniques on arranging flowers, it was a bit difficult at first, but once they got the hang of it everyone made beautiful flower arrangements which they then wrapped in newspaper to bring to their host families as gifts.

After this, the students headed back to the meeting room, quickly returning unnecessary items before finding their way to the karate room where students in the karate club performed for them. Their skills and swift movements were truly remarkable, and their yells were loud and passionate. It was truly an inspiring performance. The students had a group photo taken with the karate students, before making their way back to the meeting room, having roughly an hour of free time, before finally heading home with their hosts students and settling in for the night.

With my host family (Holly), I went to the mall, and we did some shopping, we also planned on having dinner with my host student's friend. We ate sushi, then said our goodbyes. We then went to do some shopping and spending time together before finally going home and going to bed.

*Written by Holly and Summer*

