



Brighton Secondary School

Japan Study Trip 2024

Day 12 - Thursday

Today the students woke early to leave their home stay and arrive at school before 8:30am. Shortly after arriving the students had their first lesson, Shodō (Calligraphy). This was where they were greeted by a group of welcoming students from the Calligraphy Club. They instructed us how to use the tools and create the artwork. Each student made their own fan using their favourite kanji. For many this was more difficult to perform than originally thought.

After an hour break, the students made their way to the PE gym carrying their specific PE shoes to use in the gym. This was where they got to see students perform collective movement from the balcony and try a little part for themselves when taking a big group photo. Next the students engaged in a big jump rope competition and a guided dance lesson.

After a delicious lunch with their host students, they were collected and brought to English classrooms where they answered questions created by the Japanese students. This was a great opportunity for the Japanese students to demonstrate and practice their English conversations and for the English students to connect with the Japanese students and make some new friends.

Returning to the meeting room, a teacher came to give the students a Japanese lesson which consisted of many difficult tongue twisters. After a short break, the students collectively made their way to kyuudo (archery) where they watched a demonstration by three talented students, the students then got to try for themselves, each taking two shots at the target. At the end of the day the students were collected by their host families where they made their own way home, excited for various after school activities and a delicious meal after a long day.

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