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Rachel's Goodbye

Thank you, Keika Girls!

You say, "Goodbye..."



Do you know the famous song 'Hello, Goodbye' by the UK rock band the Beatles? Its **lyrics** are very simple, so it's a good song for English learners to sing. But the song is so **simple** that you might **wonder** – what does it mean?

It's something I've been thinking about as I say my own goodbye to Keika Girls' School. I've had two wonderful years working here **part-time** and getting to know all the amazing students! But now it's time for me to move on to my next **adventure**.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the students in my classes for being great fun to teach! I'd also like to thank the staff and teachers who **supported** me, especially Mr. Kozakai, Mr. Morikawa, Ms. Suda, Ms. Mizutani, Mr. Ishibashi, Mr. Shimizu and, of course, Sheila and Erin.

This year, all of you will also be saying goodbye to your school **building**, and the high school third years will be saying goodbye to Keika **altogether**. I'm sure that all of you made a lot of happy **memories** in this place, and it will be strange leaving.

But while it can be sad to say goodbye, try to remember that every goodbye is also a new hello!

...and I say, "Hello!"

Next school year will be an exciting chance to meet new students and teachers, make new friends and face new **challenges** – for me and for the Keika Girls! And don't worry, I'll still be in Japan and will **definitely** make sure to say "hello" again soon! Good luck and see you then!

**XOXO,
Rachel**



The UK and Japan

by Rachel

Two countries with a lot in common



I hope that all of you have learned some new things about the UK in the two years that I've been teaching at Keika Girls'. Although our **cultures** are different in many ways, I think that Japan and the UK also have a lot of **similarities**.

Both of us are **island** countries off the coast of larger **continents**. This means we are **surrounded** by the sea – so that's probably why we're famous for seafood! **British** fish and chips and Japanese sushi are **world-famous**.

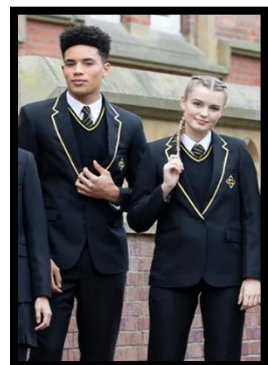


We also both love to make and drink tea! Black tea, also known as English Breakfast tea, as well as Earl Grey, are the most popular **varieties** in the UK, while Japan loves green tea, sencha and matcha.



The UK and Japan are also similar **politically**. We both have a **Prime Minister** and a **monarch** – King Charles III in the UK, and Emperor Naruhito in Japan.

Both countries are famous for school uniforms. In fact, did you know, the Japanese uniform is **based on** old British style uniforms? Also, the school chime sound heard around Japan comes from Big Ben – a famous **bell** inside Elizabeth Tower, London (that's right, Big Ben is not the name of the building!).



I hope some of you get the chance to visit the UK one day and **experience** all of our countries' similarities and differences for yourselves!



Keika Chronicle Challenge ALL - STARS 2023

We slowly started the Keika Chronicle Challenge in April 2021. Now in February 2024, we have almost the whole school reading the newspaper every month then answering a question worksheet. It is a wonderful way to learn new **vocabulary**, test reading **comprehension**, see other cultures, and share your own **opinions**. We love to hear what you girls think! Hopefully, it will prepare you for the difficult essays on **university entrance exams**. ;)



Here is a list of girls who completed every Keika Chronicle Challenge worksheet AND did their very best each time. We could see that they were interested in the topics and worked hard to understand English. Thank you all for your hard work this school year! お疲れ様でした!

Junior High School English Conversation Classes:

Special 中1 Challenge



1-1

#4 OMORI Sawa
#7 KITAGIRI Sara
#15 SUZUKI Arisa
#25 FUJIMORI Mai
#30 YAGIHASHI Yuina



1-2

#1 AOKI Yuu
#2 IITSUKA Miyu
#7 ENDO Koto
#13 KUMAGAI Moka
#20 TANAKA Riko





2-1

#3 OTAKE Mirai
#6 (Name redacted)
#10 SEJIMO Amane 
#15 FUKUSHIMA Tamaki
#16 HOSHINO Jun 






2-2

#2 AZUMA Yui
#3 IMAO Lian
#8 NAKAMURA Momoka 
#10 NAMIKI Lynn 
#12 BABA Mihane

3-1

#3 UCHIDA Yuna 
#6 ENDO Yuzuki
#14 SEKIMOTO Rija 
#17 TAMAMOTO Yuna 
#20 MATSUOKA Mina 

3-2

#2 INUKAI Nono 
#8 KANAMORI Ema 
#10 KUMAGAI Miku 
#15 NISHIYAMA Mika 
#21 MIYAO Kaho 



Senior High School English Classes:



2A

#8 IWASAKI Miku
#11 OOMACHI Honoka
#13 KITAOKA Cocoro
#18 SUZUKI Hiyori
#31 MIURA Karin

2B

#10 KASAI Natsuki
#11 KATO Natsuha
#12 KANAMORI Ayane
#31 FUKUSHIMA Yuuka
#35 YAMAMOTO Natsuki

2C

#3 IWASAKI Mana ★
#6 UEKI Yumika
#8 (Name redacted)
#12 SAKAGUCHI Kumi
#17 SHIROGANE Kokoha

3A

#7 SAKURADA Rina
#15 TOKUBUCHI Megumi
#16 NAGASAKA Yui ★★
#25 MORI Yuzuki
#29 YOSHIDA Ema ★★

3B

#9 KANAKUBO Asuka
#16 SAWAI Mona

3C

#7 OJIMA Haruka ★★
#36 YAMAMOTO Misuzu
#39 YAMAYOSHI Ran ★★



No All-Stars for 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 2D
Please do your best next school year! Let's try again!

ありがとうございました。来年度もよろしく願っています！