



Brighton Secondary School

Japan Study Trip 2024

Day 9 - Monday

Most of us woke up this morning both excited and anxious to meet our home stays. We went down to the buffet for breakfast and tried some new foods like kimchi and curries. At about 9:20am we were surprised by deputy principal of our sister school.

After taking the bus ride to school we took a tour and waited patiently until lunch time to see our buddies again, however, we couldn't get far without students asking for photos or social media connections. The shoes they offered were great for indoors, however for some people the slippers were just too small, and although it was comical, no one wishes to use them again.

The clock had struck 1:00 pm. It was finally time to reunite with our host brothers and sisters, whom many of us had missed so dearly. The brief 20 minutes we had to spent with them was filled with many words of "ひさしぶりですね" (long time no see) hugs and handshakes.

After our host students returned to their classes, we prepared for an evacuation drill, which was supposed to simulate what we would have to do in the event of an earthquake and/or fires on higher floors of buildings. After completing the fire drill perfectly by following the:

- お (O): 押さない (Osanai) - "Don't push."
- は (Ha): 走らない (Hashiranai) - "Don't run."
- し (Shi): しゃべらない (Shaberanai) - "Don't talk."

Rule, we returned to the meeting room where we were given advice and knowledge on what to do once arriving at our homestay including stuff such as: where to put shoes, what to say before and after eating, and how to properly use the baths. We then finally met back up with our host students at the end of the day where we all went our separate ways.

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