



## Memories of High School



The third year students graduated on the first of March. As a final writing piece, students wrote about their memories of high school. Most expressed how quickly the time had passed. Some talked about how important the school trip to Canada was, and others reflected on their club activities. Everyone felt that they had worked very hard over the three years, and that their English ability had improved a lot. Here are some excerpts from their essays.

I was in the broadcast club for three years. There were only four members including me from our grade. There was a lot of hard work. We did not know how to use a PC, broadcast instruments, or how to make a TV drama, documentary. Our seniors taught us how to use them.

In second year, I was the president. This role was difficult. We had some disagreements, but when we agreed as one, we were able to feel a sense of achievement. I was glad to join the club activities. I was able to learn many things. So I will never forget these memories.

When I was in junior high school, I was not active and feared failure. I entered high school, and I took religion class. This, I feel, changed the way I think. In religion class, I studied 七つの習慣 J. This book teaches us what I should do now, how to cope with problems between

friends and me and what I want to be in the future. This class made me greatly changed and I feel that I was able to grow up mentally into a more mature person. I will never forget the lessons in 七つの習慣 J. Thanks to this class, I can have confidence and grab the chances I get.

K.Y.

M.I.



I have a lot of good memories of my high school life. But my best memory is when I went to Canada, because it was such a great experience for me.

I had never experienced a home stay, so I was very nervous before leaving. But when I arrived in Kingston, I met my great host parents: Scott and Liz. They were very kind to me and they taught me a lot about Canadian culture. Scott was a very funny person. He always made me laugh. I had many good experiences in Canada. I will not forget the time we had there.

R.W.

My high school life was very fun. I had many good experiences such as the sports festival and ESTA. ESTA was a big event for me, because I belonged to English course. This was a chance for me to improve my English.

I am happy that I entered the English Department. I could enjoy every day. I studied hard from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I am going to go to college after I graduate. At college I will major in English. My dream is to study abroad. To achieve this, I will continue to study English in a positive and active manner.

M.T.



# University Results

Most students from 3-1 have received the results for the university they will be entering in April. Here are the results that have come in so far.

上智大学	3名	文教大学	1名
獨協大学	1名	東北学院大学	1名
神田外語大学	1名	昭和女子大学	1名
聖心女子大学	3名	桜の聖母短期大学	2名
実践女子大学	1名	Undecided	3名

# EIKEN Results

The final Eiken for this year was held recently. Again, the English Department has had some great results. Here are the results of students who have passed level two and pre two.

Class	Passed level 2	Passed level Pre-2
3-1	71%	100%
2-1	63%	100%
1-1	12%	72%



# Congratulations Ayano!



Congratulations to Ayano from third year, who was awarded a special mention in the All-Japan High School Essay Contest. Ayano's essay, titled "What I can do for our planet, Earth", was chosen from about one thousand entrants. Although she wasn't able to make the final round, it was still a nice reward for her hard work. Here is part of her essay.

In recent years, the environment has rapidly worsened. We all know about environmental problems such as global warming, acid rain, desertification and water pollution. The source of these problems is our life-style. We waste electricity and water, and we throw away a lot of trash. We are ignoring the environment of our planet. However, it isn't all that bad. Activities discouraging the use of plastic bags are increasing and the "eco point system" has started, encouraging people to buy products that are environmentally friendly. These actions are growing in number around us little by little. I think they are wonderful, not only for the Earth but also for us. But how closely are these actions related to high school students? These ideas are aimed more at the older generation. In this essay, I want to share some simple ideas that we, as high school students, can do in our everyday lives to help the Earth.



## International Week 2010



The first week of February was International Week. This year's theme was 'School life in western cultures'. On Wednesday, we had the finals of the Spelling Bee contest. In an exciting final, which went through five rounds of sudden death, 2-1's Kaoruko Hirai (left) held on to win. 1-1's Natsumi Sekine also put in a good fight, but couldn't make the final three. On Saturday, we listened to our native teachers and 2-1's Heather Gold talk about their high school life. Heather made a great speech in Japanese. Thanks to Ayaka and Chiaki from 2-1, who did a great job as M.C.'s.



## To the Third Year Students



Thank you for your help this year. We enjoyed doing role plays with you and admired your English ability. It was a great experience for us. K.W.  
Congratulations! Thank you for guiding us during our time at Seibo. We hope we can do the same for the new students next year. Good luck in the future! H.G.

Congratulations on your graduation. We will work hard to be like you and keep the strength of the English Department growing stronger. Y.T.  
We were inspired and learned a lot from you seniors. Thank you very much. Please come back and tell us about your new lives at university! M.R.

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