



**1年間留学の生徒の帰国報告** 昨年（2年次）から1年間本校の提携校（The Gunston School 校、Wakefield Country Day School 校）で留学していた生徒6人が、6月に帰国しました。英語力はもちろん、人間的にも一回り大きくなって帰ってきたそのうち4人の生徒の報告です。

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Studying in a foreign country is exactly difficult and challenging. Of course, you must always use English. It was as if I had taken English tests every day! Those hard days did give me perseverance and grow myself up. We Japanese people are ashamed of making mistakes. I was, too. But without doing that, how can you correct them to improve your English? Making mistakes does not mean a failure. Not correcting your mistakes is a failure. Make a lot of mistakes. It is natural because you learn English, a language you are not accustomed to use. In America, even though I could not speak English well, people carefully listened to me and tried to understand me. If you want to make your English better, be active to speak it. Do not be a frog in a well. Be in troubles and solve them on your own, and someday you can see the great ocean!

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I felt like 9 months were really long at first. I didn't feel like I would be able to live that long term. Although my first host family was so nice, I didn't have opportunity to talk to them a lot, because they were so busy. I was so sad that I couldn't talk to the family and I felt so lonely that I wanted to come back to Japan. So they changed my host family. My new host family members were 6year-old girl and her mom. Host mom was busy so I played with my host sister almost every day. I learned many vocabularies from her. I could talk with them a lot and it was really fun. I felt it was short at the end of this study abroad. I still keep in touch with my host mom. I want to go back to see them someday.

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I had many great memories with my host family. They were really great and especially host mother, she took me to many places where I wanted to go. Almost every weekend we hung out. Likewise I had host pets! They were great to spend time with when I was bored, and I love them! Absolutely it is one of my favorite memories. When I was on vacation with them, that time was special school schedule, so I got special off from school and went vacation with them. It was a great week! I could go to beach on May and saw wild horses at the beach! I had really great days with my host family. We have great connection between us. I already miss them! They became part of my life, and that's great!! It was great experience for me, and not only host family, but also my school, friends and even people next door!!

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I greatly appreciate my host family having me for a year. Studying other subjects in English was not easy for me. I had struggled studying two subjects, U.S history and Chemistry. When my host family heard of my trouble, they started helping me study immediately. Because of their help, my grade improved much. I improved my English as well. My happiest thing in study abroad was that they had treated me like a real daughter anytime. Whenever I was sad or grumpy, they listened to me and cheered me up with a big hug. When I become a university student, I will go to see them.



今年度 ILC から 1 年留学する生徒は 1 名、短期留学を行う生徒は 4 4 人です。留学してきた生徒はもちろんですが、留学をしていない生徒にとっても、これだけ多くの生徒が留学している ILC では、帰国した友だちから刺激を受けることができます。

