



THE “SAYONARA BYEBYE” BLOG



“CULTURE FESTIVALS”.



Two weeks ago, we had the Shibushi High School Culture Festival. I always really enjoyed the festival: all students worked very hard in preparation for the event, and their performances were always very professional. In my opinion, this year’s Culture Festival was the best I have seen.

There are no school “Culture Festivals” in the UK, so it is very interesting for me to watch them in Japan. They are such well organized events, and students put so much passion and energy into their work. The drama, classroom displays and food are always excellent. I think the festival helps to bring the students closer together.

I think the UK would benefit greatly from having such festivals. It would make the students more confident, and give them more skills. I think British students spend too much time at school studying, rather than participating in many different activities.

Some opinions about the Culture Festival from students.

“The reason why I think schools should have Culture Festivals is that, I think we can become better friends through the Culture Festival. We have to practice for it, so we discuss about what we should do. It helps us to make many friends, and enjoy our school life.” (Mako, 3-3 English course).

“I think the Culture Festival is good to make friends. We can try to cook something with our classmates, and sell it to everyone by ourselves. It is very exciting for me. “ (Hinata, 1-1).

“I enjoyed the Culture Festival. I participated in the ESS drama, and practiced very hard, but I forgot some words. I enjoyed the drama very much. My older sister and I both made a Japanese speech for the first time. It was a good experience for me. Shibushi high school’s culture festival is the best!” (Jurin, 1-3).

“I really enjoyed the Culture Festival. I participated in the “English rakugo” (a Japanese traditional comedy) and the Japanese speech contest. I practiced “rakugo” with my English-course friends, it was very hard but I think it was a very good time for us. So, on the stage, we were successful in our act. I made a Japanese speech. The speech was about my grandfather and my mother’s story. They had similar characters, and were always fighting, but before my grandfather died they became close. When I made the speech, I was very nervous because I am not used to standing in front of many people. It was a lot of fun for me so I will enjoy next year’s festival too” (Ryouka, 2-3 English course).