



## Japan Study Tour

Japan Study Tours are conducted biannually which involves visiting our sister city, Kani City in Gifu prefecture. Students experience a homestay and visit Kani City Tech High School where students have an opportunity to experience Japanese school life and cultural activities. The Cleveland students found the integration with the Japanese students a highlight of the trip as it allowed them to truly experience the Japanese schooling system. During this time the students also got to explore Kani City and go sightseeing. Most exciting was the meeting with the mayor where Year 10 student Emily Stavljaniin was invited to play a locally made guitar for the tour group and the Kani City Mayor.

After leaving the homestay the group travelled to the youth hostel WakuWaku Taikenkan where they spent two nights before making a nightly trip up into the mountains to Takayama. In Takayama the group had the opportunity to see snow, many for the first time which was a very special experience. The group then returned to WakuWaku Taikenkan for a final night before travelling to Kyoto by the Shinkansen or Bullet Train. Unlike the country town of Kani City, Kyoto was a hub of hustle and bustle. This was undoubtedly the most difficult part of the trip. Throughout the duration of the trip the students got to tour many interesting places such as the Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine, various museums such as Matsuri No Mori and the Ryoanji Temple. The tour was not all temples and sightseeing however as there were many opportunities to shop up a storm; including trips to the underground shopping centre Oasis 21. It is a very successful tour and students reminisce fondly about their time in Japan during Japanese class when the opportunity arises.







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