

## Japan Trip

12 students from Years 8, 9 11 & 12 and two staff (Mrs R Kalde and Mrs C Francis) went to Japan for a cultural trip last month. The trip was very successful and we received a warm welcome and huge hospitality from our sister school, Kanagawa Sohgo High School in Yokohama.

Our students pursued a variety of activities. They attended English lessons to help Japanese students learn English. Our sister school and Japanese students greatly appreciated our participation.

Our students certainly enjoyed the experience of Japanese culture, partaking in calligraphy, Kendo, Tea Ceremony and they even played a Karuta game which is a Japanese traditional card game. There was a very positive response to our students' power-point presentation about Media, Young Culture and Life in the UK.

Japanese students and our students exchanged their views at the welcome party which was organized by our partners. Students also visited a local Primary School and found this a most valuable experience.

Students also enjoyed a trip to Kamakura to see a big Buddha and visited Kyoto to see old temples. Students appreciated the old and modern history of Japan. The last day in Harajuku provided an excellent experience for students and they very much enjoyed this visit to the epicentre of Tokyo itself.

15 Japanese students from our sister school will come to visit us in March 2015. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them to Presdales and experiencing life in the UK.

*Mrs Kalde*

