



THE  
BRITISH SCHOOL  
IN TOKYO

# The Lion – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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Dear Parents, Staff, Students, and Friends of BST,

**Values** are essential in school and life. This week for various reasons and on many occasions, I've been reminded of the importance of respect as a value – self-respect and respect for others. As a result, please forgive me, but my newsletter today is slightly different from my usual style and approach.

I think we would all agree that the way we see ourselves and the way we behave towards each other matters. Equally, it is the responsibility of all of us at BST – staff, students, parents and others to model respect around the school and in the wider community. Respect is the basis of all positive and supportive relationships and is the key to thriving school culture.



**Self-respect** is at the core of this endeavour and something I know teachers and parents seek to develop with BST students every day. Without a doubt, a healthy level of self-esteem enables us to have confidence in ourselves. It means knowing what we stand for and what our guiding principles are as individuals. Self-respect is an inner quality that we all must have but one which takes time to develop invariably as a result of the challenges posed by life both inside the school and outside.

In turn, the act of showing someone that you value his or her feelings and thoughts is crucial to a happy life and thriving school culture. **Respect** means that we accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from us or when we don't agree with them. Showing respect in our relationships with each other builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. While showing others around us that we take their culture, heritage and traditions into consideration are how we earn respect.

The value of respect in our school cannot be understated. It is a powerful force for good and the basis for both individual and collective achievement. Ultimately, respect allows us and others to do and be our best. I am confident, therefore, that together, we can ensure BST continues to be a community where respectful and mutually supportive relationships thrive.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

[Paul Tough](#)  
Principal

Dear Secondary Parents,

As it gets a little cooler, and the darker evenings come a little earlier it`s a time to dig deep, support each other and look for the opportunities around us. I discussed this with some senior students this week and encouraged them and others to do so in order to maintain our supportive and welcoming atmosphere around the school.



Last weekend was a busy one and I was so pleased to hear of the great trips on the Fuji Relay and the Year 12 Geography trip to Izu. See Izu report below.

There have been some great highlights this week including the Middle School Drama Festival, Volleyball fixtures, a presentation for parents about the Cambodia Trip & the Year 12 Parents Evening.

I attended a very interesting BCCJ event this week, which was essentially focusing on the legacy of the 2019 Rugby World Cup. As well of course as talking about the playing of the game going forward - isn`t it great that we play it in the playground, in PE lessons and of course our ongoing partnership with the Shibuya International Rugby Club - but also there was a focus on the importance of teamwork, respect, inclusion, diversity, support and pride. I was certainly excited and hopeful for the future.

Our Year 13s are being spurred on by receiving some excellent offers from UK universities including top institutions such as Durham, Exeter, KCL, Bristol and many more. We have a few students who have applied to medical courses and Oxbridge who will hear about possible interview selection soon. Just as important to mention though are those who might not quite attain the very highest grades but who are working very hard to achieve the highest level they can and get to the institutions that they so desire.

This evening we will have another instalment of the lecture series from Giorgio Salani, while the [VEX robotic](#) and MUN teams get ready for battle this weekend! I am also very grateful to all the parents who are supporting our guests from Hakuba High School this weekend; it is a lovely link to have.



With best wishes for the weekend,

[James Thomas](#)  
Head of Secondary

## UPCOMING EVENTS -- TERM 1.1 (2019-2020)



*Kanto Plains Drama Festival*

### **Friday 15th November**

VEX at ASIJ

15:45-16:45

Autumn Lecture Series: Giorgio Salani

16:00-17:30

MS Girls Inter House Volleyball

18:00-19:00

Cabaret Night

### **Saturday 16th November**

8:00-16:00

HS Girls Volleyball ISTAA Tournament (A)

### **Sunday 17th November**

Hakuba High School Homestay in Tokyo until 19th September

7:30-17:00

HS Boys ISTAA Volleyball Tournament (A)

### **Monday 18th November**

Y11 GCSE Art/Photography Mock Day 1

PTA Showa Coffee Morning - 8.30am

### **Tuesday 19th November**

Y11 GCSE Art/Photography Mock Day 2

HS Girls and Boys Mixed Volleyball (H)

### **Thursday 21st November**

Life Drawing Session 5

15:30-18:00

Mock IGCSE/A-Level Music performances

16:00-17:30

MS Boys Inter House Football (H)

### **Friday 22nd November**

15:45-16:45

Autumn Lecture Series: Catherine O'Connell

19:00-20:00

Gala Ball (30th Anniversary) Hotel Gajoen

### **Saturday 23rd November**

9:00-10:00

MS Girls Kanto Plains Football v St Maur (NSG)

## Year 12 Geography Trip to Izu

*“ Last weekend, the Year 12 geography students went to Izu to study the beautiful landscape and the surrounding population. Every year, the Year 12 geographers go to the Izu peninsula to apply what they learn in class and see how these processes affect the area from rock formation to tourist management. In the four days that we were there, we were able to see many different features such as a sandbank, a cinder cone volcano, columnar joints and a city in need of rejuvenation. It was extremely interesting to actually see tangible examples of the processes we learn in class and gave our entire class a better and more contextual understanding of what we were seeing in front of us. Personally, my favourite memory was sea kayaking as we paddled around different rock formations to see the ancient landslides and eruptions that created the beautiful landscape. Overall this trip was genuinely fun and we all felt like we got a deeper understanding by the end of it. Although the catch up from missing two days of school was very painful, the trip was really helpful and enjoyable for us all- from exploring sea caves during the day to playing two truths and a lie at night, everything was amazing!”*

*Thank you to Mr Keeble-Watson and Mrs Jack-Thomas for running the trip.*

*By Karin Kuga Y12*



British School in Tokyo - Puzzle of the Week

Previous Solution: The pink area. It is  $16/24$  of the whole triangle; the blue is  $15/24$ .

Solutions for the puzzle this week are due in by 22/11/2019

In the game below, two words that are next to each other must share at least one letter, and must *not* have the same number of letters.

Given the 6 words below, and that the word on the far left is CAT, what is the word on the far right?

CAT 	2	3	4	5	6
WIN	MOON	STOP	STUDY	RENT	
					

Justify your answer.



Dear Primary Parents,

Firstly, a HUGE congratulations to all the students who ran the annual Fuji Relay last weekend. I know it was a big challenge & thankfully, the weather was beautiful which certainly helped. We are so impressed with the resilience and determination shown by all and some of our children ran a total of 55km over the weekend! Thank you also to the staff who did a fantastic job of supporting and keeping the students motivated. Well done, I hope you enjoyed the experience and remember to keep on running!

In other news, this half term, children in Years 2-6 will be taking a new online reading assessment called the NGRT (National Group Reading Test), by GL Assessments. This online adaptive test enables all children to work at their own pace, with questions progressing onto harder/ easier ones as they correctly/ incorrectly answer previous ones. This online assessment will provide teachers with detailed feedback as to children's strengths and next steps which can then inform their teaching. Information will form part of the discussion in the spring term's PTCs. (Parent Teacher Consultations)

Next week, we will once again be joined by Heather Russell, UK and International English consultant, who will continue to support our development of reading, writing and phonics at BST. Heather will also be leading two international [COBIS](#) English courses, which BST are hosting, with delegates attending from all around the world.

## CLASS EXHIBITIONS

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the Year 3B exhibition and Year 6G assembly yesterday. Our exhibitions are always a highlight for the students, as it provides them with an opportunity to discuss and share the learning that they have been doing in class. The Class Exhibitions continue to happen throughout the year. 6G's assembly this week was an excellent showpiece demonstrating their recent learning. They started with a brilliant sketch about how the body works. This was followed with an insightful scene from the book Wonder, which helps us all understand



difference, and teaches us the importance of kindness. 6G followed this with a demonstration of their wonderful superhero artwork. The finale of the assembly was about earthquakes, which was modeled through dance and drama! Great work, well done to 6G!

Our Year 2 students just arrived back from a trip to see Zojoji Temple & Tokyo Tower as part of their Art, Geography, and Religious Education curriculum. They explored the architecture of the temple and had a chance to draw Tokyo Tower. We can't wait to see their finished art pieces hanging up in the hallways and classrooms.



## CLUBS CONCLUDE END OF NEXT WEEK

A few reminders for next week: Our clubs will conclude for the term next Friday 22nd November. On the same day our Communications team will send out the sign-up forms for the Term 2 clubs. A very successful new activity this term has been Block Coding. This new club is being led by one of our BST parents and is offering several Year 1 students the opportunity to get hands on with computer programming. They are hoping to open up more spaces in the future, so do keep an eye out for any advertisements.

**Next week we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of BST!** Thank you to all the parents who are attending this very special event and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

[Fiona Read](#)

Head of Primary



*Next week we celebrate the BST 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**Early Years Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/early-years-newsletter/>

**Year 1 Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-1-newsletter/>

**Year 2 Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-2-newsletter/>

**Year 3 Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-3-newsletter/>

**Year 4 Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-4-newsletter/>

**Year 5 Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-5-newsletter/>

**Year 6 Newsletter**

<https://www.bst.ac.jp/our-community/latest-news/year-6-newsletter/>



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AFTER**



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Primary Winter Show  
Friday 29th November 2019  
1.30pm Doors / 1.45pm Start  
Hitomi Memorial Hall

Year Group costumes have been shared via Primary Year Group newsletters.

# Showa Coffee Morning

Monday 18th November 2019  
from 8.35am onwards  
Showa Foyer



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# BOOK SALE

SHIBUYA LIBRARY

Friday 6th December 2019

9.00am

**INCLUDES CHILDREN'S  
& ADULT'S BOOKS**

PLEASE JOIN OUR  
**STAFF & PARENT  
CHOIR**  
FOR THE

*Carol  
Service*

TUE 3RD DEC 2019



**REHEARSALS - SHOWA MUSIC ROOM**

**TUESDAY 12TH NOV (5-6PM)**

**WEDNESDAY 20TH NOV (5-6PM)**

**TUESDAY 26TH NOV (5-6PM)**

**MONDAY 2ND DEC (5.15-6.15PM)**

**EMAIL [COMMS@BST.AC.JP](mailto:COMMS@BST.AC.JP) IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!**



*30th Anniversary  
Gala Ball*

Friday 22nd November 2019  
Hotel Gajoen Tokyo  
Tickets: ¥25,000  
to purchase tickets contact: [comms@bst.ac.jp](mailto:comms@bst.ac.jp)

7pm Champagne Reception  
8pm Dinner  
9pm Dancing

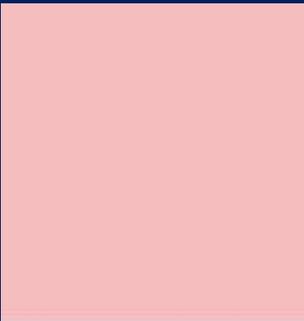
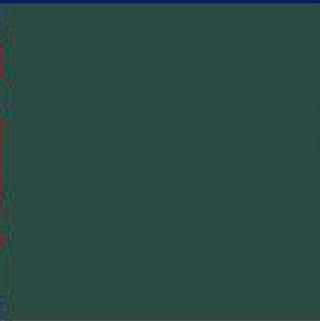
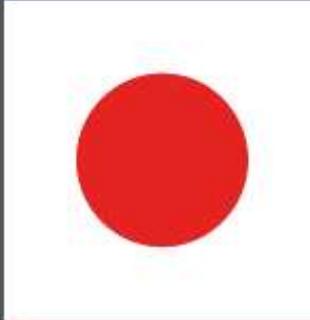
Carriages at 12pm

Raffle and Prizes for UWS



**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON BOTH  
RECEPTION DESKS  
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON  
DON'T MISS OUT!**

<p>Name</p> <p>Email address</p> <p>Phone no.</p>	<p><b>The British School in Tokyo</b> Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0002</p>	
	<p><i>30th Anniversary Gala Ball Raffle Ticket</i></p>	
	<p>Prizes include hotel stays, dining vouchers, luxury items, wine, vouchers for family activities and much, much more . . .</p>	
	<p>Tickets are ¥500 each or ¥2,000 for a book of 5</p>	<p>Ticket Price <b>¥500</b></p>
	<p><small>*Winners will be drawn the week of 25th November 2019</small></p>	

			
			
<p>The British School in Tokyo</p> <h1>Spring Fair</h1> <p>Saturday 14th March 2020 11:00am - 3:00pm</p> <p><b>Shibuya Campus</b> 1-21-18, Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0002</p>			
			
			

## CHARITY LUNCH

In support of RIJ



Date: November 28th Wed  
12:00pm

Venue: Jinnanken 神南軒

<http://www.jinnanken.com/>

Cost: ¥5000 (in cash please) which covers the cost of your lunch and a donation to RIJ.

RSVP by google form link below  
by 21st November

以下のgoogle formリンクより11/21迄に  
参加お申込みください。

<https://forms.gle/2Jer2Jsg9noM4wVp7>

Contact: [nanae@rij-npo.org](mailto:nanae@rij-npo.org)



Are you new to Tokyo? Would you like to discover interesting restaurants, share stories and meet new people? Join us for a charity lunch.

While enjoying your meal, Executive Director Jane Best will share RIJ's mission and information about the projects they support. We will also share recipes provided by refugees for you to take home. This is a great opportunity to build community while supporting an important cause.

Learn more about RIJ at: <https://rij-npo.org/en/about/>

Or visit their Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/refugeesinternationalj/posts/>

For your attendance, please submit the google form link below by 21st November  
<https://forms.gle/BPpE95eTSZhq7xaS6>



## Winter Intensive Aikido at The British School in Tokyo Shibuya Campus

Monday, December 16 to Friday, December 20, 2019  
5 days in a row of Aikido fun!

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.-kids 5 to 12 years old

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.-older teens & adults

11:45-12:45-Aiki-jo class for older teens & adults

Space is limited so don't wait to sign-up!!



For more details contact  
Paul at Pacific Aikido  
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# CHARITY MARKET

for Children 2019

This is the 12th Event to support children directly affected by natural disasters, including the Earthquake and Tsunami in Tohoku in 2011, as well as for the children around the world who struggle to access education.

The proceeds of W Style Charity Market will be donated to the following organizations-

- The Ashinaga internship program ( [www.ashinaga.org](http://www.ashinaga.org) )
- Public interest incorporated association Moriumius ( <http://www.moriumius.jp/> )
- Save the Children Japan([www.savechildren.or.jp](http://www.savechildren.or.jp))

All donations will be passed directly to our charities. In addition, the participating merchants have kindly agreed to donate a proportion of their sales proceeds from the event.

**Date** Wed. 4 Dec 10:00 -17:00

**Venue** ARFLEX TOKYO  
1F EBISU PRIME SQUARE 1-1-40 HIROO, SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO

**Entrance** We ask for a donation of ¥500 or more, at the entrance, in support of the charities.  
The first 500 donors will receive a shopping bag made in Italy!



## Market concepts: Chic, Casual & Everyday use

This market is participated by more than 20 exclusively selected shops including ; Christmas decoration, Gifts, leather goods, jewelry and accessories, art, craft, household goods, wine & hot meal etc.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Coordinator



Support company



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