

SCLI NEWS

Winter Term No. 1

July 26, 2016

The week at school

The holiday seemed to be a busy time with students going on the West Coast Tour as well as taking various trips with host families. A big thank you to the host families who helped to organize trips, picks ups and activities for their host daughters.

We have hit the ground running so to speak this term with Lavender sitting Test 2 this week and exams starting Monday next week. In the afternoons students have started exam review.

The writing exam is on Monday next week and there will be reading and listening exams on Tuesday and speaking exams from Wednesday—Friday. There is a different timetable during speaking exams and students will not always be required at school during school hours. The students know which days and what times they need to be at school. School does not advise students to have sleepovers the weekend prior to exams.

There are eleven families coming on the parents tour this year, however we are expecting many more visits from families from August—January. Naturally your host daughter's family will be excited to meet you but any other offers of hospitality on your part are entirely up to you.

Keep warm and enjoy the rest of your week,

Lisa

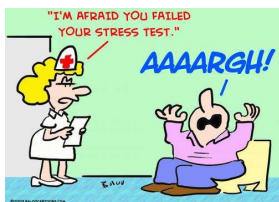
For students

- Communicating with your host family

Please ask your family if it is all right with them before you finalise your plans e.g. a ski trip/ a sleepover/ cooking dinner at your house.

- Exams

Studying for exams can be a stressful time. However the hard work you do beforehand will certainly be worth it. Eating healthy food, exercising and getting plenty of sleep is also important during this busy time. School does not recommend sleepovers in the weekend before exams.



Try to understand how stress changes you, e.g. do you get grumpy or cry more easily? If you tell others that you are stressed, they will be more likely to understand if you act out of character.

Information about when you need to be at school during the speaking exams is now on the notice board. There will be a speaking exam timetable in your classroom soon. Choose your speaking exam time

time and write your name next to it.

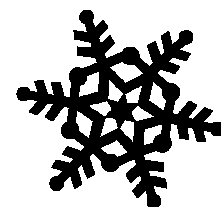
On the day of your speaking exam allow yourself plenty of time to get to school. When you arrive at school, go to Lotus's classroom. When it is your preparation time, go into the small room behind Lotus's room. There will be a question on the table that you will be able to prepare. Your exam will be held in the Rooftop Room

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR 'ME' BAG

- TOEIC
Although the first TOEIC test is still some time away, it is never too early to increase the amount of English you read. Reading quickly for information is a tricky skill and can not be mastered in a couple of weeks. Read as much as possible; library books, magazine and newspaper articles, advertisements, notices etc.

- TOEIC vocabulary club
This club will start again on August 17.

- Advisor hours
This term Yoshiko will be at school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Reminders

Test 2: Lavender
Wed, Thur

Exams
Writing: Monday, August 1
Reading and listening:
Tuesday, August 2
Speaking Exams
Lavender: Wed, August 3
Lions: Thur, August 4
Lotus: Friday, August 5

Parents' Tour
August 8-13

Visit from Mrs Fujiyoshi
August 11-20
Visit from Ms Asai
August 17-19

- Photography competition

Please give all your entries to Darryl by next Monday (with your name in pencil on the back of the photo).



Remember there are prizes. There are two categories— people and places.

- Scrapbooking
You will be doing this in week 3. The theme is Winter Holidays so please bring photos from your last holiday.



- Visiting families
If you have family who are planning to visit NZ, it is not always possible that they can stay with your host family, nor should it be expected.

For host families

- Exam time is stressful for students. Your student may spend a little more time in her room studying as tests and exams near. Please encourage her to have regular breaks and not to study into the 'wee hours'. On the other hand, if you notice your student does not seem to be doing any study, some encouragement would be appreciated!
- If you have changed your mobile phone number, please let school know so that we can update our records.

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