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# ENGLISH ROCKERS STUDENTS REFLECTION



## Vincent Cheng / 3A



Mark, who comes from Japan, was very friendly and we exchanged thoughts about Japan. Among them, I have learnt a lot about their culture. Besides ramen and sushi, Japan has a great variety of food, such as dango. I found that Japanese are generally very polite. Still, Hong Kong is more suitable for me to stay. It is because I like the local food more, such as dim sum, fish balls and pineapple buns.

## Civia Lu / 3A



Kimono is a traditional costume in Japan. They usually wear it in weddings or Hanabi daikai. To me, Japanese anime is one of the best in the world. It is also my favourite thing from Japan. In Akihabara Tokyo, you can see a lot of things about the making of animation. By the end of the meeting, I learnt that sakura in Japan is very famous. I hope I can have a chance to watch the sakura blossom in the future too.

## Emily Ling / 3A



Prior to this event, I did research about people's perception towards different countries. In today's society, many traditional cultures have gradually disappeared, such as Cantonese opera in Hong Kong. To tackle it, we all thought that the government should do more in promotion and education.

## Sam Ho / 3A



We first talked about the problems living in Hong Kong. Most of us agreed that people's quality of life is undermined under such a fast pace of life. Then, Kamni introduced the way of greeting from India. Currently, 80% of Indians believe in Hinduism, which is closely related to the Indian faith and religious culture.





**Alvin Lin / 4A**

English Rockers was a very interesting and useful activity to me since it encouraged me to speak English. Staff from Rockhampton were very kind and friendly. They had prepared snacks and drinks for us, which made the environment really relaxing. One of the memorable topics was parenting style. We watched a video about Japanese education. The Japanese children were decent and polite. Their parents developed children's independence from their childhood. I think that Japanese education and manners were really positive. All in all, English Rockers boosts my confidence in speaking English. I will try my best to learn English well in the future.



**Chloe Xu / 4A**

I benefited much from this activity. We discussed various family issues. One of the most impressive topics for me was about sending parents to nursing homes. Nowadays, more people tend to send their parents to nursing homes. However, I think that we share the responsibility to take care of our parents the same as they did for us. We should provide mental support to them instead of material support only. After this meeting, it deepened my understanding of the importance of family.



**Franky Chan / 4A**

I have a new understanding about the definition of family. I felt joyful to chat with new people who were foreigners. We gave our opinions towards gender roles and it was quite inspirational. Some might think that the traditional role of male and female could be reversed. Females could be the bread-winner whereas males could stay at home. It made me feel surprised! Other than that, my horizons had been broadened as we joined this activity by visiting the office in Central.



**Alex Yu / 4A**

I felt grateful to have the opportunity to join the English Rockers. Through this activity, I learned about the importance of family by communicating with different experienced staff members. We should definitely care more about our parents just by doing something simple. For example, our parents would be glad if we can say 'good morning' to them when we see them everyday. This experience was unforgettable as it reminded me "small things matter the most".



**Christy Xue / 4A**

I was touched about joining the English Rockers. In the meeting, what impressed me the most was the concept of ideal family. I love my family for everything they have done for me. My parents gave me mental support when I was in trouble, thus we are close to each other. Besides, I think filial piety was a meaningful topic. Financial support can be a way to show respect to our parents. However, staying close with them is far more important than material support.



**Tim Fu / 4A**

*It was my second time joining the English Rockers. I think it really helped us to learn English based on our fruitful conversation. We shared thoughts about family and there were differences between our ideal family and those staffs' ideal family. Some prefer large-scale family while some may like small-scale family. I have learned to accept different opinions from various people.*



**Noel Wong / 2A**

*After this activity, I have gained inspiration about cultures in various countries including Japan and India. My English has improved because I could discuss lots of cultural issues with them in English. Also, It was wonderful for me to learn some Japanese slang! For example, 'Hanami' means watching the cherry blossoms and 'Konichiwa' means 'Hello' in Japanese.*

*Moreover, we exchanged our travel experience with each other! I became more confident to speak English because of the encouragement from staff. Those staff members encouraged us to voice our ideas about culture in a super nice manner! I wish I can have a chance to join this kind of activity in the future.*



**Benson Yuen / 1A**

*I think it was an entertaining and meaningful activity! I was happy to have the chance to chat with people who were from other countries. Simon, who is British, has been living in Japan for more than 30 years. He shared lots of Japanese culture with us and I was very surprised that he had a Japanese wife! It was amazing and we exchanged ideas related to Hong Kong culture. This was a great time for me to practise English and I hope I can join this kind of activity again in the future!*

**Daniel Yim / 1A**

*I am delighted to join this activity as I met new people and all of the staff were very friendly and outgoing. I was curious about how different the taste of food in Japanese restaurants might be different from those in Hong Kong. Simon, who knew a lot about Japan, answered my questions with a very nice manner. I felt so warm to share ideas with him. If there were another chance in the future, I would like to go there to learn again!*

**Jonathan Luk / 1A**

*In this activity, I learned how to communicate with people with diverse backgrounds. I was glad to have met many nice foreigners there! I had the opportunity to chat with a foreigner through webcam. This was my first time doing it and I was impressed. I felt excited to introduce Hong Kong food to him by showing the food in front of the camera! I guessed he liked what I did for him as he smiled a lot and kept asking me about the food! In short, it was a great meeting for me! I liked it!*





### **King Lam / 3A**

*This meeting was a meaningful experience to me as I had a better understanding about different norms in India and Japan. For example, I have learned the idea of namaste in India, which is the way they greet people. I found it very interesting. Other than that, we also discussed the reason why Japanese do not eat chicken feet. Overall, it was a fruitful session to learn things beyond textbooks.*



### **Michelle Shiu / 4A**

*I am so happy to join the English Rockers because it is useful for me to improve my English and self-confidence. My English was poor but it is better than last time. I should study English so I can communicate with others fluently in the future as English is very important these days.*



### **Hailey Shek / 4A**

*This was my third time joining the English Rockers and it was a big difference. In the past, we just focused on the assigned topic. This time we discussed other topics like politics and cultural issues. I've come to a better understanding about the value of equality, and humanity. From Eric's sharing, I learned that there is a big difference between the educational system in Australia and Hong Kong, e.g. Australia focuses on 'thinking' while schools in Hong Kong prioritize academic results over everything else.*



### **Ravi Chan / 4A**

*In this meeting, we first talked about traditional Chinese festivals such as Chinese New Year and Dragon Boat Festival. And we tried some food from those festivals such as radish cakes and yam cakes. After food tasting, we discussed current affairs, such as equality of men and women and pedophilia. For gender equality, different countries hold different stances. But for the pedophilia issue, we are all firmly against it. In this meeting, we also played crackers to celebrate Christmas, it was indeed an unforgettable evening!*



### **Amy An / 4A**

*This was my second time joining this activity. I learned about the status of women in India and Japan. More importantly, my English listening and speaking skills improved. I also learned more about different festivals by eating traditional food which symbolizes different festivals. For instance, we always eat rice dumplings during the Dragon Boat Festival. I have learned more and became more confident than last time.*



### **Kelvin Yu / 4A**

*After joining the English Rockers, I gained a lot of things. First of all, I learned more about the differences between Chinese festivals and Western festivals. And we also shared some ideas about cultural differences.*

*Furthermore, we talked about gender equality. We found that it is a hot topic throughout the entire world. In some countries, females and males do not have equal social status. And men are usually superior to women in most developing countries. We tried to think about the underlying reasons for that. In the end, we all felt grateful that we are living in a relatively gender-equal city. Finally, I am thankful to have joined English Rockers which broadens my horizons.*