



*Connect with the World*



# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

## SCHOOL MOTTO



## 叡智 創造 WISDOM CREATIVITY

While cultivating a higher level of intelligence during their high school years, students must also acquire the ability to create new things and prepare for their lives to come. It is not so simple to do so in high school. However, it is vital that they continue to train, both physically and mentally, in order to fully fulfill the important role they must play in the future.

## EDUCATIONAL GOALS

English Skills  
Development

International  
Education

Contribution  
to Society

### Educational Features

- 1 International course with a credit system
- 2 Small class sizes
- 3 Nurturing students' English ability through classes taught only in English
- 4 Specialized international subjects
- 5 Student exchange partnerships with universities and other organizations
- 6 Career path support for humanities, science, medicine and overseas study

- By graduation, more than 90% of students will have EIKEN Level 2 or higher.
- International education that encourages students to actively try to attain language certifications in German, Italian, French, Spanish, Chinese and Korean
- Contributing to society through local activities undertaken by the canoe club, Jazz Band, JRC, ESS, and other clubs

☆No. of students who acquired  
EIKEN certification in 2024☆

Level 1	Pre-1 Level	Level 2
3	21	174

※As of March 2025

## HISTORY

- 2003 The school opens (120 full-time International Course students)
- 2003 Designated as a 「Super English Language High School (SELHi)」 by MEXT
- 2012 10th Anniversary of the school's founding
- 2015 Designated as a Super Global High School by MEXT
- 2019 Designated as a model school for strengthening international aptitude by the Hyogo BOE
- 2019 Designated as a partner school in MEXT's World Wide Learning Consortium project
- 2021 Joined MEXT's Super Global High School network.
- 2022 20th Anniversary of the school's founding
- 2023 Partnership signed with Hyogo University School of Economics and Management
- 2024 Designated as a Hyogo Leader High School by the Hyogo BOE

## RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES (2022~) ※ Representative

37th High School English Speech Contest - Hanshin Branch - (2022)	Grand Prize, 3rd Place, 4th Place
37th High School English Speech Contest - Hyogo Prefecture - (2022)	2nd Place, 4th Place
25th Hyogo High School English Essay Contest (2022)	Award of Excellence
17th Hyogo High School English Debate Contest (2023)	Runner-up
29th Kinki Region High School Chinese Speech Contest (2024)	Grand Prize
27th Hyogo High School English Essay Contest (2024)	Grand Prize, Award of Excellence



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

An overview of our school's main events.

※ takes place every other year

APRIL

4

Entrance Ceremony  
Opening Ceremony  
Orientation (1st years)



1st Year Orientation



Culture Festival

MAY

5

School Information Session (SIS) ①  
Class Observations  
Mid-term Exams



International Seminar



Humboldt-Schule Trip (Germany)

JUNE

6

Culture Festival SIS ②  
Student Council Elections

JULY

7

Term-end Exams SIS ③  
Hyogo University Study Tour ①、②  
Closing Ceremony Supplementary Lessons  
International Seminar (1st, 2nd years)



Sports Festival



Hyogo University Study Tour

AUGUST

8

Supplementary Lessons  
Korea Trip ※

SEPTEMBER

9

Opening Ceremony  
Open High School #1  
Humboldt-Schule Trip ※

OCTOBER

10

Mid-term Exams Sports Festival  
Overseas Trip (2nd years)  
Ste Croix St Euverte Students Come



Karuta Tournament



Korea Trip

NOVEMBER

11

School Foundation Day (11/2)  
School Excursion (1st, 3rd Years)  
Open High School #2 PCS Students Visit

DECEMBER

12

Term-end Exams  
English Skills Development Lecture SIS ④  
Closing Ceremony



Overseas Trip



Canada

JANUARY

1

Opening Ceremony  
Karuta Tournament  
Year-end Exams (3rd years)



America

FEBRUARY

2

Entrance Examination  
Graduation Ceremony



England

MARCH

3

Year-end Exams (1st, 2nd years)  
Cultural Performance (1st years) SIS ⑤  
Australia Study Trip Closing Ceremony

## OVERSEAS EXCHANGE

The map displays the following locations and their corresponding flight paths to the United States:

- Green Arrows:**
  - Finland to the Northeast U.S.
  - Estonia to the Northeast U.S.
  - Korea to the Northeast U.S.
  - Taiwan to the Northeast U.S.
- Red Arrows:**
  - England to the Northeast U.S.
  - France to the Northeast U.S.
  - Germany to the Northeast U.S.
  - Canada (Vancouver) to the West Coast U.S.
  - America (Hawaii) to the West Coast U.S.
- Yellow Arrow:**
  - Australia (Perth) to the West Coast U.S.

Other labeled locations include Palestine (Gaza Strip), Kenya, Philippines, Tinian, Palau, Tonga, and New Zealand. A yellow airplane icon is located near the Hawaiian Islands.

### 【Opportunities for HIS students to go abroad】

- ◆ Choice of either England(London), Canada (Vancouver), or America(Hawaii).
- ◆ Through homestay, students can have an authentic overseas experience.
- ◆ Students give presentations about Japan and can interact with local students.
- ◆ Students share what they learned on their trip with all students upon returning.

- ◆ A study tour aimed at improving English skills through local homestay and other activities.

- ◆ Held every other year. Limit: 10 students.
- ◆ Visit Humboldt-Schule, our sister school in Kiel, Germany
- ◆ Students give presentations about Japan and can interact with local students.

- ◆ Held every other year. Limit: 10 students.
- ◆ Visit a specialized language school in Busan.
- ◆ Students give presentations about Japan and can interact with local students.

At HIS, we hold online culture exchanges with over 15 other countries where students can learn about the state of affairs around the world using both English and Japanese.

- 【Key Countries】** Germany, Finland, Estonia, Palestine (Gaza Strip), Taiwan, Kenya, New Zealand, Korea, Tinian, Palau, Australia, The Philippines and more...



# DOMESTIC EXCHANGE

## HIGH SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY COOPERATION

In 2023, we signed a partnership with Hyogo University School of Economics and Management.

In keeping with the research methods and initiatives that were fostered over the last 10 years, we will continue to undertake a variety of projects to further strengthen our relationship with Hyogo University.

In collaboration with Hyogo University, the following subjects were added to our curriculum.

### Collaborative Subject ①

#### Global Entrepreneur

##### Attain and Utilize a Global Perspective

In an international society, an entrepreneurial mindset is essential. In this class, students undertake various problem solving activities to help develop this mindset.



### Collaborative Subject ②

#### English Expertise

##### Become an Expert at Using Practical English

Through discussions and debates, students build up practical English skills, such as persuasion and negotiation, that will help them succeed in international society.

### Collaborative Subject ③

#### Global Versatility

##### Enrich Your Global Understanding

In this class, students learn about the importance of cultural identities, and develop and conduct research on topics they choose themselves.

#### Tada Suzune (2024 Graduate)

Hyogo University Economics and Management  
Global Business Course 2nd Year

At HIS, the project seminar I participated in as part of one of the collaborative subjects left a major impression on me. Being able to enjoy studying about economics with the foreign exchange students in the Global Business Course made me confident that this is the path I wanted to choose.

Thanks to all the chances to learn and use English at HIS, I felt at ease when it came time for the entrance examination.



#### Mori Shione (2023 Graduate)

Hyogo University Economics and Management  
Global Business Course 3rd Year

I decided to enter HIS due to the opportunity to take classes in English and other second languages. Through classes where I learnt about my own identity and versatility, I feel I was able to gain an international perspective on the world. My time at HIS prepared me for university life by equipping me with the capability and confidence to study whatever I want using English. If you have the chance, enroll at HIS and experience what only HIS can provide.



## ALUMNI'S MESSAGE

#### Tomes Joseph Masato (2023 Graduate)

Waseda University Intl. Education  
Dept. 3rd Year

I had many valuable experiences at HIS. I was a student during the height of corona, so even though we couldn't go overseas, we were still able to interact with the world through online exchange and other events.

One such event was the International Seminar – a whole day spent communicating in English with ALTs from all over Hyogo. Hearing about the ALT's different countries and ideas really broadened my horizons.

Learning all about the world around me and making friends from different walks of life made it an exciting 3 years.



#### Takashige Hotsumi (2024 Graduate)

Kobe University  
Agriculture Dept. 2nd Year

My time at HIS was an unforgettable experience. Before enrolling, I knew I would be able to gain a deeper understanding of the world through the international course, but I was worried about progressing into a science course at university. However, the small science class sizes at HIS made it easy to ask questions and further my understanding of the class content. Being surrounded by unique personalities and teachers who could provide one-on-one guidance created an environment where I could study with ease. Even if you're interested in science, I couldn't recommend HIS more.



# 3 YEARS OF LEARNING

## CURRICULUM 2025

(Subject name and availability may be subject to change)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
1st Year	LHR	General English I					P.E.	Health	Modern Japanese	Language Culture	General History	Public Society	Math I	Math A	Science and our daily life	Basic Home Economics	Music I Art I	C.C.C.														
		A	B	D																												
2nd Year	LHR	General English II				P.E.	Health Studies	IT I	C. C. C.	[Foreign Language I]	Japanese (Logic) (Science Course)		General Geography (Science)	Math II (Science)		Basic Chemistry (Science)	Chemistry	Basic Physics	Physics	[Elective X]	[Elective Y]											
											Japanese (Logic) (Arts Course)	Japanese Literature (Arts)	General Geography α	Geo. Studies	Math II (Arts)	Basic Biology α	Basic Chemistry (Arts)	Japanese Classics α														
													Gen. Geo. β	World History Studies					Japanese Classics β			Basic Biology β	Japanese Drills	English Expertise								
		Japanese History Studies																														
3rd Year	LHR	General English III				P. E.	Japanese (Logic)	Japanese Classics	Math B	Math C	World Geography		Chemistry		Physics		Math III			[Elective X]	[Elective Y]											
									Japanese Literature	Geography Studies			[Foreign Language II]	[Elective A] [Foreign Language III]	[Elective B]	[Elective C]						[Elective D]										
										Gen. Geo. β	World History Studies						Japanese History Studies															
		A	B																													

C.C.C.(Communication, Cultural Understanding, Contribution: Time for interdisciplinary study)

## ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

【Foreign Language】 German, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Korean (I, II, III must be the same language)

【Elective A】 Math Studies I, Math Studies II, Practical English II, Foreign Language III

【Elective B】 Natural Sciences, Intl. Informatics β, Math C, World History Studies, Japanese History Studies

【Elective C・D】 Japanese Studies, Math Studies I, Math Studies II, Natural Sciences, English for Qualifications, Practical English II, Food Design (Choose 2)

【Elective X】

《2nd Yrs.》 Math B, Novel Reading, Japanese Classics, Global Entrepreneur, Current Issues

《2nd・3rd Yrs.》 Japanese Culture, Food Culture, World Music, World Sports Culture

《3rd Yrs.》 Japanese Studies, World Economics, Applied Science, Project Design, Global Versatility

【Elective Y】

《2nd Yrs.》 Math B, Math C, Language Technology A, Practical English I, Current Issues

《2nd・3rd Yrs.》 Japanese Culture, Music, The World as Seen through Picture Books, Intl. Volunteer

《3rd Yrs.》 Japanese Studies, Academic Writing, Project Design, Intl. Informatics α, Applied Math, Language Technology B, Ideology for Understanding the World

◎ A curriculum that makes it possible to enter elite universities!

◎ Students can also go on to study Biology, Physics and Medicine!

◎ Extensive support for advancing to foreign universities as well!

## Distinctive Subjects

【C.C.C.】 CCC (Communication, Cultural Understanding, Contribution) was established as a time for interdisciplinary study, with contribution being the keyword for 1<sup>st</sup> years and communication and cultural understanding for 2<sup>nd</sup> years. The students themselves choose a theme, conduct research, summarize, and then, after confirming their research on their overseas trip, present their findings to the class.

【Foreign Language】 In 2<sup>nd</sup> year, everyone chooses either German, French, Italian, Chinese or Korean as a 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign language class. With assistance from a native speaker, students aim to be able to hold everyday conversations. Outside of language, students also have the chance to learn about each countries' culture. For students who want to take their study even further, they can join an extra class each week.



Summarizing Information ( C.C.C. )



Tea Ceremony (Chinese)

# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## SPORTS CLUBS

- Canoe
- Basketball
- Softball
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Girls Volleyball
- Swimming
- Kendo

## CULTURE CLUBS

- Jazz Band
- Japanese Music
- JRC
- ESS
- Flower Arrangement
- Tea Ceremony
- Art

## RECENT AWARDS (2024)

2024	National High School Canoe Tournament K-4 Race 500m	5th Place	Canoe
2024	1st National High School Canoe Selection 5000m C1 Men's A	7th Place, C1 Men's B Champion	Canoe
2024	Spring West Hanshin Tennis Competition Doubles	3rd Place, Team Match 2nd Place	Girls Tennis
2024	38th Japan Student Jazz Festival	Honorable Mention	Jazz Band
2024	Hanshin Spring League 7th Division	Champion	Girls Volleyball
2024	26th Ashiya Superintendent's Cup Badminton Championship Doubles	Runner-up	Badminton

### Van Geest Takumi (2024 Graduate) Kwansei Gakuin University 2nd Year International Department

I chose HIS because I wanted to study English and other foreign languages in a high-level environment.

After entering, I joined the canoe club, and in my 3rd year, I placed in a national competition. In the canoe club, I learned about the joy and difficulties of team building as well as the importance of being proactive. Also, I entered and got 4<sup>th</sup> place in the English speech competition. It was difficult to balance my English speech practice with canoe club activities but it was a very rewarding experience.



### Okagawa Sona (2024 Graduate) Akita International University 2nd Year International Education Department

The 3 years I spent at HIS changed me completely. Being able to use practical English in classes gave me the courage to speak without fear of making mistakes.

I also had many other invaluable experiences and learnt about a diverse sense of values during the overseas trip and international seminar. The 3 years I spent at HIS with so many unique friends made it a truly wonderful time I will never forget.



## FUTURE PROSPECTS

Graduates have successfully been accepted into a variety of universities, both domestic and international.

### March 2025 Graduate's University Placements

#### [National and Public Universities]

- Kyoto (1)
- Osaka (1)
- Hyogo (5)
- Kyoto Prefectural (1)
- Akita International (1)
- Osaka Metropolitan (1)
- Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (3) etc.

#### [Private Universities]

- (Kanto) ■ Keio (1) ■ Sophia (2) ■ International Christian (1) ■ Soka (1) etc.
- (Kansai) ■ Kwansei Gakuin (64) ■ Kansai (44) ■ Doshisha (12) ■ Ritsumeikan (21) ■ Konan (29) ■ Mukogawa Women's (16) ■ Kinki (38) ■ Kansai Gaidai (25) etc.

#### [Foreign Universities]

- Taylor's University (Malaysia)
- California State Polytechnic University Humboldt (America) etc.

### March 2024 Graduate's University Placements

#### [National and Public Universities]

- Osaka (1)
- Kobe (1)
- Hyogo (7)
- Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (3)
- Kanazawa (1)
- Akita International (1)
- Wakayama (1)

#### [Private Universities]

- (Kanto) ■ Sophia (1) ■ Hosei (1) ■ Rikkyo (1) ■ International Christian (1)
- (Kansai) ■ Kwansei Gakuin (33) ■ Kansai (21) ■ Doshisha (26) ■ Ritsumeikan (10) ■ Konan (17) ■ Kinki (41) ■ Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific (2) ■ Ryukoku (6) ■ Mukogawa Women's (9) ■ Kansai Gaidai (24) etc.

#### [Foreign Universities]

- Concordia University (Canada)
- Korea University (Korea) etc.



# OPEN HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHEDULE

### **【School Information Session】**

**1st: May 10th(Sat), 2nd: June 21st(Sat), 3rd: July 26th(Sat)**  
**4th: Dec. 13th (Sat), 5th: 2026 March 7th (Sat)** ※For JHS 1st/2nd years

- School Overview ● Future Prospects
- Explanation of International Activities ● Individual Consultations etc.

※Location and time will be posted to the school's homepage. ※The 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be the same information.

### **1st Open High School** **Sep. 15th(Mon·Holiday)**

- General Assembly (School overview, Student Presentations, etc.)
- Demo Classes (Foreign Languages, etc.)
- Consultations ● Past Exam Papers
- PM: Sports Club Introductions

### **2nd Open High School** **November 8th(Sat)**

- General Assembly (Entrance Exam, Overseas Trip Report, etc.)
- Demo Classes (English, Electives, etc.)
- Consultations ● Application Guidelines
- PM: Sports Club Introductions

- ☆ Aimed at Junior High School students, Caregivers and Educators (JHS teachers etc.).
- ☆ In the case of severe weather or other emergencies it may be postponed or cancelled.
- ☆ To apply and for more details, please see the school's homepage.

## ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

【Test Date】 Monday, Feb. 16th, 2026 (Results announced Friday, Feb 20th, 2026) (Planned)  
【Number of students accepted】 120 (Predicted)  
【Region】 Hyogo Prefecture  
【Exam Contents】 Aptitude Test (English reading, writing and listening)  
Interview (Primarily conducted in Japanese, although a small part may be in English)  
※ May be subject to change

## ACCESS

From Hanshin Uchide station, walk 800m south  
From Hanshin Ashiya station, JR Ashiya station,  
or Hankyu Ashiyagawa station, take the Hankyu  
Bus to Ashiyahama Office bus stop.

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Hyogo International's  
Mascot  
Rissun



School Homepage

