

Good morning everyone. As you know, this is the last day of the school year for you. You are all moving on to the next grade and next year will be full of new challenges and new victories. As for me, this is my last day as an ALT teacher for Izumi High School. It has been two years and I have learned so much from my time here. I have so many wonderful memories with all of you. I have watched you struggle and I have watched you grow. I have watched your confidence improve and your English skills get better and better. Sometimes we think that teachers are the ones responsible for teaching but truthfully, in my experience, I am the one who has learned the most from you. I have learned how to be a better teacher, I have learned how to be a better coworker, I have learned to be patient, and I have learned to laugh at my mistakes. But most importantly, I have learned of how beautiful Japanese people can be and how bright the future of the world looks because of you. Please remember that we can only get better if we struggle. Always challenge yourselves. Always look for new ways to improve and never forget the lessons you have learned. To the teachers of Izumi High school, I say thank you all for your hard work and support. To the students: Thank you all for teaching me to work hard and follow my dreams. I cannot and will not ever forget you. I hope we can meet again in the future and remember. Always challenge. Thank you.