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Introduction of New Teachers

Welcome To Ehime University!



Christopher Connelly

Hello everyone, my name is Chris and I come from Scotland. I moved to Japan in 2001 to work as an ALT for one year, but soon fell in love with Ehime and the Japanese lifestyle and my original "one year" has become twelve wonderful years. I spent three years working as an assistant English Teacher at Uwajima South High School, which was a great experience. I took part in all of the school festivals and activities and made lots of great friends. I then moved to Matsuyama in 2004 and worked for a children's English conversation school until March 2014.

I love Japan and enjoy visiting new places when I have time off from work. I also enjoy running and I usually go to the gym 3 or 4 times a week. I look forward to summer every year because I like going to the beach and having BBQs with my friends. Scotland is pretty cold and it rarely gets hot in the summer, so I especially enjoy the long, hot summers in Japan.

I love making new friends, so please feel free to come and say "hello" anytime.



Luke Draper

Hi all! I'm Luke and I am from Portsmouth in England, a city close to the sea with a rich naval and nautical history.

I came to Japan in 2007, working as an English teacher in Yokohama, and have since lived in Takamatsu, Osaka, Fukushima and, now, Matsuyama. As my master's degree is in creative writing, I very much enjoy writing and am currently working on my first novel set in Japan. My favourite writer is Haruki Murakami, though I really enjoy Natsume Soseki, especially Botchan!

In my free time, I like to hike or simply walk, go boxing or visit a gym and then soak in a hot spring. I love onsen and a lot of my holidays are planned around famous hot springs.

I enjoy teaching English as I like to help individuals realise their ambitions, even if they don't yet know that English is a part of it. The world is becoming increasingly globalized and learning other languages will help you communicate your ideas to a wider audience in your chosen field.

I always use the English expression "Use it or lose it" when describing language, so use English as often as possible and remember to keep trying! Feel free to talk with me at any time, ask me questions or recommend something for me to do in Japan.

I wish you the best of luck in your studies.



When you see them,
Let's say "Hi!" in English!

Information

English Gang

English Gang is a study group composed by staff and students who want to learn English. Now we read "NHK Radio English Conversation Program" from 12:30 to 13:00 on Thursdays in the Student Chat Room.

In this group, you can enjoy studying English and also meet a lot of nice people who have the same interests and aims as you do.



BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB is a study group for students who want to improve their reading skills: discuss books, short stories and articles in English. Activities are from 16:30-17:30 on Mondays in the student Chat Room.



We will read and discuss
"The Girl with Green Eyes".



S1 Intensive Class

S1 intensive class will be provided during the summer holidays for students who want to enhance their communication skills in this five-day course.

Class schedule: August 7 – August 12 (Excluding Sunday)
8:30 – 14:10

Registration period: July 7 – July 25

Please come to the EEC office and register beforehand!



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Teacher: Yoshie Ochi

Theme: Introductory Interpretation

Student Year: 2nd year and above

GOOD-BYE Ehime University

Ms. Faherty and Ms. Peace worked at Ehime University as Foreign Lecturers for three years. These are messages from them.

Farewell message from Sarah Faherty



After three years at the EEC, making it eight years in Matsuyama altogether, it is time for me to move on to pastures new. I'll be moving to Kumamoto City at the end of February, but I will always have fond memories of my time here. I have loved it here, learned so much and met some truly wonderful people. Thank you to the office staff in the EEC for their never-ending patience and help; to my colleagues for all their support; but mostly, to the students, who have made teaching here so enjoyable. I have honestly had a great time teaching you, I hope you have learned some useful skills in my classes. Good luck with your future studies, and don't give up on studying English!



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." Dr. Seuss.



Farewell message from Ashley Peace



I wanted to thank everyone at Ehime University for a wonderful three years! I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. It seems like only yesterday that I was trying to figure out where all the classrooms were for my English classes. Walking into the wrong building, or the wrong classroom, was something my students and I had in common. Thankfully, I don't have that problem anymore! I do have a lot of good memories though. Some of my best memories are from my conversation classes. I really enjoyed the lively conversations students had in those classes. I know it was difficult in the beginning, but everyone worked hard and the conversations became much easier to do. I was really impressed by how much my students improved in their conversations with their classmates and with me! I also got to meet a lot of interesting students in my TalkTalkTalk lessons. It was nice to have a small group of students that I could talk with in a more relaxing environment. I think we learned a lot from each other, and we had a good time too.

Though I am sad to say goodbye, I am happy that I will be taking all of these great memories with me. I hope my students continue to do well at school and enjoy university life. I wish you all the best and I hope you succeed in everything you do. Thank you again for a wonderful three years!

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