



TES Times

Happy New Year from all of us at TES

We have come to that time of year again where we look back at the old year, and forward to the new one.

The school moved on in a good way last year, and although there were many challenges in getting our move to our new location completed, I am sure most people would agree that we are in a better place than before, and that we have managed to keep the feel of the school, even in the new building.

We had two new teachers arrive last year, and although we were sorry to lose Nicole, who is doing well back in Iowa, but missing us all here a bit, I have to say that Colin and Mary have both fitted in well to the school. We are happy that they are both here, and I hope that you feel the same. I want to thank you all for making them feel welcome and feel a part of our community. It is important for people to feel that way when they arrive in a strange country.

And so to 2011. What do we have in store for the New Year? A lot, actually. We plan to offer all of you the chance to take a tour to Scotland and other

parts of Europe with Gerry who used to work at the Church. As many of you know, Gerry has a long background of doing tours to Scotland, and this time everyone will stay in a castle! I hope that some of you will be able to go. Tours can go with as little as 4 people, so perhaps a class might want to go together!

Also, from March, we will be giving you all the chance to test your English level by doing a TOEIC test here in the school! Yes, you won't have to travel to some far off place on a date that is not convenient for you any more. We will organize a time that suits you and you can take the test here. There are certain conditions to that, but it is an exciting new thing for us here, and shows our commitment to giving you all of the opportunities you would expect to get from a major school, right here in Takada.

We will celebrate 5 years of TES this August, and that is a great achievement. There have been times when it didn't seem like we would get this far, but I think that we have provided you with a consistently high level of

teaching, and are continuing to try to make your experience here a good one. Whether you study for a hobby, for business or so that you can do a test of some sort, we have always given you the lessons that you want, in an atmosphere that is helpful to your learning.

I want to thank Yoko, Nicole, Colin and Mary as well as Blair and Todd for all of their hard work last year, and ask them to keep that up in 2011. And to you, our students, I want to say a big thank you, for without you all there would be no school. I really appreciate that you choose to come here to study. I want to ask you all to try to introduce a new student to us over the next year. We always need new students to help us keep the standards you have rightly come to expect from us. We are planning to improve things further, with easier advancement between levels for those who want it, and better feedback from the teachers about your strong and weak points. Hopefully that will be sorted out for April.

So, as I said, we have an exciting year to look

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forward to, and you, the students, are a huge part of that. We will keep the school events coming and hope that you all continue to support them. As August will be our 5th birthday, I hope that we will be able to have a special event to celebrate that occasion.

All that remains is for me to wish you and your families a happy New Year, and I look forward to talking with you all some more in 2011.

News from Yoko

あけましておめでとうございます
そして本年もどうぞ宜しくお願い
いたします。2011年、皆さんは
どんな年にしたいですか？

私の New Year's Resolution は.....
ズバリ、「断捨離」です。身の回
りのものを綺麗に整理して、身軽
な一年を目指したい！しかし既に
机の上には書類の山が(・_・;).....
いやいや、まだ11カ月あります
ので、がんばりマス。

さて、昨年のクリスマスパーティで
は本当にたくさんの方にご参加を頂
きましてありがとうございました！
素敵なプレゼントをゲットできたで
しょうか？ロビーに写真を張り出し
てありますので、写真をご希望の方
はお知らせください。メールでお送
りします♥

今回のイベントはスキー&スノーボ
ードです。皆様のご参加をお待ちして
います☆

今号では、ピーターからも紹介が
ありましたが、スコットランドツ
アーのご紹介、TOEICテスト
対策コース及び受験のご案内、そ
してコリン先生とメアリー先生か
らの近況など盛り沢山の内容とな
っております。どうぞお楽しみ下
さい。Here we go...!



Winter Events: TES Ski & Snowboard Trip

冬のイベントのおしらせです。
イベントに参加されるかたは受付
までお知らせください！

☆ TES Ski & Snowboard

日時：2月27日（日）

時間：朝9時～夕方4時

場所：池の平スキー場（現地
集合）

参加費：特にありませんが、
各自でリフト券などのチケッ
トを購入することになります

申込：2/20まで

スキー場に行って、先生達と一
緒にスキー・スノーボードを楽
しみませんか？

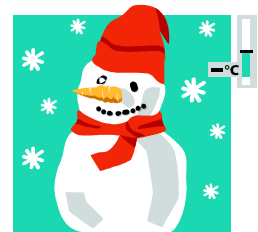
会場は池の平スキー場です。基本
的には現地集合ですが、車等で行
けない方はどうぞご相談くださ
い！もちろん最寄駅からは無料シ
ャトルバスも運行しています。

参加される方は申込期限までに受
付、諸橋までお知らせください。
ご友人・ご家族の皆様のご参加を
お待ちしております！ピーター先
生はロッジ番ですが、コリン先生

はスノーボーがとても上手です。メ
アリー先生は今シーズンスノーボ
ードデビューです！

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Next Holiday Schedule

当校の次のお休みは **GW休業** です。期間は以下
の通りです。

2011/5/1(日)～2011/5/8(日)

5/9(月)からの通常営業です

☆2月11日の『建国記念の日』、3月21日の
『春分の日』、4月29日の『昭和の日』と祝日
は多いですが、当校は通常通りの営業となります
ので、レッスンのある方は、ご注意ください！

☆2011年のTES年間休日カレンダーを配布し
ています。まだもらっていないよ！という方
は、お手数ですが、受付までお知らせください。

Thank you all for coming
to the Xmas Party!



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

by Colin Macleod

It's TES Times time again. It doesn't feel very long since I was writing about my sweaty summer trip to Shikoku. However, the heat of summer feels like a lifetime ago – it's freezing now! I actually enjoy winter, though. The deep snow means that my daily commute to Myoko takes longer and the low temperatures are uncomfortable, but both of these things are necessary for...snowboarding!

My home country, Scotland, is very far north, much further north than Hokkaido, but we don't usually get a lot of snow. This winter has been very cold in northern Europe, so the ski centres have been very busy. There are five ski centres in Scotland: the Nevis range, Glencoe, Glenshee, Cairngorm and the Lecht. Having Mt. Myoko on my door step has given me a great opportunity to learn how to snowboard; on a blue



sky day after a night of heavy snow there is nowhere I'd rather be. I'm looking forward to snowboarding in my home country some day!

The best year of my life

by Mary Trait

They say that time flies when you're having fun: a fitting statement for the past three months or so. And what an eventful three months it's been! As October rolled around the parties started and so did my favourite time of the year: Halloween! I was thrilled to be able to masquerade as one of my favourite Japanese icons- Satoshi from Pokémon. The TES Halloween party was a great success and all the little monsters and witches looked so cute in their costumes! Alongside my trusted side-kick Pikachu (Thank you Luke) I had an excellent time at the Bird's Inn Cafe Halloween party. I'm already thinking about my costume for next year: all suggestions welcome!

I have also had some wonderful trips in the last few months. Too many to write about really! Some of the highlights include the chrysanthemum festival in Yahiko village. The flower displays were beautiful and it was an excellent opportunity to see the changing autumn colours in the surrounding woodland areas. I hope to return to see the fireflies light up.

I have also travelled to Tokyo twice in the past few months. I stayed for one week over the New Year vacation. I spent New Year's Eve with two of my best friends from Ireland who are also English teachers. My friend Marie, who I have been friends with since we were five years old, and my friend Brendan- an old flat mate from college. We rang in the New Year at Zozoji (増上寺) and watched hundreds of balloons with New Year wishes attached be released at midnight into the Tokyo night sky! A day I'll never forget.

And finally I will talk about food! I have had some really delicious meals and snacks and I am still cooking as much as I can. My biggest culinary challenge this time was the dreaded Christmas dinner- with all the trimmings! I spent Christmas Day with some of my ALT friends in Yoshikawa. All of them are from England, Ireland and America so I tried my best to make a traditional Christmas dinner. The menu included roast and mashed potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, crispy herb stuffing, white sauce, gravy and (as turkey is scarce in Japan and I don't have an oven big enough to cook one) four delicious roast chickens. There was also lots of wine and sweet sherry trifle for dessert.



メアリー先生お手製のクリスマスディナー☆
おいしそうですね(^u^)

So that was my 2010. Probably the best year of my life so far and it really ended on a high note- with the birth of my new baby niece- Nicole! When Nicole grows up and comes to visit Japan she will have two friends her own age to show her around Joetsu- Suzune and Shun! I wish everyone a happy and peaceful 2011. My next adventure will bring me to the slopes for snowboarding. Wish me luck

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FIND OUT YOUR LEVEL!

TAKE A TOEIC TEST

受講生の皆さんに朗報です！！

今年の3月から、当校でTOEIC®IPテストが受験できるようになりました！

TOEIC®IPテストは公開テストと評価は全く同じです。もうテストを受ける為だけに、

長野や新潟まで足を運ぶ必要がありません！しかも、IPテストは公開テストより割安ですので

受験したい方は今がチャンスです！

TOEIC®IPテスト

受験日：2011年3月12日（土）

テスト開始時間：12:00 から 14:00 まで（時間は応談いたします）

申込締切日：2月19日（土）まで

会場：高田イングリッシュスクール

受験料：¥4,040-

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ジェリーです！ Why
don't you come and stay
at a beautiful castle?



♥ Would you like to go to Scotland? ♥

今回は Student Profile をお休みして、ピーター先生やコリン先生の故郷・スコットランドのツアーについて皆さんにご紹介いたします。

以前、カトリック教会の英語教室で講師をしていたジェリー・ヒーリーさんが、ツアーガイドとなりスコットランドの様々な場所を案内してくれるツアーです。

このツアーの魅力は多くありますが、滞在先のホテルが、この右の写真にある「お城」というのも滞在を盛り上げてくれる楽しみに一つです。

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