

# Global Café Newsletter

## Spring review

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### Message from Professor Tokuda, Director of Global Café:

**A**lthough Global Café has been closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we were still able to deliver **17** online classes. Over **100** students attended more than **950** class hours. Late in the semester, we held International Lunches online and they will continue. We are proud to work with so many students, especially those motivated to study abroad in the future.



### Message from Gareth Colhoun, Manager of Global Café:

**I** joined the Global Café team in April and I've had a great time teaching and getting to know the staff and students. As Prof Tokuda said above, spring semester was very successful. Let's keep laughing and learning despite the virus! Here are five reviews of Global Café classes, from one of the teachers and some students.



The class is dynamic and fun. We learn to speak and listen to Spanish through interesting content and we discover our cultural diversity.

Let's go for it! We're waiting for you to join.

*M G García Fernández, Spanish teacher*



I learned the difference between *l* and *r* in "Gaga's English Clinic." Through listening to many word examples in various exercises, I was able to hear the difference. Then I was able to use that skill to improve my pronunciation!

*K Nakahara, Graduate School of Engineering*



I developed logical thinking in the "Points of View" class. The skills are essential not only for debate but for understanding and analysing opposing ideas as well. I hope to join the class again next semester.

*T Noguchi, Graduate School of Medicine*



I joined the "Writing English for Academic Purposes" class last semester. Students shared their writing and the teacher gave us comments and on-screen editing to correct our compositions such as essays we had written and the abstracts of our own papers. It was a good opportunity for me to discover a lot of writing tips.

*S Murai, Graduate School of Engineering*



I don't have much confidence in speaking English. I chose "Listening in English" so that I might improve my skills. I really enjoyed the class, it was a lot of fun.

*H Sawamura, Faculty of Law*

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## Autumn forecast

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### For your diary:

- » TOEIC S&W preparation classes ~ 5 October
- » International Lunches ~ from 13 October
- » Haiku Contest orientation ~ 14 October
- » GC classes ~ week beginning 19 October
- » Halloween Event Online ~ 29 October
- » Presentation Contest ~ 5 December
- » TOEIC S&W test ~ 19 December

### オンライン留学相談(日本語です)

「そもそも留学ってどんな意味があるの?」「何から準備すればいい?」「留学について情報収集したい」「自分の留学計画についてコメントがほしい」など、留学についてのどんな話題も歓迎です。経験豊富なインターナショナルオフィス教員がマンツーマンで相談を受けます。

Below is a list of the Global Café classes starting next month, if you're interested please use the QR codes to find out more and register to join them.



Autumn semester schedule



## BASIC ENGLISH

### Smalltalk

Speaking, Listening

Talk about yourself and things you are familiar with to increase your confidence. Communicate effectively by listening to other students; learn techniques to help conversation flow.

Teacher: G Colhoun

### Destination: English

Speaking, Listening

Are you passionate about things but can't put them into words? The focus is on building vocabulary and conversation skills so self-expression becomes natural.

Teacher: K Sy

### Gaga's English Clinic (x3)

Speaking, Listening

Lessons have core pronunciation study and then students' questions about vocabulary, grammar, slang, accents, punctuation, idioms, etc. will be answered.

Teacher: G Colhoun

### Casual English Conversation

Speaking, Listening

Practice speaking and build up your vocabulary to increase fluency and make your story more interesting in everyday conversation.

Teacher: Y Machihara

### Skill-Up English S&L

Speaking, Listening, Reading

Students will develop listening skills including identifying keywords, details, and gist. They will learn to organize and express ideas and opinions about various topics.

Teacher: B Amad Okauchi



## FURTHER ENGLISH

### Confluences

Speaking, Listening

Students will role-play being a citizen or ambassador of another country. They will do research about life in that country and, over several weeks, develop a presentation about it.

Teacher: G Colhoun

### This Week in the News

Speaking, Listening, Reading

Using the latest sources, discuss news from Japan and around the world. We will focus on globalisation and its implications.

Teacher: A Caldwell

### Skill-Up English R&W

Reading, Writing

Students will read different passages and do exercises to help build their English vocabulary. They will learn to use paragraphing and how to convey ideas in different kinds of writing.

Teacher: B Amad Okauchi

### International Pop Culture

Speaking, Listening

Learn about overseas cultures, how countries influence each other and use those insights to learn about ourselves. This is useful knowledge for overseas travel.

Teacher: G Perkins

### Points of View

Speaking, Listening, Writing

Learn how to express opinions and challenge opposing views. Practise debate skills such as constructing, defending and attacking arguments, note taking, speaking with authority.

Teacher: G Colhoun

## OTHER LANGUAGES



### 你知道「タピオカ」的中文是什麼嗎

Speaking, Listening

Use different ways to learn Chinese like watching short videos or small-talk. After these classes, you might make new friends speaking Chinese.

Teacher: YC Kuo



### Aventures en Français

Speaking, Listening

This class will give you a gentle introduction to the French language. If you've always been interested in speaking French, this class is for you.

Teacher: K Sy



### ¡Vamos a aprender Español!

Speaking, Listening

Do you want to learn Spanish? With some practice in this class you will begin to understand others and even chat in your new language.

Teacher: M G García Fernández



### ภาษาไทยเบื้องต้น

Speaking, Listening

Are you interested in Thailand and the Thai language? We will teach you phrases which may be used for travel purposes and to have a simple conversation.

Teachers: J Intravichakul, W Tanintaratana

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Register here for classes from 23 September:

