

THE KAISEI ACADEMY

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2012-2014 School Profile



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The School

Founded in 1871, the Kaisei Academy is a private, boys' day school with grades 7 through 12. The Academy has provided an active learning environment for its students, in and out of the classroom, and has long had a national reputation for academic excellence and leadership qualities.

Student Body

The Academy consists of a Junior High School (Grades 7-9) and a Senior High School (Grades 10-12) with approximately 900 and 1,200 students respectively. Students hail from all over the greater Tokyo area. We welcome qualified students with a variety of talents, interests, and perspectives regardless of race, religion or ethnic origin. Admission to Kaisei is highly competitive, and applicants are selected on the basis of entrance examinations. Historically, almost all Kaisei graduates are admitted to Japan's most prestigious universities, each year 40% to 50% of them attending the University of Tokyo. (A school ranked 25th in the world and first in Japan "World's Best Universities in 2011" *U.S. News*.) For more information see *Matriculation* below.

Academics and Extracurricular Activities

The Academy operates on trimesters and reports final grades on student transcripts. Grades are usually given based on exam scores achieved during the term. Our grading system is 5 through 1, 5 representing an unweighted average score of 80% or higher, and 4 representing 70% or higher (more details on transcripts). GPAs are provided on transcripts for each grade of the Senior High School (10th, 11th, and 12th).

In Japan's education system, there are no such courses as "Advanced Placement" or "Honors." However, we offer our students opportunities to explore subjects of special interest at advanced levels in a wide variety of areas. Our top quality education and vibrant extracurricular activities have long been a special feature of students' lives at

Kaisei. Many of our students are active at both national and international levels in various fields as listed below.

Award-Winning Student Activities

The International Olympiad in Informatics
Gold and Silver Medalists, 2012

The International Physics Olympiad
Gold Medalist, 2012

The International Mathematical Olympiad
Silver Medalist, 2012

The International Mathematical Competition
Gold Medalist, 2013

The Japanese Chemistry Olympiad
Gold Medalist and Bronze Medalist, 2012

The Japanese Philosophy Olympiad
Gold Medalist, 2011

The Japanese Olympiad in Informatics
Gold Medalist, 2011

The Japanese Geography Olympiad
Gold Medalists, 2012, 2013

The Japanese Biology Olympiad
Bronze Medalist, 2011

The High School Haiku Competition
National Champions, 2013

The High School Go Competition
National Champions, 2011, 2012, 2013

The High School Quiz Competition
National Champions, 2011

The High School Juggling Competition
National Champions, 2011

The High School Shogi Competition
Third Place, 2013

The 24th All Japan Model United Nations
National Champions, 2012

Swimming,

The Japanese Junior Olympiad
Fifth & Sixth Place (Breaststroke), 2011

Arakawa-Ward Regional
First Place (Butterfly Stroke), 2011, 2012
First Place (200-Meter Relay), 2011, 2012

Table Tennis, Arakawa-Ward Regional
Second Place, 2011

Debate, The Winter Competition
Second Place, 2011

Judo, Arakawa-Ward Regional
Second Place, 2012

Soft Tennis
Final 16 (Private School Competition), 2011
First Place (Tokyo Regional), 2012

Track and Field, Tokyo Regional
Sixth Place (400-Meter Hurdles,
interscholastic athletic competition), 2013

Soccer, Junior-High Tokyo Regional
Third Place, 2013

Student Council

The student council at Kaisei is representative-based. They work actively to help share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with the teachers and the principal in order to make students' lives more purposeful and comfortable.

The main tasks are the following:

- making a basic plan for the distribution of the budget for each team and club
- organizing students in cleaning the school
- discussing issues raised by students and looking for solutions
- making suggestions to the school about the revision of school regulations if necessary

When they work on these tasks, they use their own initiative. A sense of independence is seen in every activity. Take budget planning for example. Before they decide on the final plan, they have an interview with a representative of each of the fifty or so teams and clubs and collect a lot of information about the present situation surrounding them. Although almost all the teams and clubs ask for an increased budget compared to the previous year, the council members try their best not to cause a sense of unfairness in a single team or club, spending a lot of time on discussion among themselves. What is sometimes surprising to somebody new here is that teachers never interfere in their discussion, despite the substantial amount of money they deal with (about 10 million yen each year). In every activity, teachers always stand by them and respect students' autonomy.

Athletic Meeting

An annual athletic meeting is one of the highlights of the students' experiences at Kaisei. In our school the students take about six months to prepare for the athletic meeting. This is the largest sports event held annually which is run completely by students, and once again teachers function as just advisors. It is a big responsibility for the third year students in high school as the students organize the event. Taking care of their juniors isn't easy. The third year students learn a lot from this experience. The first year students play a cavalry battle. The winner is the one who first makes their opponent touch the ground. The second and the third year students play *botaoshi*, a game involving pulling a pole down. When they cannot pull the pole down, the inclination of the pole decides the winner. In

view of the physical nature of these games, we always have a doctor standing by.



Matriculation 2012 – 2014

For the years 2012 through 2014, Kaisei students have matriculated at each of the following institutions. The schools listed below are some of the most competitive universities in Japan. Kaisei has attained first place for the number of students who passed the entrance examinations for the University of Tokyo for thirty-two consecutive years. Note that medical schools are available not only as a graduate program but as an undergraduate program in Japan.

CLASS OF:	2014	2013	2012
National and public university			
The University of Tokyo	158	170	203
Kyoto University	3	6	7
Hitotsubashi University	3	6	10
Tokyo Institute of Technology	8	13	9
Private university			
Keio University	191	152	133
Waseda University	225	196	236
Medical school			
Chiba University (Faculty of Medicine)	10	11	12
Tokyo Medical and Dental University	11	9	12
The Jikei University	13	15	17
Nippon Medical School	4	5	7
Juntendo University	13	19	13

Course Highlights

Japanese

Japanese I

This course is a combination of 2 credits of Contemporary Japanese and 3 credits of Classical Japanese.

Modern Writings

This course covers modern Japanese literature.

Classics I

This course focuses on classical Japanese.

Classics Reading

This course focuses on classical Chinese.

Geography & History

World History

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Geography

Course A focuses on raising global perspective through learning world geography whereas Course B mainly focuses on studying topography to understand the features of each region.

Mathematics

Mathematics I

Algebra, Trigonometric Ratio, Quadratic Function, Basic Analysis

Mathematics II

Analytic Geometry, Equation of Higher Degrees, Precalculus, Exponential and Logarithmic Function, Trigonometry

Mathematics III

Differential and Integral Calculus, Limits, Complex Plane

Mathematics A

Counting and Probability, Integers and Figures

Mathematics B

Probability Distribution and Statistics, Sequences, Vectors

Mathematics C

Matrices, Statistical Processing

Science

Course I is a basic introductory course whereas Course II is a more advanced level course.

Advanced courses are only provided for students in 2nd and 3rd grade.

Physics

Classical Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Electromagnetism, Wave Phenomena, Optics, Quantum Physics, Nuclear Physics

Chemistry

Organic Chemistry, Theoretical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry

Biology

Cell and Molecular Biology, Genetics, Organismal Biology, Neurology, Evolution and Diversity, Ecology, Biochemistry

Earth Science

Geology, Astronomy, Geophysics, Oceanography, Atmospheric Science

Notable Alumni of the Kaisei Academy Science, Technology, and Medicine

Miwa, Tetsuro	Former President of Tokyo Medical University
Nagaoka, Hantaro	Physicist, 1 st President of Osaka University, Recipient of <i>Order of culture</i>
Shimizu, Fumihiko	Bacteriologist, Former Professor at Tokyo Medical and Dental University
Takemi, Taro	Former President of Japanese Medical Association and World Medical Association
Yanagisawa, Yukio	Principal of the Kaisei Academy, Professor Emeritus at University of Tokyo, Former Associate Professor at Harvard School of Public Health
Politics, Law	
Muto, Toshiro	Current Chairperson of the Board of Directors at the Kaisei Academy, Former Deputy Governor of Bank of Japan, Former Administrative Vice-Minister of Finance
Tadaki, Keiichi	44 th General of Public Prosecutors Office, current Board member
Hashimoto, Ryogo	78 th Minister of Education, 21 st Minister of Welfare
Matsudaira, Tsuneo	Former Ambassador of United Nations
Machimura, Kingo	53 rd Superintendent of Police Department, 2 nd Governor of Hokkaido Prefecture
Okada, Keisuke	31 st Prime Minister of Japan, Admiral in Imperial Japanese Navy
Business	
Watanabe, Tsuneo	CED/President/Editor in Chief of <i>Yomiuri Shimbun Newspaper</i>

Ishizuka, Kunio President of *Isetan Mitsukoshi Holdings Co., Ltd.*

Nakajima, Michio Former President of *Citizen Holdings Co., Ltd.*

Sato, Keita Former CEO of *Takara Tomy A.R.T.S.*

Literature, Arts

Osaka, Go *Naoki Prize* Winning Novelist, current Board member

Masaoka, Shiki Poet, one of the “four great masters” of *haiku*

Kuroda, Seiki Painter, one of the leaders of the Western Style movement in the Japanese painting

Matsuura, Hisaki *Akutagawa Prize* Winning Novelist, Former Professor at University of Tokyo

Ninagawa, Yukio Theater Director, Artistic Director of Shakespeare’s Globe Theater in London, Recipient of *Order of Culture*

Saito, Mokichi Poet, Recipient of *Order of Culture*

Shimazaki, Toson Poet, Novelist, one of the founders of *Meiji Romanticism*

Yanagita, Kunio Folklorist, known as father of Japanese native folkloristics