



Comenius
College



Hiroshima
International School

Dear Secondary Students and Parents,

Over the past two years, HIS has developed a partnership with Comenius College in Capelle aan den IJssel near Rotterdam, The Netherlands. This spring, Comenius College will be sending six students, all boys aged 16-17 to Hiroshima with their teachers to conduct independent research on Hiroshima's history and to spend time at HIS learning with our students. Their introduction letters are included in a separate document. In September 2017, nine students from HIS travelled to Rotterdam as a part of this exchange. We hope to send a group of students to Rotterdam in the autumn of 2019.

The partnership involves students staying with host families. This not only keeps the cost affordable, it also provides students with a cultural experience while visiting Hiroshima. We are looking for families to host these six students. Ideally, host families would have children of similar ages and of the same gender. The partnership relies on this reciprocal relationship to keep going.

Hosting a student is a great way for children to make lasting friendships and cross-cultural connections. If your child is current in grade 8-11 and is interested in visiting the Netherlands next year, this is a chance to make a friend in advance. Even if you are not planning on visiting the Netherlands next school year, this is an opportunity to make a friend in another part of the world!

The dates of the visit are 4 April-11 April (7 nights). Host families are responsible for providing lodging, meals and transportation to and from HIS for the visiting students. Host families are encouraged to engage in local cultural activities with the students during non-school hours. Small trips around town, sharing traditional food and customs would be welcome!

If you are interested in hosting a student, or have questions about the possible arrangements, please contact Ms. Annie (alevasseur@hiroshima-is.ac.jp)

During Parent Teacher Student Conferences on 21 March 2019, we will be holding an information session for students who may be interested in travelling to the Netherlands next school year.

Last spring, HIS families graciously opened their homes to six Comenius College students. Families had a very positive experience! With your help, we can reciprocate the warm welcome our students received in the Netherlands at the beginning of the last school year.