

English in grade 7

■ A familiar face

A new year has come, but an old, familiar face is coming back to your class. It's me Sam! While the group has welcomed a few newcomers and some friends have left, I am really excited to be back. Hopefully, the students also feel excited and are willing to challenge themselves this year.

■ Momentum

In simple terms, building momentum at school means investing in your future. At first, things can be difficult to get started. However, as you continue to put effort into something, it becomes easier over time. Eventually, you don't have to think as much, and the work can even begin to feel easy. That is what momentum is.

So why choose "Momentum" as the name of our newsletter? The main reason is that I want students to recognize that they have already been building momentum for years. They may not realize it, but they have grown a lot since joining SOLAN. They have become better students and better people. It hasn't always been easy, but because they didn't give up, the effort they've put into their future is starting to pay off.

■ Independence

As students continue their progress through SOLAN's Junior High School, developing independence becomes increasingly important. This is a time to build the life skills that will guide them in the future. We encourage students to take greater ownership of their learning by engaging in self-study and reflecting on their areas for growth. With ongoing support, they will continue to develop the confidence and skills needed for long-term success.

■ New projects

While I already have a few ideas for the Grade 7 English projects, I want students to be part of the decision-making process, as their input will make the projects more meaningful. Although the details are still to be determined, the year will be divided into three projects: movie-making, Minecraft, and board games. Hopefully, we can have a lot of fun while using English!

■ Revamped English lessons

After discussing the JHS classes with Mr. Oliver, we have decided to introduce a module-based lesson style for the Grade 7 and 8 English classes. Each week, students will have four English lessons:

1. English Project

Students will work in teams to complete a project. This is an opportunity for them to use their English in a meaningful context.

2. Test Preparation

Ms. Yoshie Sanogawa will help students prepare for the EIKEN tests and high school entrance exams. She will use a mix of Japanese and English in her lessons.

3&4. English

Each class will be divided into four parts: vocabulary, reading, grammar, and speaking activities. There will be regular tests and opportunities for the students to study at their own pace.

