



Kei-Sho Chronicle – July 2025

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With the weather getting hotter, we can tell that Summer has arrived. School at Kei-Sho is finishing for term 1, and the summer holiday is about to begin. It has been a long month, so let's look back at some of the things we have done so far!

End of Term 1:

With the Closing Ceremony on July 19th, term 1 at Kei-Sho has officially come to an end. It has been a long 3 months, filled with many events.



We started with the Entrance Ceremony in April, where we welcomed our new students. Next was the school trips in May, with the 1st years going to Tsukuba, the 2nd years travelling around Tokyo, and the 3rd years learning about their career paths. The end of May also had the Ball Games Tournament where students from all grades competed to win in volleyball and futsal. Lastly, there was the Hydrangea Festival at Hakusan Shrine in June, where our dance club, symphonic band and marching band all performed. The term ended with tests at the start of July, and then the closing ceremony.



The closing ceremony started with the school song, followed by speeches from the principal, career guidance officer and lifestyle guidance officer, encouraging students to have fun, but be serious during the summer break. There were also some awards for students who did well in the STEP English test.

Summer Holiday:

With term 1 over, students can now take the chance to enjoy their summer holidays and relax. However, there is still a lot of work to be done over the holidays. Some students will be coming to school for summer classes, others for club activities. The summer holidays is also a common time for study trips abroad. Some students from Kei-Sho will be going to Australia for 2 weeks, and some will be going to China for about a week. There will also be club camps throughout the holidays, where students can work together to practice their skills in their chosen club activity, whether sport or otherwise. And of course, even if students are not going to club activities or summer classes, there is still the summer homework which must be completed before term 2 begins.

Some students will be very busy during the summer holidays, but all students will have the opportunity to relax more than when they are at school. No doubt all of our students here at Kei-Sho already have many plans for the holidays.

Term 1 has come to an end. Well done everyone for working hard and making it to the end of the term. With the term over, the holidays will start, and I hope that all the students and teachers have a relaxing holiday and come back to school refreshed for term 2. I will be going to Australia for a few weeks to see my family. What will you be doing?

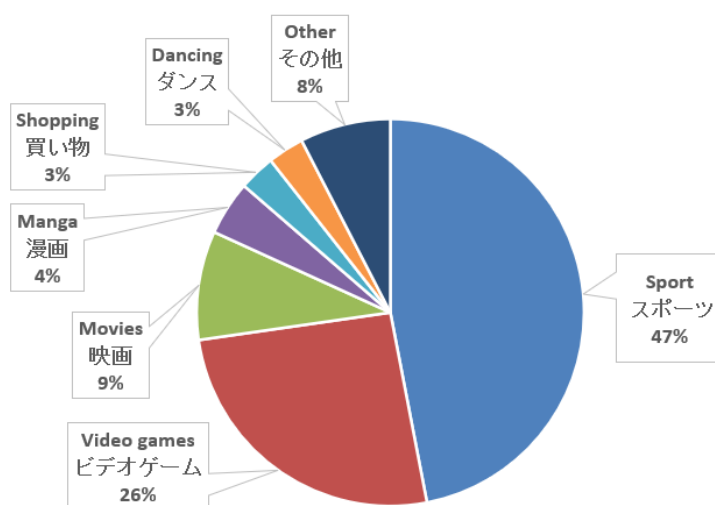
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This month, Brendan has looked at some of the presentations in classes this term. Let's see what he has learned.

What are you Crazy About?

Recently, in our English Conversation classes, we asked the first-year students about their hobbies and interests (趣味や興味). Let's look at the different things that the students at Kei-Sho like to do in their free time.



Most popular

Here are the top three most popular (人気のある) hobbies and interests for the first-year students:

1. Sports 47%

Sports were clearly the most popular sort of hobby. It seems like many of our students enjoy not just playing sports, but also watching them. A lot of the students are involved in sports clubs (部), so this is not surprising. However, the most popular type of sport did surprise me. I thought it would be baseball (野球), but in fact, more students said they like soccer (サッカー). Some other popular sports were basketball (バスケットボール), tennis (テニス), and volleyball (バレーボール).



2. Video Games 26%

The second most popular hobby was playing video games. I think staying inside and playing video games is perfect for this hot summer weather! First Person Shooter (FPS) were the most popular type of video games, and Role-Playing Games (RPG) were the second-most popular.



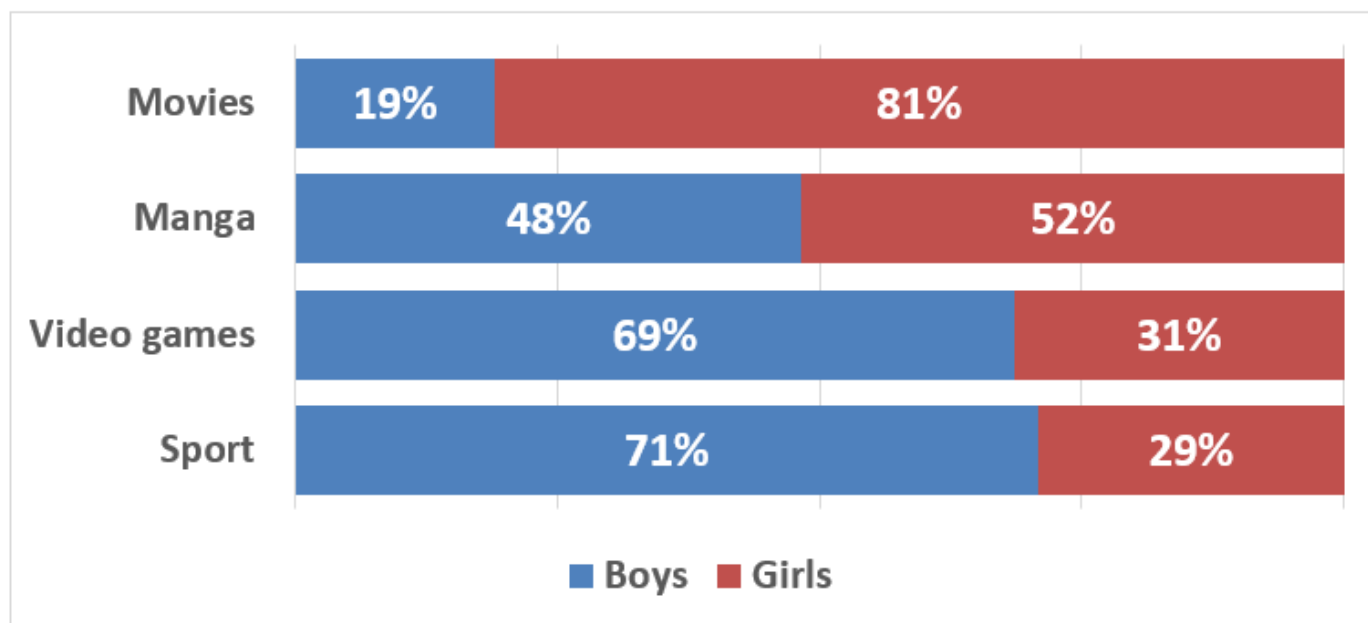
3. Movies 9%

The third most popular hobby was watching movies. It's nice to relax and watch a movie, especially if you have had a busy day of work or studying. However, the most popular genre (ジャンル) was horror movies, which doesn't seem relaxing at all.



Boys vs Girls

I thought it would be interesting to see if any hobbies are more popular with boys than girls, or vice versa (逆に). If there were the same number of boys and girls, how many of them would like each hobby? This is what I found:



Interestingly, movies were more popular among girls. On the other hand, video games and sports were more popular with boys. I was surprised that manga is popular regardless of gender.

Hearing about everyone's hobbies was very interesting. What do you like to do in your free time? Personally, I love playing video games! I hope that you can spend some time doing whatever you enjoy during the summer holidays. Take care and I'll see you in September! - Brendan