



# Newsletter from the Satsuma Chuo High School ALT – Amy Roberts



## Satsuma Chuo High School Post – June 2012



Hello! Welcome to my June newsletter.  
Please enjoy reading it ☺

### Rainy Season

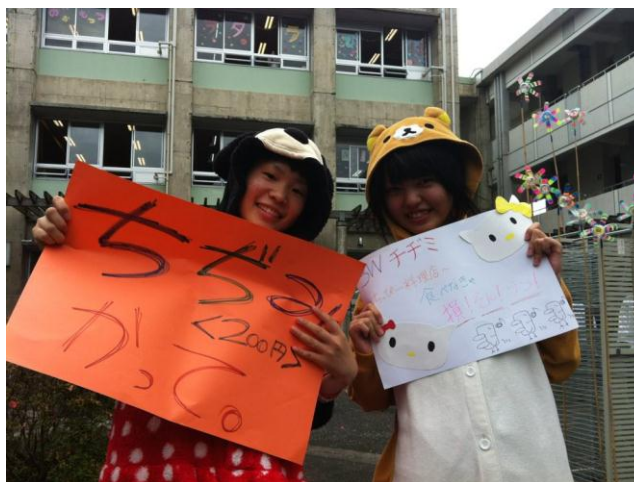
This is my first rainy season (梅雨) in Japan. It's very tough (大変)! I don't like rain: especially when it rains heavily every day. I can't ride my bicycle, and I don't want to go outside. But the rain isn't my biggest problem! My biggest problem is the humidity (湿気). In the UK, we never have humidity. Humidity is very difficult for me, because I always feel very hot and wet. I become tired and irritable (感の強い). Kagoshima-Ken is beautiful, but the climate (気候) is very difficult for me!



I don't like rain!

### The School Festival!

June was a very busy time for me, because I attended TWO school festivals, one at Sendai High School and one here at Satsuma Chuo! It was my first time to experience a School Festival. It was very interesting! We don't have School Festivals in the UK. We have talent competitions and school open days. I enjoyed delicious foods like cha-han with soup, cookies, snacks and barbequed sweetcorn with soy sauce. I had fun playing games and looking at the beautiful classrooms. I talked with many students. I also enjoyed watching the performances. The hip-hop dancing and the rock band were great! I think there are many talented students at this school.



The Korean *chijimi* was delicious!

### THE KAJIKI SPIDER FIGHT!

I am VERY scared (怯える) of spiders. I often have nightmares (悪夢) about spiders! But, I did something very brave (勇ましい). I went to the famous Kajiki *kumo gassen*! *Kumo gassen* means 'spider fight' in English. For 400 years, there has been a spider fight in Kajiki. People train female spiders to wrestle with each other. Many people come from all over Kagoshima-Ken to watch the spider fight. I went with some ALT friends. It was very scary! But I am glad that I went, because I experienced traditional Kagoshima culture!



Wow, a scary spider!