

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 5. Responsibility in Moving Forward

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The last few weeks have caused much uncertainty and change around the world with no way of knowing when things can go back to a familiar sense of normality. My home country, the United Kingdom, is currently on week 6 of a country wide lock-down which is a world apart from being here in Yusuhara.

While these circumstances are unfolding, life must continue in a safe and responsible way, as such important events in the school year were altered to accommodate the change in times. The graduation ceremonies for 6th and 9th grade students were one such event. Only immediate family members such as parents were in attendance with teachers and fellow students. Despite the smaller than usual attendance, graduation was no less emotional. I was lucky to be invited along to the 9th grade final home-room class and final farewell after the ceremony (lessons were cancelled) having only known the students for 8 months it was hard not to feel sad they were all lovely people.

Then the annual changing of teachers approached and many moved on to new schools all across the prefecture, most of whom I got on well with and will miss greatly. Luckily, much like the people of this town, the new members of staff are all very nice and kind and I look forward to spending the next year with them!

