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**英文エッセーコンテスト歴代大会の記録**

1996(平成8)年6月27日(木)に準備委員会発足[３つの臨時プロジェクト委員会の一つとして]

　※第一次審査　応募原稿による審査。

第二次審査　各学年の部ともに第一次審査を勝ち抜いた20名ずつが参加資格を得る。

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| 大会回 | 項　目 | 課　題　等　具　体　的　内　容 |
| 試行大会 | 日時・場所 | 1997(平成9)年11月8日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | ※この大会のみ二者択一方式（1次応募　計44名）第一次審査：My Dream （32名）／ Why Do We Study English?（12名）第二次審査：My Best Memory ／ The Place I Want to Visit Most |
| 2,3,4年の部 | ※この大会のみ二者択一方式（1次応募　計56名）第一次審査：My Hometown （19名） ／ What Is Happiness?（37名）第二次審査：The Person I Respect Most ／ What Is the Most Valuable in the World? |
| 第1回 | 日時・場所 | 1998(平成10)年11月14日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：My Best Friend　（40名）第二次審査：What I Want To Do Most in the Future |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：My Unforgettable Experience　（51名）第二次審査：What Interests Me Most |
| 第2回 | 日時・場所 | 1999(平成11)年11月13日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：My Free Time（56名）第二次審査：A Letter To a Person I Like |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What I Really Want To Know（52名）第二次審査：What I Cherish Most |
| 第3回 | 日時・場所 | 2000(平成12)年11月11日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：Is it necessary for you to learn English?（77名）第二次審査：次の英文を読んで（英文に応えて）、あなたの考えをエッセーにして書いて下さい。（タイトルは各自で自由につけて下さい。）Some people think that the family has the greatest influence on themselves. Others believe that the influence of friends has greater effect. What do you think? Which opinion, if any, do you agree with? Or do you have any other opinions? Can you give examples from your own life to back up your argument? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What I can do for other people（73名）第二次審査：次の英文を読んで（英文に応えて）、あなたの考えをエッセーにして書いて下さい。（タイトルは各自で自由につけて下さい。） Edison, who you know very well, said, "Every wrong attempt is a step forward. This seems to have been one of his mottoes or something that helped him in his life. Thanks to this motto, he never felt discouraged. Do you have a motto that helps you? Please tell us your motto or a saying that helps to inspire you, and explain why it has come to encourage you. |
| 第4回 | 日時・場所 | 2001(平成13)年11月10日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What do you want to do in your high school life?（62名）第二次審査：Have you ever read the story of "Aladdin"? In the story, Genie, who appears from the magic lamp, says to Aladdin, "I'll make your wishes come true." If just one of your wishes can come true, what will it be? And why? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What will the world be like in the 21st century ?（59名）第二次審査：Read Mika's problem and give her some advice. Mika's problem: One year has passed since I entered a high school. When I was a junior high school student, I could hardly wait for high school life. However, I can't find anything exciting to do at the moment. And I find studying at school is just boring. What should I do? |
| 第5回 | 日時・場所 | 2002(平成14)年11月8日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What do I study for?（63名）第二次審査：Imagine that you have a time machine. If you use a time machine, you can go to any place or time. For example, you can move to the past, and can change your life or even world history. What will you do with your time machine?  |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：The good points of Japan（63名）第二次審査：Cell phones (Mobile phones) are very popular in Japan. It is said that about 60% of all Japanese people have at least one. Do you have a cell phone? Many people would agree it is a very convenient invention, but at the same time it is causing some serious social problems. What do you think about the present use of cell phones in Japan? |
| 第6回 | 日時・場所 | 2003(平成15)年11月2日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What I am good at（95名）第二次審査：Imagine that three Goddesses are in front of you. The first Goddess can give you beauty. The second Goddess can give you intelligence. The third　Goddess can give you richness. Which one do you choose and how do you use what she can give? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What the world peace means to me（64名）第二次審査：If we see our friends smile, we also feel happy. If we talk honestly with each other, our problems can be solved and our relations can improve. Such things make our relations smooth even if they seem small. What is your own idea to maintain good relations with others?  |
| 第7回 | 日時・場所 | 2004(平成16)年11月20日（土）　於：明石アワーズホール会議室 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：The person who influenced me most（53名）第二次審査：Doraemon, a famous Japanese cartoon character, has many special tools to help his friend Nobita. Now you can use one of the following tools, DOKODDEMO DOOR, a door which can reach any place. TAKEKOPUTA, a small kite made of bamboo which can make you fly, and SMALL LIGHT, a light which can make things smaller or bigger. Choose one of the tools that you want to use and explain what you would like to do with it. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What do you think is the most important invention in history?(76名)第二次審査：Who is a hero to you? Anyone can be your hero. You can choose him or her from the real world, story books and so on. Please write the name of the hero and explain why he or she attracts you. |
| 第8回 | 日時・場所 | 2005(平成17)年11月12日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：The most impressive event for me（82名）第二次審査：It is a good thing to support each other. A lot of people need help now. For example, there are many people who are very busy, old, handicapped, struck by a disaster, and so on. If you can help such people, who will you help and what will you do for them? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：A letter to the Prime Minister（80名）第二次審査：Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, has been working hard to regenerate the forests in Africa. She has shown the whole world that even an action of one individual can improve the situation. Last year, she visited Japan and was impressed by a Japanese “Mottainai”. It is very important not to waste things.Is there anything you find wasteful in your daily life? If so, how can you make the situation better? |
| 第9回 | 日時・場所 | 2006(平成18)年11月11日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：Now that I am a high school student…（80名）第二次審査：You have probably read a lot of books or watched various films since your childhood. Please recommend a book or a film which impressed you greatly, and explain why it impressed you. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：My message to our generation（84名）第二次審査：There are many bedtime stories in the world. They make children happy, and help them learn important things about life. Please write your own bed time story. |
| 第10回 | 日時・場所 | 2007(平成19)年11月10日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：My message to junior high school students（73名）第二次審査：Do you like your high school life? If you do, explain why you like it. If you are not happy, what changes will you make? Please write your ideas about what you will do, why you will do it and how you will do it. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：If I were rich enough,…（82名）第二次審査：You are young now and you might feel that your life goes on forever. If you are told that you can only live for a year, how will you spend the rest of your life? |
| 第11回 | 日時・場所 | 2008(平成20)年11月8日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What I want to do in the future（70名）第二次審査：There have been many happy moments in your life. What happened on those occasions? Did you meet someone special? Did your team win a game? Or did you pass a difficult test? Please write about the happiest experience in your life. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What keeps me going（81名）第二次審査：The Olympic Games were held in Beijing in August. The athletes who won medals looked very happy. However, some athletes who didn’t win any medals also looked satisfied. This shows that success is not just about winning. What does success mean to you. Please give examples to support your idea. |
| 第12回 | 日時・場所 | 2009(平成21)年11月14日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：The most unforgettable words for me（73名）第二次審査：Today many people do volunteer work. If you are given a chance to do some volunteer work, what kind of work do you want to do? Please give reasons for your answer. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：The new skill I want to acquire（60名）第二次審査：During the Presidential campaign, Barack Obama repeatedly said, “Change. Yes, we can.” If you have a chance to change something, what do you want to change? For example, do you want to change yourself, your community or the world? Please write about what you want to change and why. |
| 第13回 | 日時・場所 | 2010(平成22)年11月13日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：A letter to my junior high school teacher（108名）第二次審査：You are given three months’ free time away from school. What do you want to do? Do you want to go abroad? Do you want to read as many books as you can? Do you want to visit your grandparents and stay at their house? Please write about your ideas. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：The strong points of Japan（74名）第二次審査：The average life expectancy of Japanese people has reached 79.59 years for men and 86.44 for women. A long life is indeed a good thing, but how you live your life is also very important. Please write about what kind of things you think are important for people to have good happy lives. |
| 第14回 | 日時・場所 | 2011(平成23)年11月12日（土）　於：サンピア明石 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What I am proud of（70名）第二次審査：The national soccer team, Nadeshiko Japan, won the Women’s World Cup for the first time this year. The team’s achievement gave dreams and hope to many people. Sports can inspire us in many ways. What power do you think sports has on us? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：The kind of person I want to be in the future（89名）第二次審査：Do you know anything about Greek myths? Do you know the story of Pandora’s box? When Pandora opened a box she was told not to open, everything evil in the box escaped out of it, but one thing remained. That is “hope.” This story tells us that even in difficult situations we can have hope. Now Japan is in a very difficult situation, but we have hope. What kind of hope do you think we have now? |
| 第15回 | 日時・場所 | 2012(平成24)年11月10日（土）於：兵庫県立姫路東高等学校　東生会館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：My hero / heroine（80名）第二次審査：Kohei Uchimura, a gymnast, won the gold medal at the London Olympics. When he was an elementary school student, his parents gave a Pink Panther stuffed toy to him. He then began using the toy to help him visualize his performances. He carried the toy as a good luck charm to his matches when he was a junior high school student.Do you have a good luck charm? How did you get it? Why is it special to you? Please write about your own story. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：If I had the magic power to make anything come true, …（88名）第二次審査：The young king and queen of Bhutan visited Japan in November 2011. They used the term “Gross National Happiness,” which shows how happy people in a country feel. Their visit made us think about what is important in life. Are you happy? What does happiness mean to you? |
| 第16回 | 日時・場所 | 2013(平成25)年11月9日（土）　於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：My unforgettable adventure（65名）第二次審査：On May 23, Mr. Yuichiro Miura succeeded in climbing Mt. Everest at the age of 80. He has climbed Mt. Everest three times and now he is the oldest climber to have climbed the mountain. This news encouraged many people in Japan.Is there any big challenge that you want to achieve in the future? What impact do you think your challenge will have on other people? Please write about it. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：How can we make people happy? （76名）第二次審査：The newspaper says that today’s young people are too addicted to the Internet. Statistics show that about 10 percent of all high school students in Japan spend more than 5 hours a day using computers. Please point out some problems caused by Internet dependence, and think about how to solve these problems. |
| 第17回 | 日時・場所 | 2014(平成26)年11月8日（土）　於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What I have learned from experience（81名）第二次審査：According to the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO), the number of foreign tourists who traveled to Japan in April this year was the largest ever. There may be various reasons for this, but it is believed this trend will continue from now on.If you were having guests from overseas, what kind of plan would you suggest to them? Pick some unique places or activities that you want them to experience and write your reasoning. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What I think is cool about Japan（92名）第二次審査：You may have some rules you are determined to obey; for example, being punctual, getting up early, studying English every day and so on. Please pick one or more rules you have, and explain why you have decided to obey them. |
| 第18回 | 日時・場所 | 2015(平成27)年11月14日（土）於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What encourages me（78名）第二次審査：Food is life. Food is important. We eat food not only when we are hungry but also when we want to relax. This kind of food is called “comfort food” and it brings happy memories back to us. Even when we are depressed, comfort food makes this feeling disappear and we are ready to go forward after eating it.What is your “comfort food”? Please write about your experience. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：A robot we might need in the future（90名）第二次審査：The Japanese government has been working for the development of global *jinzai*, or global human resources. It has been putting more emphasis on English education, including at the elementary school level. However, just being good at foreign languages is not enough. In your opinion, what things are especially important for you to live in an increasingly globalized world? |
| 第19回 | 日時・場所 | 2016(平成28)年11月19日（土）於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What can you do for other people? （83名）第二次審査：The Rio Olympic Games moved a lot of people. A lot of athletes practiced their sport for a long time and performed well in the Games. Do you have anything you have kept doing for fun or to make your dream come true? Please write about your experience. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What brings people hope（87名）第二次審査：Society is changing rapidly, especially in the field of technology. For example, it is said that almost half of the jobs in Japan could be done by robots with artificial intelligence in 10 to 20 years. In a society like this, what do you think will be important? Please write about your idea. |
| 第20回 | 日時・場所 | 2017(平成29)年11月18日（土）於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What I want to accomplish in my life（96名）第二次審査：A role model is a person that you admire and try to imitate. Maybe your role model is your parent or grandparent. Maybe it is an athlete. Maybe it is a historical figure from long ago. Who is your role model, and why is that person your role model? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：One thing I want to pass down to future generations（81名）第二次審査：According to the 2016 World Happiness Report conducted by the United Nations, Japan was ranked as the 53rd happiest country among the 157 countries surveyed. This rank is lower than in previous years. What is your opinion on this result? |
| 第21回 | 日時・場所 | 2018(平成30)年11月17日（土）於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：A song I would like you to listen to（77名）第二次審査：There has been heated discussion on the topic of club activities in Japanese high schools. Some say they are necessary and others say we have to change something about them. What do you think? What are the advantages and disadvantages of club activities in high schools? Please write your opinions and suggestions about club activities in Japanese high schools based on your experience. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：If I could start a company, …（93名）第二次審査：You were born and have grown up in the Heisei Era. It is to last until April 30th, and a new era is to begin on May 1st next year. Of all the good and bad things that have happened in our society during the Heisei Era, what do you find the most memorable? Based on that, what would you like the new era to be like? |
| 第22回 | 日時・場所 | 2019(令和元)年11月16日（土）於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：A present that made me happy（89名）第二次審査：“Self-esteem” is “the feeling of being happy with your own character and abilities.” Some people have high self-esteem, but others don’t. You may have experienced a time when you gained or lost self-esteem in life. What do you think about self-esteem based on your own experiences? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What should we do to change our society for the better?（88名）第二次審査：The number of people visiting Japan exceeded 30 million last year and various international events are held in Japan. In the field of sports, for example, the Rugby World Cup was held in Japan this year and Tokyo will host the Olympics and Paralympics next year. These events might cause some problems. In order for Japan to become a more hospitable country for both visitors from other countries and people living in Japan, what do you think should be done? |
| 第23回 | 日時・場所 | 2020(令和2)年11月14日（土）於：兵庫県立加古川東高等学校　清流館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：How I will make my high school life meaningful（122名）第二次審査：Everyone has their own strong points and weak points. Some people are clearly aware of them, and others are not. However, people can improve their quality of life when they clearly understand their strengths. Please write about how you can make good use of your strengths to make your life better. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What attending school means to me（102名）第二次審査：2020 has been a strange year. All over the world, there have been a lot of unfamiliar and unexpected events. In a world like today’s, it would be preferable that there are a lot of good leaders everywhere, at all levels of society. Do you have anyone in mind who you think is a really good leader? What do you think are the qualities expected of good leaders who would best guide this unpredictable world? |
| 第24回 | 日時・場所 | 2021(令和3)年11月20日（土）於：兵庫県立明石北高等学校　朔風会館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：What makes me happy these days（116名）第二次審査：In your daily life, you see not only your peers but also adults around you. What does it mean to you to become an adult? Please write about what kind of adult you would like to grow up to be? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：Something I realized we cannot learn online（109名）第二次審査：The expression “a white lie” is defined as ‘a harmless or small lie, especially one that you tell to avoid hurting somebody’. 　You may think it is bad to tell a lie, but you may have told or heard “a white lie” in your life. Do you think it is necessary to tell “a white lie”? |
| 第25回 | 日時・場所 | 2022(令和4)年11月19日（土）於：兵庫県立明石北高等学校　朔風会館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：A letter to someone to say thank you（109名）第二次審査：A “once-in-a-lifetime encounter” means that our life is sometimes changed when we come across someone or something like movies, sports, books, and music. What kind of once-in-a-lifetime encounter have you had and how did it change your life? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：After the COVID-19 pandemic is over, ...（83名）第二次審査：An “entrepreneur” is someone who carefully looks for problems around us and finds creative ways to solve them. Today, in Japan, many schools have started to offer programs for their students to experience entrepreneurship. What kind of business would you like to start up and why? |
| 第26回 | 日時・場所 | 2023(令和5)年11月18日（土）於：兵庫県立明石北高等学校　朔風会館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：My goal this year（87名）第二次審査：What do “friends” mean to you? Some of you may think that your friends are the most precious people in your life. Others may say, “I don’t need any friends.” Please write your thoughts about “friends” or “friendship” based on your experience. |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：The SDGs-related news that has changed my view on how I live my life（93名）第二次審査：Sota Fujii, a professional *shogi* player, became the youngest *shogi* master in 2023. He practiced *shogi* by playing games with an AI player. AI is very useful in many ways. It might help us to live a better life. How would you utilize AI to improve our society? |
| 第27回 | 日時・場所 | 2024(令和6)年11月16日（土）於：兵庫県立明石北高等学校　朔風会館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：I can’t throw away my…（98名）第二次審査：Bill Gates, who founded Microsoft, once said, “It’s fine to celebrate success, but it is more important to learn from failure.” What kind of failure have you experienced, and what have you learned from it? |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：Diversity and me（85名）第二次審査：There is a saying that goes, “Money can’t buy happiness.” Do you think that this is true? Sometimes, people who have a lot of money are not truly “wealthy.” What do you think can give us true wealth? |
| 第28回 | 日時・場所 | 2025(令和7)年11月15日（土）於：兵庫県立明石北高等学校　朔風会館 |
| 1年の部 | 第一次審査：An unforgettable meal in my life（98名）第二次審査： |
| 2,3,4年の部 | 第一次審査：What I will take the initiative to do for our future（88名）第二次審査： |