

To whom it may concern:

Mr Kempe taught me 9th grade individuals and Societies at Yokohama International School. I have had many IB I&S teachers, but none of them were able to create such a great learning environment. Even if I was only taught by him for a year, I was able to grow so much and his teaching has left a huge impact on me. Besides being a great teacher Mr Kempe is a very kind person who cares for his students deeply.

Everyday we would come into class, and not be filled with stress as school often does to you. As someone who is quite shy to speak up in front of people and tends to get anxious, this hugly helped with my learning. I was able to discuss, explore and go deeper into the very interesting subject. Instead of being anxious because of a presentation, discussions and assessments I could take a moment to learn. We would regularly have a chance to actually talk and express our feelings and thoughts on what we were learning. These discussions could go on for very long but instead of stopping us Mr Kempe would encourage us to talk and join in. I had the opportunity to learn about so much more than just what the unit presented through these talks. My improvement throughout the year with Mr Kempe is evident in my performance as it steadily got better, especially with essay writing. The skills I developed from Mr Kempe's class go with me through what we do in I&S today, other subjects and even outside of school. He helped me learn how to create a structured essay, while still talking and exploring interesting subjects within the bounds of the prompt.

Mr Kempe cares for each and every one of his students, and is very adaptable to their way of learning. As mentioned previously I tend to be very anxious over school, and this was heightened during assessment season in which we had to write an essay for I&S. As I was planning nothing seemed to really go right, and suddenly class became incredibly difficult. But Mr Kempe came over to me and started to go through what I could do for it to make sense, how I could make it better and what I should do to make myself comfortable. This continuous support helped me better myself, and become more confident. The next time we had an essay I was not as anxious but even then Mr Kempe helped me out. As a class we would often ask questions or have concerns about assessments/concerns and to the best of his ability Mr Kempe would make sure that our concerns were discussed and perhaps changed, even if it was out of his way.

Mr Kempe has been one of the most memorable and enjoyable teachers I have ever had. My friends would always be jealous of the stories from Mr Kempes class. Everyday we would have incredibly fun while still learning a tremendous amount. His teaching style is suitable for every student, as it could be serious and structured without sacrificing flexibility and fun. He would suit any school environment as both a kind person who takes time to get to know and adapt to his students, and as a teacher who would teach you valuable information.

Sincerely,

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