

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a student at Yokohama International School in 11th grade and was taught by Mr. Kempe in IB Economics HL. Without a doubt, Mr. Kempe has played a major role in creating a memorable time in my first year of IB and allowed me to spark an interest in economics for my future college career. His ability to communicate freely with people and create an enjoyable learning experience has positively impacted not only the students that have been taught by him but teachers who collaborate with him.

When I joined his economics class, I immediately felt comfortable and I knew that Mr. Kempe can be someone I can trust and communicate with very well from the start. It led to this idea because Mr. Kempe's ambition for our class was clear - to create a class where we develop a tight bond between him and us. His approach to our class was something extraordinary. There wasn't that sense of uneasiness or awkwardness, his way of communicating with our class felt natural. He shared countless stories in his teaching career, which immediately engaged the entire class and made us comfortable in sharing our ideas in the room. This has shown me that Mr. Kempe is extremely capable of understanding every student and knows how to approach a class, whether or not he has taught that person in previous years. He can instantly open up to students and quickly build trust and a firm level of respect between the students and him.

Mr. Kempe is not only a great contributor to creating a cohesive and enjoyable class, but he is also capable of effectively promoting our academic skills in economics. To do this, he employs his ability to communicate with our classmates. For example, he gives various real-life examples related to the feedback he is giving for a particular question/topic. It may sound as if it was irrelevant and the students will focus on the technical aspects of the feedback he has given. However, I believe this is an exceptional form of engaging with the students as it creates a personal connection and something that anyone can visualize in their minds. Having this connection develops a foundation for a particular topic, and makes it comprehensible for the students to perceive to make use of that information to apply the feedback to their work.

Other highlights for Mr. Kempe are his optimistic personality and giving students constant words of encouragement. I believe this is the most valuable trait Mr. Kempe possesses, since this allows students to drastically improve in class and have the confidence that they can achieve anything. Our class has received some of the most motivating messages from Mr. Kempe. In his messages, he would tell us about our improvement in economics and that he has immense joy teaching our class. He would also talk to students one-on-one when they are struggling and give them an encouraging message. These actions not only motivate us to do better but also amplifies the respect we feel for him. His encouragement and his ambitions for constantly improving the student's abilities are vital factors in why he is a great teacher.

I am positive that Mr. Kempe will be a wonderful addition to your school and massively contribute to promoting your student's academic success and wellbeing. Please feel free to contact me through my email at 23bhattacharjeea@yis.ac.jp if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anish', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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