

To whom it may concern:

My name is Keito Bortesi and I am currently a high school sophomore attending the Yokohama International School in Japan. Andrew Kempe taught me in my 9th grade Individuals and Societies class. Having known Mr Kempe for a year, I can say with absolute confidence that Mr. Kempe is a remarkable teacher. He is capable of teaching complex global issues in an engaging yet sensitive manner, a skill that is difficult yet ever so crucial for teachers to achieve in this increasingly interconnected world.

On my first day in his class, I can still perfectly recall the topics Mr. Kempe had talked about. His passion for the topics he taught was infectious, leading me to not only retain but clearly understand the information. He created a comfortable and humorous learning environment while still teaching his classes in ways that felt useful to every student. Personally speaking, he reignited a passion in me for cultures, geography, and history; subjects that had become increasingly mundane prior to being taught by Mr. Kempe.

I particularly remember what Mr. Kempe had done for us towards the end of my freshman year. This was one of the first times me and many of my classmates had taken a final year exam, so naturally our stress levels were high. While other teachers would prepare us through planning and reminding us not to worry, Mr. Kempe went the extra mile by prioritizing our personal wellbeing. He would listen to every one of our concerns, something that we had all grown to be comfortable doing. Whenever we were stressed, he often gave us choices on what sections of the assignments we would most want to work on. It was clear that he valued our time and trusted us to be responsible with it. This caring relationship he builds with each of his students is beyond helpful, and I can say with total certainty that I've never felt more prepared and at ease during exams than when attending my Individuals and Societies exam.

Mr. Kempe's continued support and ability to empathize with his students makes him not only an accomplished teacher, but the perfect addition to any school community. I can assure you that his teaching style will push a student's academic and personal life into one of curiosity and endless love for learning. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 24bortesik@yis.ac.jp.

Sincerely,

Keito Bortesi