

## **Blog 29<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December**

29/11/17

Day 58, Wednesday – Today was my sister's actual birthday, so I called her and wished her a Happy Birthday as soon as it turned the 29<sup>th</sup> in Scotland. Unfortunately, I couldn't speak to her again for the rest of the day because of the time difference, but at least I managed to get through to her this morning.

30/11/17

Day 59, Thursday – I showed Leda her Birthday presents today; a leather jacket and a huge pile of Taiwanese sweets and super noodles. She won't be able to have them until I arrive in Australia, but at least she knows I didn't forget.

1/12/17

Day 60, Friday – I was just told that a couple of news reporters will be shadowing an English lesson I will be helping with in a couple of weeks' time, which is kinda unexpected.

2/12/17

Day 61, Saturday – Despite it being a Saturday morning, I woke up at 6:50am to get ready for Zhongping Sport's day. Hosting the Country performances did not go as awfully as I expected. The dances and costumes all looked great, and most of the classes represented their Countries extremely well. It would be difficult to pick a favourite, though the class representing Scotland was very impressive with their Highland dancing.

3/12/17

Day 62, Sunday – For lunch today I went along with my host family to a family dinner, where the food was delicious and everyone was really sweet. Afterwards Kate picked me up and we headed to her house. On arriving we had a little difficulty with the front door, so we waited a while for someone to come fix it before heading back out. From there we drove to Guandu nature park. The weather was great, so we had a really lovely walk there, and also watched one of David Attenborough's amazing documentaries. He's definitely one of my favourite TV hosts. After that we went over to a church nearby, where everyone had been baking cookies which tasted amazing, and stayed there for about one hour before leaving to get ourselves some dinner at Taiwan's University of the Arts. Later, we took a tour around the University, and I tried out driving Kate's scooter. On the way back home we stopped off at the night market, where I got a couple of new clothes and a watch for my sister before calling it a day.

4/12/17

Day 63, Monday – My host family and I spent the day at the Taiwan National Museum, which was very fascinating. We probably spent around 3-4 hours there, and by the end the kids were shattered. I loved the jade carvings, even though why someone would think of carving a jade cabbage is beyond me.

5/12/17

Day 64, Tuesday - I've been researching universities and preparing for lessons all day, and have decided to apply for Law and Languages at only Scottish Universities, seeming as it's free there.