

We visited 4 places in Ikegami that are listed in the "Selected 100 Souvenirs from Ota" and enjoyed the treats they had to offer along with Ota City's Coordinator of International Relations (CIR), Bethany (from Wales, UK). As CIR, Bethany undertakes a variety of duties to support the promotion of international exchange within the city, from translation and interpreting, to visiting schools, running workshops, supporting local events, media involvement and more.



### Bethany Cummings

Born in 1996 in Wales, UK. She started working in Ota City Office as a CIR in 2018.

### What are the "Selected 100 Souvenirs from Ota"?

A selection of products and goods awarded as top "Souvenirs from Ota".



## Do you know the top food spots in Ikegami?

**H**ello! Thank you very much for picking up

this community information paper. Ikegami is located in the centre of Ota-ku. It is a town full of history and culture, with many old-fashioned streets and temples. That is one of the reasons that many people often think of Ikegami Honmonji Temple as one of the most famous places in Ikegami. The five-storey pagoda of Honmonji is the oldest pagoda in the Kanto area and is even designated as a National Important Cultural Property. Every year from the 11th to the 13th of October, a festival called "Oeshiki" is held, which attracts many tourists. The Ikegami Baien (plum garden) near the Honmonji Temple is also thought to be a very famous spot. It is a quiet garden with around 370 plum trees, the official flower of Ota City. In early spring, bountiful red and white flowers bloom with fragrance.

There is so much more to see and do in Ikegami. We hope you will come to love our historic city.

### Irresistibly *crunchy* on the outside with plenty of cream of the inside!

#### IKEGAMI CHOUX

"The choux puff is filled with a generous dollop of custard cream which extends through every bite. The flavour is not overly sweet, but rather smooth and rich. Very delicious!" - Bethany

- Cookie Choux (180 yen)
- Almond Choux (190 yen)
- Almond Chocolate Choux (210 yen)

#### VANNI

Yamashita dai-2 building, 3-40-8 Ikegami (1F)

☎ 03 (3751) 1716

🕒 10:00 - 17:00 (Closed Mondays)



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### Spicy sauce *that you won't be able to get enough of!*

#### PLATE

"This is a hearty sized bento box with plenty of meat on top of the rice. The meat is tender, and the sweet and spicy taste of the "secret sauce" on top is delicious!" - Bethany

- Plate (boneless kalbi / chicken / pork / roast beef)( 870 yen)
- Kalbi plate (with bone) (1,080yen)

#### plate lunch Nanary

4-32-2 Ikegami

☎ 03 (6410) 3985

🕒 11:00 - 19:00 / Closed Mondays



### Check out our video on YouTube!



Do you recognize who this is..?

## Specially made ice cream Which tastes like *canelés!*

### PREMIUM CANELÉ ICE CREAM (350 yen)

"The creaminess of the milk pairs perfectly with the richness of the caramel. As it melts on the tongue, you can also enjoy the chunky texture of the chopped canelés!" - Bethany

#### Vert et Blanc

4-28-10 Ikegami

☎ 03 (3753) 3439

🕒 11:30 - 13:30 (L.O)

18:00 - 21:00 (L.O) Closed Tuesdays



## Japanese dessert carefully made with local ingredients and no additives

### ANMITSU (390 yen)

"The balance between the kanten and the sweetness of the red beans and treacle is perfect. Adding the refreshing taste of the fruit creates a new flavour, giving a possibility of countless combinations!" - Bethany

#### Asanoya Honpo

4-32-7 Ikegami

☎ 03 (3753) 7539

🕒 9:30 - 19:00 (Café 10:00 - 17:30)

No set holidays



※All prices include tax. ※Information accurate as of time of publication.

There are many more great places in Ikegami that we didn't get a chance to visit this time. We hope you will discover some favourite places of your own as well.