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International interest



Hiro Higashijima, Tina Preston and students checking the menu

A party of 14 Japanese students from Nagasaki Junior College requested to visit St Richard's during their week's study at Chichester College of Arts, Science and Technology.

Ten nutrition students spent the morning with Trevor Hayes, catering services manager and dietitian Emily Cruwys. Iris Rooth, volunteer co-ordinator, took four students up to Howard ward where they delighted patients and staff with their origami demonstration. Back in the dining room, Trevor and Emily were pleased to explain our new menus and the important role the nutritional taskforce has played in improving patients' nutrition.

Speaking through interpreter Hiro Higashijima, the group was interested and genuinely impressed with the range of options for patients and quizzed Emily on the dietitians' role and set-up in the hospital. Tina Preston from the college remarked: "The students enjoyed their tour of the hospital, many commented on the art, courtyards and flowers in the corridors. They were surprised at how large the hospital was and intrigued by the concept of free care."