



March Interviews

Interviewee: Washah
Capacity: Club Member

Hello Washah, how are you today?

Hi! I am doing well.

We are here to interview you as a member of the Anime club. I know that you were interviewed last month because of another club on the server, but could you introduce yourself again?

Hi! I am Washah. I have been part of the Anime club for around one and a half years and I have been absolutely enjoying it!

How long have you been on the server?

Around the same time - one and a half years.

That's a really long time. What made you join this club, in the first place?

A lot of my in-real-life friends watch anime, so I thought it would be a good chance for me to learn more about it.

And you've stayed all this time. How has that been?

It has definitely been an amazing experience. I have watched multiple genres of anime that I might not have watched if I were on my own and I get to learn a lot from my club members as well since they have been watching anime for a lot longer.



You mentioned your in-real-life friends introduced you to anime. Do you remember which anime you first watched?

Yes I do remember! I actually watched *Your Name* - an anime movie - as my first ever anime. For anime series it would be *Yuri On Ice*.

I think I've heard of one of those before. So you've been watching anime for a long time considering you've been in the club for 1 and a half years now. What would you say it's your favorite anime?

That's a very difficult question! I would say *Jujutsu Kaisen*, but *Demon Slayer* and *Yuri on Ice* are super close to it!

What about it makes it your favorite Anime?

There are various reasons. First would be the storyline - I think it does a very good job of highlighting the story of each character and also portrays some very good character development. Secondly, I would say the graphics - the way they have been animated is very mesmerizing to watch.

What anime would you recommend to a beginner or someone who knows nothing about anime?

To ease beginners into it I would recommend anime that have fewer episodes such as *Violet Evergarden* and *Yuri On Ice*.

Would this be the same for avid anime watchers or would it differ?

I think avid anime watchers would have definitely watched these anime, since they are pretty famous. I would recommend *No.6* and *Sword Art Online* to avid watchers.

Why do you recommend these anime specifically?



These anime have a bit of a complex storyline that an avid watcher would enjoy and I haven't seen many people talk about them, so I would say they resemble hidden gems.

So, do you only watch anime, or do you read manga as well?

Unfortunately, I do not read manga, but I would love to in the future.

Going back to the club, you said that you have been in the club for about 1 and a half year, so what keeps you coming back to Anime Club meetings and remaining in the club each month?

I very much enjoy that we get to watch an array of anime and dribble into different genres. I think that also helps me know what kind of anime I like. Also, the club members are wonderful and educational. Since many of the club members are avid watchers, they always share fun facts about the animes we watch which makes it more interesting to watch. We also have introductions to the anime, where the club leader shares information about the writer and the inspiration behind the anime, which helps understand and connect with the storyline more.

I know it is not a learning club, but what is an interesting thing that you've learnt or realized in this club, or what is something you have gained?

I think I have gotten to learn more about how anime are produced - in the sense that I didn't know that many anime were adapted from mangas. I have learned a few things about Japanese culture as well since many anime portray it. I don't know if this counts as learning - but it's very interesting to know about the voice actors and see different characters from different anime have the same voice actor.

What's your favorite thing about the club as a whole?



I very much enjoy the feeling of everyone watching anime together and sharing our reactions. It's very wholesome since it gets a bit boring when I watch anime alone. [laughs]

While watching together, do you have any fun memories or stories that happened in the club?

We recently watched an anime together called *Sasaki and Miyano*. In the club, we only watch the first 4 episodes of an anime and then we continue it on our own. But for that anime, we did a whole streaming party and finished the whole series together which was very fun.

Have you ever watched an anime you have already previously watched?

Do you mean if I have watched anime that I have watched on my own in the club?

Kind of yeah.

The only anime we have watched together that I had seen before is *Violet Evergarden*. All the other anime I have watched were new to me.

Would you say you found it boring to watch it a second time or would you say it was a different, somewhat better experience?

It was a better experience since I was able to share the thoughts that I had when I watched it alone. I was able to discover some new things about the anime as well when I watched it in the club.

Which anime did you have the most fun watching in the club?

It's very difficult for me to choose one. I think I will go with *Sasaki and Miyano* that I mentioned above since I remember it well because we watched it last month.



Would you be up to tell me what made it fun?

It was my first time watching a BL anime in my whole anime journey as well as in the club. It was a new experience for me and I learned a lot of new terms which I wouldn't have learned if I were on my own. Also our club leader - Meagan had read the manga, so she told us about the differences and similarities between both which added to the fun of watching it.

So, have you ever continued the anime afterwards?

Yes. We watched the first 4 episodes of an anime together. I have continued a couple on my own such as *No.6*, *SK8 Infinity*, *Sasaki and Miyano*, *Bloom into You*, and *Balance: Unlimited*.

What would you like to watch in future?

I would like to explore more anime in the romance category since I feel I have watched the least in it.

What about your assignments? How do you find them?

The assignments are fun to do. There are various different ones we have done. We do word-finding puzzles and make a presentation about our favorite animes. Last month we did an assignment in the game zone where we had to collect different characters and claim one in "mudae". I think my favorite one was matching BTS members as anime characters. I had a lot of fun doing it.

How do you find the club's leadership?

The club leadership is very friendly and nice. They always ask us for our recommendations and share lots of fun facts about the anime which I think is very valuable for me when I watch Anime. I can clearly see that they have a passion for watching anime which also motivates me to watch them.



So, do you have any ideas on how or where the club can improve?

I don't really have anything to suggest. I really enjoy the club as it is and don't recognize any immediate areas that need improvement.

What would you say about your expectations going into this club?

The only expectation I had was to have fun while watching anime and the club really delivered on it. It is a very welcoming space for you to give your suggestions and relay your thoughts. I would recommend everyone to give it a chance since I am sure that it will make you fall in love with watching animes.

Final question: would you recommend members to join the club? If so, why?

Yes! You have to definitely join the club. The club members are a delight to watch anime with. Your suggestions will always be welcomed and you will see a lot of different anime and learn more about the "anime industry". Anime Club is the way to add more enjoyment to your Fridays and Sundays!

So, with that, we finish our interview. Washah, thank you so much for the interview. We hope you have an amazing day and that we didn't take too much of your time.