

# GCSE Japanese



**Exam Board:**  
**Edexcel**

## **Course Outline:**

The GCSE course is designed to build on the language covered at Key Stage 3, to enable you to express yourself more confidently and independently and to allow you to understand a much wider range of language. By the end of the course you should be able to cope in everyday situations using Japanese and to communicate with a native speaker.

As in Years 7-9, the lessons cover all four key skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

We also aim to develop a deeper understanding of grammar and the structures that underpin the language as well as learning more kanji and consolidating hiragana and katakana. Teaching will continue to involve a wide range of challenging, fun and engaging activities. Students will be expected to independently review each lesson regularly and complete all homework.

The main GCSE themes are:

- ✧ Personal Information
- ✧ Out and About
- ✧ Customer Service and Transactions
- ✧ Future Plans, Education and Work
- ✧ Media, Travel and Culture
- ✧ Sport, Leisure and Work



Each of these areas is sub-divided into several topics. The course also aims to teach you more about Japanese people, their way of life and customs.

***Note: Japanese is only available to students who have studied Japanese at Key Stage 3. To be successful in this course, it is recommended that you are able to confidently read and write hiragana to choose this subject.***

## **Method of assessment:**

**Exam:** There are 4 exams taken in April/May/June in Year 11:

Listening which is worth 25% of the total mark

Speaking which is worth 25% of the total mark

Reading which is worth 25% of the total mark

Writing which is worth 25% of the total mark

Students will be entered for all exams as either Higher or Foundation. Students cannot be entered in a mixture of tiers.

## **Post 16 Progression:**

We offer progression into A-level Japanese.

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