



Course Description Sheets - Level 2

JAPANESE GCSE

(for students on Level 3/Advanced Level courses)

Examination Board: Edexcel

Duration: One year

Minimum entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade A*-C, to include English Language and Mathematics

Possible combinations: With any AS/A Level, Applied AS/A Level or BTEC/OCR Nationals

Enrichment opportunities:

- Japanese Study Day at Japanese Embassy
- Trip to Japan

Skills developed:

- speaking Japanese
- reading Japanese
- writing Japanese
- listening to Japanese

Likely next step opportunities:

- university for degree in Japanese combined with another subject
- working/travelling in Japan
- wide range of career opportunities requiring multi-cultural awareness and language skills

Assessment summary: 100% end of course examination

	GCSE	Method
Unit 1: Listening	26.66%	Exam
Unit 2: Speaking	23.34%	Exam
Unit 3: Reading	26.66%	Exam
Unit 4: Writing	23.34%	Exam

Course outline: Japanese is much easier than you think! You will learn to communicate in a variety of situations very quickly and you will be surprised how much fun it is to learn to read and write Japanese!

Learning Japanese will give you a window onto the world beyond Europe – after all, we live in an increasingly global economy and it is not unlikely you will be asked to learn another non-European language at some point in your life!

Japanese grammar is quite simple: no genders, no cases, no plural endings, no adjectival agreement, no verb endings ... so even if you did not do well at European languages you can excel at Japanese!

You will master the basics of the language and develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills that will enable you to communicate in everyday situations. There is a predominant use of Japanese in the classroom so you will be immersed in the language from day one.

You will be expected to undertake about 3 hours of independent study per week. You will need to organise your time well to help you practise the new characters regularly. There is no coursework – your listening, reading and writing skills will be assessed in end-of-course examinations. The speaking assessment will be conducted by your teacher and marked externally.