

Guidance for Teachers Who Are Completely New to GCSE

What you need to do when you are asked to teach GCSE Japanese:

Step 1. Get the GCSE Japanese specification from Edexcel (Edexcel is the name of the exam board). You can buy one or download it for free from their website. Some documents may not be free; in that case you have to ask your school to buy them.

Please go to the following Edexcel webpage.

<http://www.edexcel.org.uk/quals/gcse/mfl/gcse/1752/>

Step 2. Get past papers and mark schemes. Study them.

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If you look at the FAQ, you can find answers about use of dictionaries, etc.

Step 3. Decide if you want to include 'speaking' or not. (3 skills or 4 skills – look out for the different exam entry code)

Step 4. Talk to your head of department or exam officer at your school about how to enter your students for the exam.

Support from the JFLLC for Teaching of GCSE:

1. In terms of teaching materials, the JFLLC can offer CHIKARA resources, which cover all the grammar points within the five topics for GCSE.

You can download these resources for FREE here:

http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_resources.php

Alternatively the resources are available on CD-ROM (send an A5 stamped addressed envelope with 36p postage for first class and 27p postage for second class to Alastair Warner at the JFLLC).

2. You can join jle-UK, our email discussion list for teachers of Japanese, so that you can ask any questions/exchange ideas with teachers in the UK:

http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_jle.php

3. Attend CPD for Teachers at the JFLLC (teacher training workshops, free of charge):

http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_diary.php#cpd

(You could also look at the GCSE specification and past papers in our library, but these items are available for reference only).

Gambatte kudasai!

If you have any more questions, please contact the JFLLC on info.language@jpf.org.uk or call 020 7436 6698.