

Successful Grant Applicants 2019-2020

The Japan Foundation, London provides grants of up to £3000 for non-profit-making projects or activities which promote Japanese language education in the United Kingdom.

In 2019-2020, the Japan Foundation, London funded 16 projects. Why not find out about them below to get ideas for a project at your organisation?

• Westminster School

"Shodoo" ----Let's learn Japanese characters!!!----

Calligraphy classes for sixth form students to help bolster their Japanese writing ability, as well as classes for lower school students. A professional calligrapher helped the students learn to write beautiful Japanese characters.

• Aylesbury Grammar School

GCSE course

Continuing their funding from last year, Aylesbury Grammar School applied to support students who are taking their Japanese GCSE, with staff costs and textbooks covered.

Swanwick Hall School

GCSE Japanese for 2019-20

Japanese has been taught at Swanwick Hall School since 2011, and they applied for funding to help strengthen the subject in their curriculum, with the Japan Foundation giving funding towards staff costs.

• St Edwards Catholic First School Windsor

Introducing Japan

St Edwards Catholic First School pupils learnt all about Japan in the run-up to the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic games, with lots of fun lessons and activities and learning the Japanese language. There were weekly lessons at the school.

• Ninestiles School, An Academy

Japanese Beginners Club at Ninestiles School, An Academy

A new Japanese club for beginners to help increase the number of students at Ninestiles studying Japanese.

• James Brindley Academy

Japanese Club at James Brindley Key Stage 4 Centre

After success with a student at the school studying Japanese, James Brindley Academy applied to set up a Japanese club so more students could enjoy learning the language. The club ran for once a week at lunchtimes.

• Broadway Academy

Japanese for Enrichment: Extending Language Learning into Sixth Form Provision

Sixth Form students at Broadway Academy were able to enjoy Japanese as an extra-curricular subject, also earning about Japanese culture such as anime and manga.

• Chiddingstone Castle

Free After-School Local Japanese Club

Chiddingstone Castle ran a club for children living locally to celebrate the Castle's art collection. This was an opportunity for pupils at small rural schools to discover all about Japan and Japanese.

• Colchester Royal Grammar School

Japanese Enrichment

Colchester Royal Grammar School ran an enrichment Japanese activity for Sixth Form students, with the Japan Foundation covering funding for textbooks.

• Heathcote School and Science College

Japanese GCSE after school lessons for students at beginner and intermediate level
Extra-curricular activities for students at Heathcote School and Science College who were studying to take their
Japanese GCSE. The school was unable to add Japanese to the curriculum, so this offered them a great opportunity to study after school.

• Hockerill Anglo-European College

Video tutorials to support the GCSE Japanese course, updated for the new GCSE and IB Courses

The Head of Japanese at the school made videos to support workbooks for Japanese GCSE as part of a previous Japan
Foundation grant. This time, the materials were updated, with resources benefitting not only Hockerill but the larger teaching community.

• Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

Japanese Language Assistant Support for GCSE and A-Level Japanese

After receiving funding for textbooks last year, this year Katharine Lady Berkeley's School applied for support to hire a teacher to give support to students studying for their Japanese A-Level exams.

• Leamington LAMP

LAMP Japanese Studies

Leamington LAMP School is an alternative education provider for children diagnosed with autism and high anxiety. Students at the school love Japanese popular culture such as anime and manga. The school applied for funding to extend enrichment hours and to buy textbooks to help further expand Japanese lessons at the school.

• Newstead Wood School

Japanese GCSE course extension into Year 11

Japanese has been taught at Newstead Wood School since 2009. This time, the school applied for funding to support GCSE.

• Ohisama Ahaha Japanese Groups for Children

Japanese GCSE preparation course

Ohisama Ahaha is a Brighton and Hove-based Japanese language group aimed at babies, toddlers and juniors. They applied for funding for the students at the school to take a GCSE preparation course.

• St Jude and St Paul's Church of England Primary School

Introduction of Japanese Club

The pupils at St Jude and St Paul's Church of England Primary School enjoyed a Japanese language club for 40 minutes a week, with Japanese culture also taught. The Japan Foundation, London funded textbooks for the school.