



Japanese Language
Local Project Support Programme

The Japan Foundation London provides grants of up to £3000 for non-profit-making projects or activities which promote Japanese language education in the UK. Further details can be found [here](#).

Successful Grant Applicants 2018-2019

In 2018-2019 the Japan Foundation London received a total of 37 applications and approved 31 grants. The grants have been spread all over the UK from Cupar in Scotland to the Isle of Man. You can see the Geographical location of the Grantees on the map below:



Club Activities:

- **Blackthorns Primary Academy**

Lunchtime Japanese Club

Blackthorns received a grant to continue work on their Japanese language club which we had funded previously. Over thirty pupils have been enjoying the club and there is even a wait list and high demand!

- **Newstead Wood School**

J-Club

Japanese has been offered as a twilight subject since 2009. This grant was for setting up a Japanese club for around 20 students. Newstead is the only school in Bromley offering Japanese.

- **Park House School**

Experience Japan at Park House School

This project had two main components. A Japanese learning enrichment activity for Park House School pupils and a series of Japanese events for 600 local primary school pupils. The enrichment was one hour a week and the school are working with a partner school in Japan. There were multiple events including cooking events.

- **Swavesey Village College**

Japanese Club

Swavesey introduced a Japanese club in January 2018 which has had a lot of interest and participation. The trainee teacher at the school lived and worked in Japan. The school received funding to continue the project and also to allow students to participate in activities which involve the wider community. The school also has links with students living in Japan.

- **Westminster Academy**

Westminster Academy Japanese Club

The school was provided with funding in 2015 and 2016. The Academy has used the funding to run its Japanese club as an after school extracurricular lesson. The club has been becoming more popular and now teaches two different strands, beginners and advanced, on different days. The school uses library books bought with previous funding. The focus for the 2018-19 club is different as it focuses on a select group of Year 12 students (before the club was only all years) who have recently started the IBCP (International Baccalaureate Career Programme) - an aspect of the IBCP is that participants must work autonomously on a language project over the course of the 2-year IBCP. There were 1 hour of club activities a week.

- **The Dolphin School**

Japanese After School Club

Once a week club after school club (20 weeks) that introduced Japanese language and culture to children, including calligraphy. 20 children, KS2. The curriculum placed an emphasis on language learning.

- **Heathcote School and Science College**

Introducing formal Japanese Language teaching into the school for students interested in entering Japanese GCSE

A Heathcote School and Science College science teacher passionate about Japanese established a Japanese club at the school. The school had already run a Japanese club in the past since 2017. Club attendees of the new 2018-19 club want to study GCSE.

- **King's College School**

Extra-curricular Japanese (Nihongo ga Daisuki!)

Japanese was introduced as an extra-curricular subject with around 20 students involved, offered to fourth form upwards. The Japanese club ran as a scheduled weekly lunch time club. In the past, pupils at this school have taken part in exchanges to Japan.

- **Merchant Academy Primary School**

Merchants Academy Primary School Japanese Club

Merchant Academy Private School set up a Japanese club for 20 students from Year 2 to Year 6, that took place one hour once a week, with a focus on language focus on language. They were awarded a grant for teaching materials.

- **St Bernadette's Primary School**

After School Japanese Club - KS2

After a successful Japanese Taster for Schools taster, the school set up a Japanese after school club for one hour per week with a native Japanese speaker specialist teacher. 15/20 pupils participated in the club.

- **Sefton Park Schools**

Japanese After School Club

After school club, once a week for twenty weeks. 20-40 children took part to learn all about Japanese and Japan.

- **Patcham Junior School**

Japanese After School Club - Years 3 to 6

Pupils in the school already learn French and the school was keen to offer Japanese through their contact with a language teacher. The school set up a Japanese Club which included a language programme and some cultural activities.

Japanese within the curriculum:

- **Aylesbury Grammar School**

GCSE course

AGS is a state grammar school that used to teach Japanese up to GCSE level for Six Form Students, but had to stop these lessons in 2016. The school ran a Japanese club. The remaining students wanting to take GCSE and A-Level are being taught after school via private lessons. These students will complete their studies in 2-3 years but there was an interest in Japanese lessons from September 2018 (about 25 students from Year 8-10). The class took place after school, 1.5 hour lesson per week.

- **Burston Community Primary School**

Burston Japanese Fund

Burston received a grant from the Japan Foundation in 2017 and applied again for the 2018-19 programme to continue Japanese lessons - culture and language lessons alternating each week and parents are encouraged to take part. 40 children participate in the class at this small school. The children learn from two Japanese teachers. They also learn about culture such as manga.

- **Bury St Edmunds All Through Academy Trust, County Upper School Campus**

Planning for the future

Japanese has been taught at the school since 1970, often on a voluntary basis. Bury St Edmunds applied for a grant to hire a second teacher of Japanese in order to further support teaching at the school, including lessons for preparing pupils for their trip to Japan.

- **Harriers Banbury Academy**

Introducing Japanese to Year 4 pupils

Last year, Harriers Banbury have started teaching Japanese to Year 4 (54 pupils) with a volunteer tutor (45 mins per week). Harriers Banbury used the grant given for more resources and staff costs.

- **Little Bowden Primary School**

Building on Our Enthusiasm for All Things Japanese at Little Bowden

Japanese was introduced into the KS1 curriculum in 2017 (2016 Japan Foundation grant recipient). The pupils have enjoyed learning much and the school has even collaborated with other local schools for a Japan Day and trips (such as to SOAS or part of Club Taishikan). They also took part in volunteer cooking sessions. The school applied for a grant to introduce Japanese into the KS2 curriculum. 180 across KS1 and KS2 received half an hour of taster classes weekly and there was also a Japan Day.

- **Oldfield Park Junior School**

Phase 2 – Teaching Japanese to Year 6

Japanese was already taught in the curriculum through a Japan Foundation grant (it was introduced to Year 5s in 2017-18) and the Japan Foundation has sponsored a Japanese club at the school in the past in the past (they have received a grant twice, once for club and once for curriculum). This funding was for Japanese to be taught to the Year 6s (68 children) arranged in three classes. 1 x 45 minute lesson per week, taught by a Japanese teacher. The year 5s were taught Japanese by their class teachers who watched the Japanese teacher teach last year.

- **Ramsey Grammar School**

Japanese GCSE Class

This, awarded to Ramsey Grammar School in the Isle of Man who have received funding from us in the past, project was to continue supporting Japanese in the curriculum at the school.

- **St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School**

Introduction of Japanese to Year 7

Japanese has been taught at St Bernard's for a number of years, but from September 2018 it became a compulsory year 7 subject. Due to the increase in the number of pupils, the school requested funding for additional textbooks.

- **Tavistock College**

Japanese Teaching: Supporting GCSE and A Level and Developing Links with Japan

This was Tavistock's first time applying for a grant but they have been teaching Japanese for many years. In order to help produce resource materials for the new GCSE syllabus, the college required Japanese language assistance. The college also wants to increase its provision of Japanese language to local primary schools.

- **Torquay Boys' Grammar School**

Supporting IB Courses in Ab Initio Japanese (A two-year course which runs every year)

In order to increase the number of students taking Japanese as part of the IB Diploma course, the school needed to purchase textbooks. They received a grant in 2017 for textbooks and were subsequently able to increase the amount of pupils studying Japanese. Since the previous grant, student numbers have more than doubled. West Coventry Academy (Secondary)

- **Yealmpstone Farm Primary School**

Introducing Japanese into the curriculum at Yealmpstone Farm Primary School

Yealmpstone Farm Primary School built on the success of a previous Japanese club to apply for funding to carry out Japanese lessons at the school.

- **Bell Baxter High School**

Japanese Language and Culture

This grant was to introduce Japanese language and culture as a class in S2 (12-13 year old learners). The grant enabled weekly 50 minutes lesson at the school using "Ready Steady NihonGo". There were 20 pupils taking part. The school involved the art department at school and music department to enable the project to be cross-curricular.

- **Katharine Lady Berkeley's School**

GCSE Japanese Textbooks for Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

The increase in students of Japanese at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School led them to apply for a funding application for textbooks.

- **The Queen Anne Royal Free C.E First School**

Konnichiwa Japan Programme 3

This was the third grant given to this school. The school used the grant to embed their existing Japan programme and extend Japanese provision. The lessons for Y3 and Y4 (thanks to previous grants) have been going well and they were able to strengthen Japanese in the curriculum with another grant. With this grant they further developed the Y3/4 curriculum, developed the Japanese club and introduced Japanese to year 2.

- **Queen Elizabeth II High School**

Japanese GCSE Class

Funding for a support taught course of Japanese at GCSE level and an additional course for some students working towards AS Level. The lessons are building on a successful extra-curricular club, and these lessons were to supplement the club (which has been running for a number of years and received support from the Japan Foundation in the past). Starting from September, club attendees could take Japanese lessons as part of the curriculum. Two fifty minute classes next week.

- **Stivichall Primary School**

Japanese at Stivichall Primary School

This grant was to introduce Japanese language, culture, arts and sports lesson into the curriculum and a weekly Japanese language club. The Japanese language club was for Year 2 and 3 students and the Japanese language club was for all. There were also culture sessions and events.

- **Tonbridge Grammar School**

Ab Initio Japanese and CAS Japanese

Funding for CAS Japanese – a two-hour Japanese lesson each fortnight teaching simple Japanese for pupils to consider taking up Japanese Ab Initio in Sixth Form.

Other

- **Imperial College London**

Japanese for Research

Funding to teaching basic Japanese skills to medical students at Imperial College School of Medicine. This is because fourth year students attend Tokyo Medical and Dental University for ten weeks and need foundational knowledge in the language.