

Japan Conference *for* Schools 2016



A free one-day conference providing networking and CPD opportunities for sharing ideas about bringing **Japan and Japanese** into schools.

Monday, 7th March 2016 at The British Council, London

Programme

10:00-10:30	Arrival, registration and coffee
10:30-10:40	Welcome message from the British Council and the Embassy of Japan
10:40-10:50	Key Note Speech: Baroness Coussins
10:50-11:10	Shamisen demonstration
11:15-12:05	Workshop 1 (workshops will be practical sessions about Japan/Japanese culture) -50mins
12:10-12:50	Group discussion – Session one (each group will discuss a specific topic) – 40mins
12:50-13:40	Lunch and Networking- A buffet lunch will be provided
13:40- 14:30	Workshop 2 (workshops will be practical sessions about Japan/Japanese culture)
14:35-15:15	Group discussion – Session two
15:20-16:00	Talk from Head Teachers about Japanese at their school Sue East, Headteacher at St Andrew's Church of England Primary School (Bath) And Hilary Vipond, Principle at St. Mary's School (Colchester)
16:00-16:15	Closing remarks and evaluations

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Workshops

All attendees will be able to attend 2 of the following workshops:

Room number	Workshop 1
UG11	Sushi workshop - with Atsuko Console
UG7-8	Origami Workshop - with Akiho Horton (The Japan Society)
5.16	Kamishibai workshop - with Megan Manson and Mio Tsunematsu (Japan Foundation)
UG9-10	Changes to the GCSE workshop - with Pearson

Room number	Workshop 2
UG9-10	Primary Resources workshop - with Makoto Netsu (Japan Foundation)
UG7-8	Calligraphy - with the Japan Society
UG11	How to make flipped learning videos - with Anne Rajakumar (Hockerill Anglo-European College)

Group Discussions

All attendees will be able to attend two of the following discussions:

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UG9-10	School linking - with Wendy Gill (Escomb Primary School)
UG7-8	Clifton Scientific Trust and their science exchanges with Dr Eric Albone (Clifton Scientific Trust) and Mary Grace Browning (County Upper School)
UG11	How to introduce Japanese to your school – Josephine Austin (Japan Foundation London)
UG6	Q&A about Grants (teachers sign up for a 10 min grant slot)

Room number	Session 2
UG9-10	Sharing resources - with Matt Devanny (The Japan Society)
UG7-8	Online Resource for Japanese Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (ORJAC) with Caroline Pathy-Baker (University of East Anglia)
UG11	Discussion on how to prepare for speaking exams with Katy Simpson (Dartford Grammar School)
UG6	Q&A about Grants (teachers sign up for a 10 min grant slot)

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Speaker Biographies

Baroness Jean Coussins

Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages, House of Lords

Jean Coussins was appointed to the House of Lords in 2007, where she set about establishing the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages. Her role as Chair and Co-Chair of that group has made many speeches arguing for the importance of languages in education, business and international affairs. An accomplished linguist herself, Baroness Coussins has been a passionate advocate for languages to figure in the educational curriculum at all stages, and has stressed that a command of one or more foreign languages is a valuable skill for everyone – whatever their level of educational achievement and whatever their role in their organisation. She has been a strong supporter of the British Academy's Languages Programme, providing expert guidance in the preparation of the recent publication *Languages: The State of the Nation*, and encouraging debate on the report's findings within the House of Lords. She is also President of Speak to the Future, the Campaign for Languages. In recognition of her commitment to languages she was made an Honorary Fellow and Vice-President of the Institute of Linguists.

Mrs Sue East

Headteacher, St Andrew's Primary School

Sue is Headteacher at St Andrew's Primary School in Bath. The school is multi-cultural and includes children from all over the world, so Sue decided to introduce Japanese as it was one of the few languages that none of her pupils already understood. The school started to teach Japanese as their main Modern Foreign Language in the curriculum in September 2014. They now have 184 learners of Japanese in Key Stage 1, 2 and in the Foundation stage. Sue joined the Japan Foundation on their first Group Tour Programme for Headteachers in November 2014, and she had a chance to visit two Japanese primary schools and use their ideas to enhance her school's Creative Curriculum.

Mrs Hilary Vipond

Principal of St Mary's School for Girls (Colchester)

Hilary was originally a Geography teacher and first joined St Mary's as a PSHE and Careers teacher in 1996, before being appointed Principal in September 2006. She is the Vice-Chair of the Membership Committee of the Girls' Schools Association. Hilary joined the Japan Foundation on their first Group Tour Programme for Headteachers in November 2014 and since then has introduced Japanese into St Mary's School by encouraging one of her language teachers to learn Japanese in order to deliver the Japan Foundation's Scheme of work for Key Stage 2 to the lower school. St Mary's school pupils also learn about Japan in Year 5 Geography lessons. The school has also taught Japanese in the senior school for the last two years.

Shamisen Performance

Mr Hibiki Ichikawa and Ms Akari Mochitsuki from Hibiki Shamisen

In the whole of the UK, Hibiki Ichikawa is the only professional player of tsugaru shamisen; a traditional 3-stringed instrument played using a large pick called a bachi. In recognition of his great skill, he has been qualified to perform under a "Tier 1 Exceptional Talent Visa", which is granted only to the most proficient artists. Hibiki frequently performs at festivals and formal occasions, including the Japan Matsuri in Trafalgar Square, and at the Japanese Emperor's birthday celebrations at the Japanese Embassy, and has also participated in a theatre production at the Edinburgh Festival.

Akari Mochizuki is from Iwakuni in Yamaguchi prefecture. When she was 3 years old, she started singing enka (a variety of traditional Japanese music which often takes the form of sentimental ballads) thanks to the

influence of her father, who was a great fan of the genre. Akari studied drama in Cambridge and modern music in London, and started working as a professional singer in 2009. She has performed as an enka and minyo (Japanese folk music) singer for numerous occasions, including WOMAD 2010 and Japan Matsuri 2009 and 2010. Akari is passionate about introducing Japan's wonderful folk music to her audiences in the UK, and is always seeking opportunities to sing.

So if you're keen to understand more about Japanese traditional culture and music, don't miss your chance to see this awe inspiring double act at Anime Attacks. This workshop is co-organised by the Japan Foundation London, who would like to thank for all their help with this year's Anime Attacks.

Information about workshops and discussions:

Workshop 1:

Sushi workshop – with Atsuko Console

In this practical workshop you will learn the basics of sushi making while creating your own sushi rolls. You will take away with you tips and techniques for preparing sushi and learn where to source ingredients in order to make sushi with your students.

Atsuko Console has been teaching at the Japanese Saturday School for 30 years. Dishes made by Atsuko have been photographed for five Japanese cookery books by Kazuko Emi, which she also helped to edit. Since 2009 she has run sushi demonstrations for Year 8 students at Aylesbury High School and the Japan Society's Sixth Form Japan Day.

Origami Workshop – with Akiho Horton and Natsuki Matsuzawa (The Japan Society)

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. In this practical workshop, you will learn basic paper folding techniques through a series of origami designs providing you with the necessary skills to incorporate origami as an activity in your class.

Akiho Horton was born in Kyoto and spent her childhood in South America; she majored in Spanish at Sophia University and obtained a Masters Diploma in cultural anthropology from Osaka University. Subsequently, she worked for many years in the publishing and marketing industry as an editor and translator. In June 2015, she took up her current role as Events Officer at the Japan Society. Akiho loves food, art and colourful fashion.

Kamishibai workshop – with Megan Manson and Mio Tsunematsu (Japan Foundation)

This workshop will introduce the Japanese storytelling technique of kamishibai, and how this can be used as a cross curricular activity or to teach Japanese. The workshop will involve a demonstration of kamishibai and give teachers a chance to try kamishibai for themselves!

Changes to the GCSE workshop – with Pearson

This workshop is for Secondary teachers who would like to hear more about the changes to GCSE Japanese, and how this might affect their teaching. The workshop will be presented by a representative from Pearson.

Workshop 2:

Primary Resources workshop – with Makoto Netsu (Japan Foundation)

This workshop will introduce a whole range of online resources, apps and practical ideas that teachers can use within their Japanese classes. This will include an introduction to the new resources for the Japan Foundation's *Scheme of Work for Primary Schools*.

Mr Makoto Netsu has worked on teacher training programmes at the Japan Foundation's Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in Japan since 1995. During these years, he has worked at Japan Foundation Sydney (1998-2000) and Kuala Lumpur (2005-2008) as a Japanese Language Advisor in collaboration with secondary school teachers to develop teaching materials. He currently works as the Chief Japanese Language Advisor for the Japan Foundation London, and has been trialling the JFL Japanese Scheme of Work for Key Stage 2 with two Year 4 classes at Southfield Primary School near Hammersmith.

Calligraphy – with the Japan Society

Japanese calligraphy is a traditional Japanese art form and way of writing the Japanese language. In this workshop you will begin to understand the basics of the three Japanese writing systems; Katakana, Hiragana and Kanji. You will create your own kanji cards while at the same time learning the basic stroke order of writing kanji and take away with you some useful calligraphy activities to use back in your classroom.

How to make flipped learning videos – with Anne Rajakumar (Hockerill Anglo-European College)

Last year during the Japan Conference for Schools, Anne Rajakumar introduced her flipped learning resources and spoke about how they have helped her improve exam results at her school. This year she will show teachers how to create flipped learning resources themselves, as well as how to add their own quizzes or questions to existing videos or resources.

Anne Rajakumar is the Head of Japanese at Hockerill Anglo-European College, and the current chair of the Association for Language Learning's Japanese Language Committee.

Group Discussion 1:

School linking – with Wendy Gill (Escomb Primary School)

Wendy Gill has worked at Escomb Primary School since 1989 and has been Headteacher since September 2010. The school is situated in an area which is not culturally diverse therefore a great emphasis is placed on forming sustained international links. At present the schools have had links with Tanzania, Botswana, Bangladesh and Japan. This ensures that the children have a good knowledge of other cultures and religions, and helps to foster good relations and prevent discrimination. These links are interwoven into the school's curriculum so they are meaningful and promote respect, tolerance, understanding and interdependence. The school aims to ensure that its children are well-prepared for life in modern Britain and to encourage them to be responsible global citizens.

Escomb Primary School's link with Ogawara Minami Elementary school in Japan has grown over the last year and has been extremely successful. A group of children and teachers visited the school in January 2016. The impact this visit had on children and the whole school community was tremendous and the school is hoping to sustain and develop the link further in the future.

Clifton Scientific Trust and their science exchanges – With Dr Eric Albone (Clifton Scientific Trust and Mary Grace Browning (County Upper School)

Science as a cultural bridge for young people; Our experience with Japan

This is a chance for teachers to hear about the UK-Japan Young Scientist Workshops, which brings together 16-18 year old students from both countries to live together for a week in a university, learning about each other's way of life and forming long lasting global friendships and to work for three days in small international teams with cutting edge scientists and engineers from the host university. This summer's Workshops will be hosted in Cambridge, Tohoku and Nagoya Universities, the latter exclusively for girls. You can ask about the practicalities of getting involved in this programme, and how it has helped previous participants. You will also be able to find out about Mary-Grace Browning's scheme of work for teaching Japanese including science related vocabulary. Mary-Grace has worked at Bury St. Edmunds County Upper School since 1970 and was involved in welcoming visitors from Japan following her first year there. In 1985 (International Youth Year) she took three students to Japan and has been involved in exchanges with young people ever since. The rewards gained from exchanges with Japan greatly outweigh the effort needed to arrange them and Mary-Grace is happy to help anyone keen to get started.

How to introduce Japanese to your school – with Josephine Austin (Japan Foundation London)

This discussion will give you a chance to hear from other schools who have recently introduced Japanese or Japan related activities on to the curriculum for the first time. You will be able to share ideas about how schools can increase their Japan-related provision and what funding is available for your school.

Q&A about grants (teachers can sign up for a 10 min grant slot)

We have invited representatives from four organisations who provide funding for schools. You can book a slot to speak to any of these organisations about their grants. The organisations who will attend are

- The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation
- The Japan Foundation, London
- The Japan Society
- The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation

Group Discussion 2:

Sharing resources – Matt Devanny (The Japan Society)

Matt Devanny has been the Education Officer at the Japan Society since 2012. Originally from Saltaire in Yorkshire he trained to be a primary school teacher, before participating on the JET Programme where he spent two years living in rural Yamaguchi Prefecture from 2006-2008.

On returning to the UK Matt was a primary school teacher, before taking up his current role as Education Officer at the Society. Matt enjoys all aspects of Japanese culture especially the food, onsen 'hot springs' and festivals, even taking part in the Aio Shrimp Catching World Championship.

ORJAC- Online Resource for Teachers – with Caroline Pathy-Barker (University of East Anglia)

We all engage with 'archaeology' and 'heritage' from the perspectives in which we are educated. This 'educated' engagement with archaeology ultimately seeks to 'educate' others too, both archaeologists and non-archaeologists. However, these perspectives vary across the world, according to the culture in which we come from. Moreover, our ideas about education in archaeology evolve with practice and with age. Hence, education is not a static resource pool, but a continuous process that involves the production, consumption and appropriation of knowledge. As new ideas are encountered old ideas have to be revisited, revised or rejected. New technology is part of this whole process therefore I feel that our online resource is a great tool and an invaluable one.

The main aim of our online project is to increase international awareness of Japanese cultural heritage, archaeology and history by making available Japanese archaeological and cultural heritage resources for teaching students in secondary but can equally be used in primary school through our online gateway. These lesson plans include practical activities as well as worksheets which make teaching and learning fun and enjoyable.

How to prepare for exams – with Katy Simpson (Dartford Grammar School)

This group discussion will focus on how to prepare students for the speaking section of their GCSE exams. If you have any ideas or activities that you think might help other teachers prepare their students, please bring them with you.

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Participants

Speakers

Baroness Coussins	Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Modern Languages Group, House of Lords
Minister Motohiko Kato	Minister Plenipotentiary from the Embassy of Japan
Mr Mark Herbert	Head of Schools, British Council
Mrs Sue East	Headteacher, St Andrew's Church of England Primary School (Bath)
Mrs Hilary Vipond	Principle, St. Mary's School (Colchester)

Shamisen Performance

Mr Hibiki Ichikawa	Hibiki Shamisen
Ms Akari Mochitsuki	Hibiki Shamisen

Workshop and Group Discussion Leaders

Mr Tomoki	Akazawa	Japan Foundation	Grant Programmes
Dr Eric	Albone	Clifton Scientific Trust	Clifton Scientific Trust
Mrs Josephine	Austin	Japan Foundation	How to introduce Japanese and Grants
Mrs Kaoru	Borsuk	Japan Society	Calligraphy workshop
Mrs Mary Grace Browning		County Upper School	Clifton Scientific Trust
Ms Alice	Caffyn	The Japan Society	Grant Programmes
Ms Atsuko	Console	The Japanese Saturday School	Sushi workshop
Mr Matt	Devanny	The Japan Society	Sharing resources
Mrs Wendy	Gill	Escomb Primary School	School linking discussion
Mrs Akiho	Horton	The Japan Society	Origami workshop
Mrs Megan	Manson	Japan Foundation	Kamishibai workshop
Ms Natsuki	Matsuzawa	The Japan Society	Origami workshop
Ms Susan	Meehan	Anglo Japanese Daiwa Foundation	Grant Programmes
Mr Makoto	Netsu	Japan Foundation	Primary Resources workshop
Ms Caroline	Pathy-Baker	University of East Anglia	Archaeology resources
Mrs Anne	Rajakumar	Hockerill Anglo-European College	Flipped learning videos
Ms Katy	Simpson	Dartford Grammar School	How to prepare for speaking exams
Mr Rory	Steele	Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation	Grant Programmes
Mrs Hiroko	Tanaka	Japan Society	Calligraphy workshop
Mr Shigeo	Tanaka	Japan Society	Calligraphy workshop
Ms Mio	Tsunematsu	Japan Foundation	Kamishibai workshop
Mrs Emiko	Wakayama	Japan Society	Calligraphy workshop
Ms Emma	Green	Pearson	Changes to GCSE workshop

Guests

Mr Ben	Andersen	Sprachcaffe
Mrs Nanako	Bithell	Children's Montessori Nursery
Ms Clare	Brumfit	West Minster Primary School
Mr Joseph	Bull	Swanwick Hall School
Mrs Hisaka	Bunting	Newstead Wood School
Ms Georgia	Carney	Yealmpstone Farm Primary School
Mr Jonathan	Cheetham	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys
Mr Michael	Dowman	Gosforth East Middle School
Mrs Annette	Furuyama	
Mrs Alison	Galpin	Fleckney Primary School
Mrs Tamzin	Garrod	Colman Junior School
Ms Joanna	Gay	King Ina Academy

Mrs Wendy	Gill	Escomb Primary School
Mr Alan	Greaves	The Wavell School
Mr Tristian	Harris	St Andrew's Primary School
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Ms Ria	Henry	St Peter and St Paul Primary Aatholic Academy
Ms Hannah	Huish	Maple Walk School
Hiroshi	Itakura	Embassy of Japan
Mrs Patricia	Jenkins	Children's Montessori
Ms Zoe	Jestico	Dartford Grammar School
Ms Fiona	Jones	St Andrew's CofE Primary School
Ms Hafida	Klouche	The Sixth Form College Farnborough
Ms Noe	Kozuma	JTS volunteer
Mrs Angelica	Kurtina	Ryde School
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Mrs Helen	Longton-Howorth	Carden Primary School
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Mrs Shraddha	Payyappilly	Maria Fidelis Catholic School FCJ
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Ms Nolan	Price	UCS School
Mrs Victoria	Richards	Escomb Primary School
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Mrs Katy	Simpson	Dartford Grammar School for Boys
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Ms Anna	Wilson	Gosforth East Middle School
Mr Emiko	Wise	Formerly, Bucks CC & Japanese Supplementary School
Ms Kara	Winney	The London Acorn School
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