



JaLaChamp 2025

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Japanese Language Championship for Young Learners UK
Finals Day: Saturday 10th May 2025



Programme

Registration

12:30pm – 13:00pm

Opening and welcome speech

13:00pm – 13:10pm

Speech Category

13:10pm – 13:50pm

Interval 13:50pm – 14:00pm

Video Category Secondary School-1

14:00pm – 14:20pm

Video Category Secondary School-2

14:20pm – 14:35pm

Interval 14:35pm – 14:45pm

Video Category Primary School

14:45pm – 14:55pm

JaLaChamp Special Talk by Ms Mara Yamauchi

14:55pm – 15:25pm

Finalist Connection Programme

15:25pm – 15:40pm

Interval 15:40pm – 15:50pm

Award Ceremony

15:50pm – 16:30pm

Please note that the schedule may be subject to change.



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Speech Category

Those who have a Japanese level equivalent to B1 level of JF standard for Japanese-language Education/ CEFR

① Ermal Lisha

Hockerill Anglo-European College (Y12)

日本のツーリズムの問題

The issue of over tourism in Japan

② Max Woodley

Whitgift School (Y12)

将棋がイギリスでもっと人気になる理由

Reasons why Shogi should become more popular in the UK

③ Gavin Cheng

Hockerill Anglo-European College (Y12)

良い医者と悪い医者:違いはなんですか?

Good Doctor vs Bad Doctor: What is the difference?

④ Sebastian Pabst

Whitgift School (Y12)

日本の食文化は健康と持続可能性を教える

Japanese food culture teaches health and sustainability



Video Category

Secondary School Division 1

A1-A2 Level of JF standard for Japanese-language Education/ CEFR

Theme : Something I/We Want to Try わたし私(たち)がやってみたいこと

① SalmonSensation

The Gryphon School

(learning Japanese at Sherborne Girls)

- Thomas Lee, Zachary Oz-Collins, Sam Todd

I want to try a salmon roe!

② BAAM

Dartford Grammar School

- Ben, Anton, Ayden, Minghao

Something I/we want to try - Interviews

③ Ryan Cheng

Whitgift School

たこ焼きの誘惑

Takoyaki Temptation

④ Tomei tomatoes

- Lisa Egawa (Drayton Manor High School),

Emi Gutch (Elthorne Park High School)

透明人間になってみたい!

We Want to Try Being Invisible

⑤ Victor Richards

University College School

I want to go to America

⑥ きらきらぼし

Aquinas College

- Niamh, Sophie, Alexa, Beth, Hannah

Weekend Wishes

⑦ The Hamilton – Wright Co

Whitgift School

- Lochlann Hamilton, Ernest Wright

けんだま兄弟

Kendama Brothers

Secondary School Division 2

B1 Level of JF standard for Japanese-language Education/ CEFR

Theme : What I/We Can Learn from the Past わたし私(たち)が過去から学べること かこ まな

① Timothy Pooley

James Gillespie's High School

ぼくはもうやらないこと

Things that I won't be doing anymore

② 三人組

Kotoba no Kakehashi (ことばの架け橋)

- Sofia Shibata (Tormead School), Leonard Nakamura-laska (Bobby Moore Academy), Ayla Murase (LEH Senior School)

これまでの人生

Our life so far

③ Nina Allen

NIHONGOSCHOOL/ The BRIT School

Have you heard of the word 'dark history'?

Primary School Division

A1-A2 Level of JF standard for Japanese-language Education/ CEFR

Theme : My/Our Favourite Place わたし私(たち)の好きな場所 す ばしょ

① Maple Walk School Japanese Club

Maple Walk School

(Club application)

Our favourite place

② Luisa Andras

Blackthorns Community Primary Academy

Where Nature Meets Play

③ SUN3RISE/ 3ライズ

The Japanese Saturday School in London

- Ikeya Nanami (Grange Primary School),

Gutch Saya (Fielding Primary School),

Catterall Mao (Drayton Green Primary School)

私たちの好きな場所

Our Favourite Place

④ Aubin & Zavi

Devonshire House School, London

We Love London Zoo

⑤ Lunchtime Japanese Club

Blackthorns Community Primary Academy (Club application)

Our Favourite Place... Japanese Club!



Judges

Michael RIVERA KING*
TANAKA Hiroko**
MORI Yuichiro
Alan GREAVES
NAGAI Miyuki

Chief Executive, The Japan Society
 Senior Japanese Language Advisor, The Japan Foundation, London
 Counsellor for Public Diplomacy and Media, Embassy of Japan in the UK
 Teacher of Maths and Japan Club Founder, Charters Comprehensive School
 Coordinator of the Japanese Speech Contest for University Students and
 University Teacher in Japanese Language, University of Sheffield

Interlocutor
ROGERS Junko

Teacher of Japanese, Westminster School

*Chair of Judges **Deputy-chair of Judges

Special Talk

Ms Mara Yamauchi



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Mara Yamauchi is a former elite athlete and diplomat. She grew up in Kenya, later living in Oxford, UK, where she attended school and university. She had a dream to become a top athlete at age 11 but did not know how. After leaving education, she worked for the Foreign Office, including learning Japanese and working in the British Embassy, Tokyo. In 2006, she became a full-time athlete. She finished sixth in the 2008 Beijing Olympics women's marathon, won the 2008 Osaka Marathon, and won bronze over 10,000m at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. She now works self-employed as a coach, commentator and writer. Her book, *Marathon Wisdom*, was published in 2022.

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