

### **SUBJECT:** Japanese IB Standard

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## EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER: IBO Language B / QAN: 60008192

#### **SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:**

Core topics: Identities, Experiences, Human ingenuity, Sharing the planet, Social organisation. Students are expected to reach a high degree of competence in the language and explore the culture using the language. Students will use authentic spoken and written sources from a variety of contexts and genres. Students will develop research skills in the language as part of the course, focusing on an area of personal interest related to the Japanese-speaking world. There is a prescribed list of grammar for IB students that students will be expected to study and apply in class and in their independent study.

#### WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Studying Japanese not only allows you to further your language knowledge to a much higher standard than that of GCSE but also broadens you understanding of 20th Century history, contemporary film and significant literature. It enables you to develop many transferable skills ready for University, such as analysing and researching, In addition to this, it has often been said that learning and knowing a foreign language makes you more employable and opens up a world of opportunity.

#### SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

Wider reading on the topic areas using news websites and Target Language magazines.

#### **HOW IS IT ASSESSED?**

Paper 1: Written production. Paper 2: Listening & reading. Oral exam: Photo stimulus and discussion on themes studied. Students will be assessed at regular intervals, through vocabulary/translation, past papers, exam condition essay writing and mock exam periods.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

After School clinic sessions
Pen Pal scheme with a Japanese school.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS Students are required to achieve a 6 to study IB Standard.