



Tavistock College Sixth Form

When you sign up for a subject please note that you will be expected to study that subject for the whole two years.

There will be a formal assessment in the Autumn term, after four weeks and that is the only time when students will be allowed to swap or change subjects. After this, too much will have been missed.

Subject: Japanese		Qualification: Level 3 Advanced GCE in Japanese (listening, reading and writing) (9JA0)
Exam board: Pearson EdExcel	Entrance criteria: Level 4/5 or above at GCSE Japanese	
Topics covered:		
Paper 1: Translation into English, Reading Comprehension and Writing (Research Task)		
Paper 2: Translation into Japanese and written response to prescribed literary texts including a novel, an autobiography and a short story collection		
Paper 3: Listening, reading and writing including listening comprehension tasks		
How the subject will be taught: The Japanese A Level will follow the new specification which concentrates on teaching prescribed vocabulary, grammar and kanji to an advanced level. The course of study enables students to develop advanced level knowledge and understanding of the Japanese language, culture of Japan, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable skills. Teaching will focus on developing the skills to apply and manipulate advanced level language structures as well as read and write kanji accurately. Students will also study the film Dear Doctor by Miwa Nishikawa		
Expectations of students: Students will be expected to know thoroughly both the hiragana and katakana alphabets as well as being able to read and write the 200 GCSE kanji. They should be motivated to learn about the language and culture of Japan and prepared to research areas of Japan in Japanese. Students will be expected to read texts in Japanese; write essays in Japanese and build on their understanding developed at key stage 4.		
Summer work: To look at the sample reading and writing assessment materials and learn the 120 core A level kanji which will be tested in the autumn term.		