

# IB JAPANESE

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## AB INITIO LANGUAGE – JAPANESE

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

No previous knowledge of the language is required, however, a grade A or A\* in a European language is an advantage.

### THE COURSE CONTENT

The *Ab initio* course level is equivalent to the level that students reach at AS. You will be covering the following topics:

- Personal information (yourself, your family and your house)
- At school (subjects, opinions, studies)
- Holidays (the weather, at the tourist office, booking a table and ordering a meal, activities you did while on holiday, booking accommodation, lost property)
- Traveling (places in town, directions, accidents and breakdowns)
- Health (what is wrong, understanding advice)
- Work (at home and at work, part time jobs, work experience, the media)
- Shopping (food and clothes, complaining about problems with purchases)
- Going out (buying tickets, arranging to go out, the press)
- Problems (at home and at school, alcohol, drugs, environmental issues)
- Future jobs and careers

You will have 5 hours of lessons per fortnight. All lessons will be normally conducted in the target language.

You will be encouraged to participate in an exchange trip during the two-year course. Visits to plays, films and conferences may be organized.

### RESOURCE

Students will be given a text book, *Genki I + II* and resources such as a grammar book and a vocabulary book. Students will be required to purchase a good dictionary. *Oxford Beginners' Japanese* is recommended.

### ASSESSMENT

There is both external and internal assessment.

- External - 70%
  - Paper 1: Text Handling - questions based on four written texts. 25%
  - Paper 2: Written production - short writing task from a choice of two and an extended writing task from a choice of three 25%
  - There is also a guided writing task on one of three themes. 20%
- Internal - 30%
  - Individual oral - short interview with the teacher. 30%

