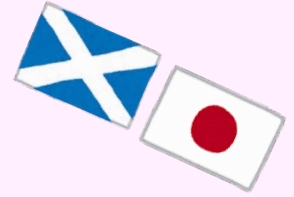


Bring Japan to Your Classroom!

– Touring Schools in Scotland –



Do your students have an interest in Japanese culture? Would you like to hold programmes for cross-cultural understanding at your school in order to help students become global citizens?

A professional team from the University of Edinburgh and the Japan Foundation, London can visit your school to deliver fun Japanese language and culture sessions for your students. Teachers who wish to host a visit are encouraged to apply! It is free to apply for sessions at your school.

I. Overview

- (1) **Period:** Monday, 2 June, 2025 – Saturday, 7 June, 2025
*Please note that we are happy to hold sessions on Saturday.
- (2) **Location:** Your school (different venue negotiable)
- (3) **Content:** Japanese language and culture sessions lasting 45 to 90 minutes
*Mainly aimed at students who have never studied Japanese, but it is also alright if there are participating students who have studied Japanese before.
- (4) **Aims:** This program aims to expand students' perspectives on other languages and cultures by offering them an opportunity to experience Japanese language and culture. This programme is for schools in Scotland, where there are fewer opportunities to experience Japanese culture.
- (5) **Costs:** There are no costs for the schools. The programme is free as your school will not need to cover honoraria or transportation costs for the session/s, or any other actual costs (for example, if origami paper is used in a session, the origami paper will be arranged and provided by the organisers). Please refer to the application instructions below.
- (6) **Organisers:** University of Edinburgh* & The Japan Foundation, London.
*Department: Japanese Studies, School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, The University of Edinburgh

2. Content

(1) A **Japanese Language and Culture Session** (depending on the duration of the session, 1-2 of the following activities will be offered):

– Quiz about Japan (minimum 30 minutes)	
– Introduction to Japanese writing systems (minimum 30 minutes) *Introduction to the three kinds of writing systems used in Japanese: two phonetic alphabets, called hiragana and katakana, and ideographic kanji characters	
– Making badges in Japanese (minimum 40 minutes)	

The images above are for illustration purposes only.

*A starter activity (about 10 minutes) will be delivered in each session as well.

(2) **Message for the pupils from an older Scottish student who has studied Japanese** to let them know how studying Japanese helps students broaden their horizons

(3) **Information on self-study resources for Japanese** (including JF materials and websites)

*In addition to the above, information will be provided to teachers regarding materials for running a Japanese club in their school if they wish to do so.

3. How the session will be implemented

(1) A team of Japanese language teachers will visit the school.

(2) The number of students per session should be between 10 and 30 (negotiable).

(3) The length of the session will be 45 to 90 minutes, but it can be adjusted according to your preferences.

(4) Separate sessions for different year groups can be held in the course of a single visit.

Example 1: P5 (23 students), P6 (25 students), P7 (20 students), with one 45-minute session per year group, for a total of 3 sessions.

Example 2: S1 and S2 (total of 35 students), one 90-minute session.

4. Application process



Application Form

(1) **Eligible schools:** The eligibility criteria are summarised below.

(2) **Application method:** Please apply using [this form](#) (Microsoft Forms).

*The date/time we will visit you will be decided based on all the applications from different schools.

(3) **Application deadline:** 2nd May 2025 (Friday)

Deadline
Extended!

(4) **Arranging date/time:**

We will contact schools to arrange the date/time of the visit shortly after the deadline above.

*If there are too many applications, it may not be possible to organise a visit, but the University of Edinburgh also plans to visit schools from Autumn 2025 to Spring 2026, please contact us separately.

5-1. Eligibility criteria

- The school must be located in Scotland (both primary and secondary schools are eligible).
- Schools do not need to have had Japanese clubs or classes in the past.
- The school must be able to provide space (a classroom or hall), equipment (projector, Wi-Fi, PC, etc.), and stationery (depending on the session content).
- A teacher and/or in charge of the group taking part in the session must be willing to work with the visiting team to deliver the session.
- A 30-minute meeting with the contact teacher and/or other foreign language teachers (such as heads of MFL) will be required during the visit to exchange information.
- If a session is scheduled, the school must obtain permission from the students' parents/guardians and the school to take and publish photographs (both on paper and on the website).

*Photographs will be used for reporting to funding agencies, and the photos will also appear in publications by the University of Edinburgh and the Japan Foundation, London.

5-2. Selection priority

The following applications will be prioritised:

- Schools currently running or planning to run a Japanese club or class.
- Schools with a large number of students participating in the session.
- Schools that can host multiple sessions in one visit.
- Schools that can conduct joint sessions with nearby schools.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

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