



# Japanese Outreach by the University of Edinburgh

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# Project 'Developing hybrid Japanese language education for Scottish secondary schools'

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e-sgoil Japanese website

## Online Japanese sessions on e-sgoil



<https://www.e-sgoil.com/offers/japanese-2025-26/>

- Free for Scottish school pupils (senior primary to secondary)
- Glow account holders
- Private school participants can also apply (contact e-sgoil)
- 1h/w, 3 levels, 1 Block: 4 weeks
- 3 Blocks from Autumn to end March
- **2026-27 sessions start in October 2026**

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Project website with  
in-person school visit  
information



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## In-person school visits

- Free for Scottish school pupils (Primary and secondary)
- 30-90 minutes language and culture session(s)
- Sessions offered by Japanese language teaching staff from universities (Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Aberdeen) and students (UG & PG), all have PVG
- **2026-27 session application will start in August/September**



[https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/japanese language in school/](https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/japanese%20language%20in%20school/)

# Self-study resources hub

Online resource hub on [Thinglink](#) (available on e-Sgoil website)

**National e-Learning Offer**

**Japanese Learning Space**

This learning space is designed to support learners of Japanese of all levels - from complete beginners to those who wish to take JLPT!

**Level A1 and A2** →  
**For complete beginners to post-beginners**  
You will be able to understand and use everyday expressions such as introducing yourself and family, talking about daily routines, and asking basic questions etc. It contains general materials for beginners, videos with slow conversation, basic materials for writing (hiragana, katakana and some kanjis), and short reading materials.

**Level B1 and B2** →  
**For intermediate learners**  
You will be able to understand and use conversations about familiar matters that you encounter in daily life or travel scenes in Japan as well as some abstract matters. It contains general materials for intermediate learners, videos with clear standard-paced conversation, grammar explained in Japanese, reading materials (news and novels), and videos and articles about culture in Japanese.

**Level C1 and C2** →  
**For proficient users**  
It contains reading materials (news and novels), grammar explained in Japanese, and videos and articles about culture in Japanese.



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# “Why study Japanese?” on YouTube

[Video messages](#) from graduates of Japanese Studies



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## Careers Fair sessions on e-sgoil in March and May 2026: recordings are available on e-Sgoil website

1) Learning Japanese for the Workplace

2) Japanese Culture in the Workplace



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Consulate General  
of Japan  
in Edinburgh

## More School Visit Opportunities

- **School Visit Programme by the Consulate-General of Japan in Edinburgh:**  
[https://www.edinburgh.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_ja/00\\_000693.html](https://www.edinburgh.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/00_000693.html)
- **Japanese Taster for Schools (JTS) Programme:** JTS volunteers carry out school visits across the UK.  
[https://www.jpj.org.uk/language/teaching\\_stepout.php](https://www.jpj.org.uk/language/teaching_stepout.php)





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## Free online Japanese language summer course for the offer holders in August 2026



Application form for the free online Japanese Summer School for the offer holders Summer26



- If you are interested in our free online Japanese language summer course, please fill in the application form (<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8eSkW3XxeT>): the QR code to the same link is on the left)
- Please note that the participation of this summer course will not affect your offer status for any of our programmes or other programmes at the University of Edinburgh. This is not a condition for being accepted for our degree programmes either, and you are free to not choose our programmes even after taking our free summer Japanese language courses.

# Free online self-study Japanese courses and study resources



**e-Minato:** Free online courses. <https://minato-jf.jp/>



**Erin's challenge:** Free video-based online learning resources with a high school student from Britain studying in Japan. <https://www.erin.jpf.go.jp/en/>



**Japanese in Anime and Manga:** Learn about the kind of Japanese used in Japanese anime and manga! <https://anime-manga.jp/>



**Hirogaru:** Learn about Japanese language and culture through bilingual articles and videos. <https://hirogaru-nihongo.jp/en/>

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Irodori: Textbook for basic Japanese communication skills.

<https://www.irodori.jpf.go.jp/>



Challenge with Erin: An app for young people studying beginner-level vocabulary and expressions.

<https://www.apperin.jpf.go.jp>



Hiragana memory hint: Apps for learning Japanese writing.

- iOS <https://nihongo-e-na.com/ios/eng/id738.html>
- Android <https://nihongo-e-na.com/android/eng/id739.html>