

Queen Margaret College
Year 13 Japanese B SL/HL Programme
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Course Component	Percentage of final grade	Internal / External	Proposed assessment date
Paper 1	25%	External	November 2019
Paper 2	25%	External	November 2019
Written Assignment	20%	External	Term 3, Week 2
Individual Oral	20%	Internal	Sunday, 22 September
Interactive Oral	10%	Internal	Terms 1 - 3 2019

Course details

The course is focused on language acquisition and the use of language in a range of contexts and for different purposes. We use authentic texts to develop an understanding of the Japanese culture while consolidating reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Students are encouraged to use Japanese whenever possible in class. They study the topics of land and people, communication and media, science and technology and global issues.

Course Information

- In 2019 Year 13 Japanese B is an option subject

Year 13	Topics	Possible areas to study
Term 1	Land and people	Geographic Location, Natural disaster, Environmental study and volunteer work.
Term 2	Communication and media	Advertising, bias in media, censorship, the Internet, press, radio and television, sensationalism in media, mobile phones, impact of television and videogames on children
Term 3	Global Issues	Drugs, energy reserves, food and water, the environment and sustainability, climate change, natural disasters, the effect of man on nature, globalisation, migration, pandemics, poverty and famine, racism, prejudice and discrimination
Term 4	Revision	

Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete some homework during the week. The key to language learning is 'little and often'. Homework might include:

- Learning a number of words, verbs or phrases
- Completion of assignments started in class
- Reading and grammar exercises to do or an essay to write
- Creating revision material
- Reviewing the work completed during class time
- Revision of vocabulary learned in class with www.languageperfect.com

- Catching up on work missed due to absence
- Carrying out a research task on the internet

Students will be subscribed to www.languageperfect.com and will receive a workbook which accompanies the course. An approximate cost of \$30 for the website and \$50 for the Japanese workbook will be charged to the parents' or caregivers' school account.