

CURRICULUM POLICY

The School's main policy is to educate students to the standards required for entry into universities in Japan, whilst taking advantage of the unique geographical location of the School through introduction of some of the English curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

The School's main curriculum consists of a full-time Japanese curriculum as laid down and licensed by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology in Japan. There are three levels of study: Primary School (10-12 years); Middle School (12-15 years); and High School (15-18 years). Lessons are carried out in Japanese by qualified Japanese teachers.

Rikkyo School is registered as a Christian School under section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. It employs a School Chaplain and students attend regular services in the School Chapel as well as Sunday services at two local churches.

In addition, students from Middle School 3 to High School 2 study IGCSE biology, which is taught in English by a qualified biology teacher.

The School's curriculum is designed to provide access and opportunity for all children who attend the School. If necessary, the curriculum can be adapted to meet the needs of individual students in consultation with the parents of the child.

The School has a large English Communication Department and all students study the English language to various levels of the Cambridge English Examinations, as well as the EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency. The students are also given the opportunity to spend a week staying with a British family/host in order to practice their English and learn more about life in England.

As well as class music lessons, students are encouraged to learn an instrument or have singing lessons. The School has a number of private music teachers teaching a wide range of instruments including flute, violin, piano, guitar and even bagpipes. The Music Department organises end of term concerts to which parents and the local community are invited. Throughout the year students participate in various music festivals and competitions.

Sports at Rikkyo School include football, badminton, tennis, basketball, table tennis, swimming (at the local leisure centre), horseriding and dancing. The School arranges sports fixtures throughout the year with local schools and students also take part in county tennis and badminton matches.

The School actively promotes co-operation and understanding between all members of our community. Students from local schools and members of the local community are invited to events at the School such as the annual Open Day, Japanese Evening and concerts. Cultural exchanges with other schools are arranged throughout the year encouraging the students to practice their English and share cultural views.

Rikkyo School in England aims to teach students to develop into positive, responsible people, who can work and co-operate with others while developing knowledge and skills, so that they can achieve their full potential.