

The Musubi Project will consist of the following activities:

1. Each year one Japanese language, culture and sports day per term will be held for the three years leading up to the Olympic Games in London. On each day one Language College in the East Midlands will be invited (approx 50 pupils per school) to the day and it will be their responsibility to disseminate the information about Japan learned on the day to their local communities. The day will be hosted at Loughborough University using their buildings and facilities, and our students (a core group of approx 10-15 students from Japanese and PE) will plan and host all the events, including preparation of resources etc.
 2. The Project will be supported by a website maintained and built by our students.
 3. There will be opportunities to meet with UK athletes and teach them Japanese language and culture (eg a badminton player in the near future)
 4. There will be annual visits to the Olympic Training Centre in Tokyo
 5. Our students will organise social events to make the Japanese athletes feel welcome and will organise activities such as meeting and interviewing Japanese athletes and putting the information on our web site.
 6. Our students will apply to be volunteers at the Olympic Games
- I'll let you know if I remember any more.

The Musubi Project

A Collaborative Project led by Japanese Language Students at South Wolds School
Recognised as an Inspire Mark Project by the London 2012 and the International Olympic Committee

Partners:

- Loughborough University
- The East Midlands Development Agency
- Yo Sushi

Project Aims:

- To develop relations with the Japanese Olympic Team
- To improve international relation between Japan and the UK
- To educate children in our local area on the culture and language of Japan.

The Project:

- Regular hosting of UK Olympic athletes to share relevant aspects of Japanese language and culture
- Termly Musubi Days at Loughborough University
- Website developed and maintained by the students
- Annual visit to Ajinomoto Olympic Training Centre in Tokyo, beginning October 2009
- Social events to welcome the Japanese Olympic athletes to the East Midlands region

The Events:

- 12 October 2009: Badminton demonstration match at South Wolds School with key words and phrases in Japanese. Covered by the BBC news team.
- 14 October 2009: Primary Musubi Day at Clarement Primary School, Carrington Nottingham, in preparation for the first termly Loughborough University Musubi day.
- 13 November 2009: Musubi Day at Loughborough University with students from Campion College