Social Sciences Board

Title of programme
MPhil in Modern Japanese Studies

Brief note about nature of change:
Additional language paper option, covering Upper Advanced Japanese Language.

Effective date
From 1 October 2012

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2011

Detail of change
1. P.544, delete l.18-23, and substitute:
   ‘(i) A compulsory paper in Advanced Japanese Language for candidates successfully passing the compulsory core course in Japanese at Upper Intermediate Level in the first year examinations, or for candidates successfully passing the compulsory core course in Japanese at Advanced Level in the first year examinations, a compulsory paper in Upper Advanced Japanese Language. Candidates taking the examination in Japanese language at either Advanced Level or Upper Advanced Level will also be required to undertake a series of written tests and essays as specified by the Management Committee for the Nissan Institute and Benefaction. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by Friday of noughtth Week of Michaelmas Full Term.’

Explanatory Notes
The school wish to implement this change based upon the higher-than-expected marks scored in the online Japanese Language test that all potential new students are required to complete as a means of both gauging their aptitude and as part of the admissions.
procedure. The high levels of ability amongst the new intake of students means that they will start at Level 2 in 2012, therefore it is necessary to introduce a new Level 4 Upper Advanced Japanese Language Paper to enable them to reach their full potential. It is anticipated that there will continue to be applicants with a relatively high level of competence in Japanese, for which this new provision is designed.