



To whom it may concern

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Reference for Angela Davies

From 2002 to 2007 Angela worked within the Business School teaching Japanese language at all levels on the Undergraduate Degree programmes with a Japanese component – Applied Language Studies and International Business Studies. At JMU Japanese is taught ab initio and is particularly intensive and demanding over the first 2 years.

These are the levels at which Angela worked in her first classes at JMU. She made an outstanding contribution to the teaching through the professionalism of her approach, and the response from students was excellent. Many of them remarked on their improved understanding and it was clear that this had a very positive effect on motivation, and hence student retention. She is a natural teacher with very extensive subject knowledge and a tremendous enthusiasm to share this with her students, and is able to address the difficulty of managing a group where levels of knowledge and understanding can differ widely from one individual student to another. In subsequent years she taught classes at higher levels, again achieving first-class feedback from her students.

Her relationship with academic colleagues was very good indeed. Without question, her contribution to the work of the Business School went well beyond what was expected. Angela deserves the warmest recommendation as a teacher of Japanese.

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