## **Temporary Class Schedule**

The beginning of the school year is always filled with uncertainty. Students and teachers alike worry about what kind of place school will be for them this year. But, in Japan, the reasons for my uncertainty are a bit different than they were in America.

The main difference for me is that, at the time of writing this, this year's class schedule is still undecided. Instead, the first two weeks of school are carried out using a temporary schedule. In the first place, an ALT's schedule is already flexible, with requests to come to a school or class just for this week or just once this month being regular. But not having a general grasp on what days, periods, or even the total number of classes I'll be teaching most weeks makes it hard to find my footing.

This temporary schedule situation is quite different from my old high school (and the US in general). Before school started, the overall schedule would be decided, as would be the schedules of each individual student. If you had an issue or complaint with your schedule, you could meet with a school counselor to get it changed. While it took a week or two to finalize all the student's schedules, the school's schedule was decided from the start.

But at Yamada High School (and Japan in general, from what I've heard), this is not the case. Although, instead of each student having their own schedule, each homeroom class has a schedule, which makes the temporary arrangement possible. The day or week's schedule is posted in the classroom, and if students forget, they can also ask their classmates or teachers.

If a temporary schedule was attempted at my American high school, I can only imagine the lost freshman wandering the halls like ghosts even after the bell has rung. And the resulting trauma.

I think it's likely that by using a temporary schedule, the barrage of events that come at the beginning of the school year in Japan, such as subject tests, club activity introduction assembly, physical exams, and class photos, and interviews can be carried out a bit more smoothly.

The first classes I've gone to have still mostly just been an hour to pass out and explain a syllabus, as I'm accustomed to. But here, that's also accompanied by receiving your marks on the aforementioned subject test that covered your spring homework. Welcome back to school!

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	1-2		物理基	数学 I	英C I	家庭基	音楽 1 美術 1	音楽 1 美術 1		
	1-3		理数 I	物理基	家庭基	総英 I	理数 I	現国	情I	
	1-4		ビジ基	言文	情報処	英C I	数学 I	現国		
2 年	2-1		国表	英表現	古典B	体育	現文B	数学Ⅱ		
	2-2		総美 I 総音 I 総聿 T	英表現	現文B	化学基 地学基	日史B地理B	数学Ⅱ数Ⅰ演		
	2-3	科	英表	理数Ⅱ	化学基	物理 生物	現社会	体育	英理	
	2-3	人	英表	古典B	理数Ⅱ	世史B日史B	倫理	体育	英理	
	2-4		化学基 生物基	国表	コミュ	ビ経応 マーケ	総合実	総合実		
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	3-2		п П	体育	地基探	数演1 数演Ⅱ	英表現	現社探		
	3-3	科	政·経	理数特	現研	古典B	体育	化学	英理	
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Last year's Monday schedule. The y-axis shows the homeroom and the x-axis shows the period.

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