

All Hallows Catholic College

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Principal - Mr T Beesley

26th May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Mandarin Excellence Programme

As your child embarks on their secondary school experience, I am writing to share with you an exciting opportunity available to your child from September 2021. All Hallows Catholic College is one of a small group of schools in the country to be successful in bidding with the University College London to deliver the Department for Education's Mandarin Excellence Programme. This is an intensive immersion course in Mandarin Chinese and those students who will participate in the programme will be part of a group who will have access to the best teaching and enrichment opportunities over the next five years. This is an intensive and accelerated programme, consisting of a taught element, on-line learning, enrichment days, university immersion weeks and the possibility of visiting China.

Learning Chinese is an exciting, challenging and hugely rewarding experience. China is one of the world's oldest and richest cultures, with over 5000 years of history and the world's longest continuous writing system. China is also the most populous nation in the world and Chinese is spoken by one fifth of the world's population – Mandarin Chinese is spoken not only in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, but also by Chinese communities in other Asian countries, such as Malaysia, Singapore, Mongolia, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand. In today's global society, speaking Mandarin and having an understanding of Chinese culture is hugely important and with the thriving Chinese economy, its importance is only set to increase.

Curriculum Offer:

Year 7

At All Hallows students who are selected for the programme will learn Chinese as a single language option in Year 7. This means students will have sufficient time and focus to build the foundation they need to make real progress in the language and would also have the advantage that they can continue with the rest of their curriculum as normal. This group would have: -

- 6 hours per fortnight taught Chinese
- Homework, including access to on-line resources – approximately four hours per week
- Compulsory weekly attendance at break-time and lunch-time sessions
- Enrichment days

Year 8/9:

Students on the programme will continue with 6 hours a fortnight of taught Chinese. In addition, students may be able to take part in a language immersion course in China in Year 8, and a UK-based Chinese immersion course in Year 9. Hanban (a public institution affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education, committed to providing Chinese language and cultural teaching resources and services worldwide) will part fund this linguistic and cultural summer course in China, which will include 4 hours of intensive language learning every day, plus immersive experiences to allow students to apply their learning.

Year 10/11:

Students will progress to GCSE in Mandarin Chinese and may also have the opportunity to take part in an international work experience placement in China at the end of Year 11.



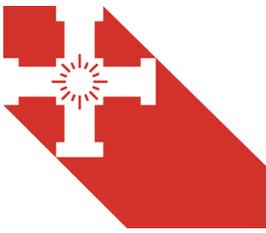
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How to get involved...

Only 30 students can be selected to take part in this programme, and it is expected that the selection process will be completed by the end of the first week of July. If you would like your child to be considered, please complete the initial expression of interest below, and email Mr Bell, our Mandarin teacher, at d.bell@allhallows.org.uk by Friday 11th June 2021. Your child will then need to follow an introductory Mandarin lesson online and after the lesson complete an aptitude test to be submitted to d.bell@allhallows.org.uk (both of which will be available on the College website). Please be aware that in the unlikely event that there is not enough interest, MEP will be unable to run at All Hallows in 2021/22.

This programme affords a unique and exciting opportunity for our students and I hope that you will want to engage in this with us.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Bell

Mandarin Teacher, All Hallows Catholic College

Please email Mr Bell (d.bell@allhallows.org.uk) no later than Friday 11th June.

Expression of interest – Mandarin Excellence Programme 2021

Yes, I would like my child to be considered for the Mandarin Excellence Programme 2021

Name of student: _____

Name of primary school: _____

Parent / Carer signature: _____



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