



HARROGATE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 8 Mandarin Chinese lessons

We are delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese.

China's profile continues to grow on the world stage, UK businesses are forming more and more links with China and the need to learn Mandarin Chinese (the world's most spoken language) is ever-increasing. Aside from this, it is an incredibly interesting language to learn and Chinese culture is fascinating.

The classes will run weekly on Mondays from 3.40pm-4.30pm in A25 and are aimed at complete beginners. Students are welcome to bring a drink and snack for the start to keep them refreshed and energised after afternoon lessons. The teacher, Mr Barnard, will endeavour to run a lunchtime catch-up lesson later in the week if a student cannot make a particular Monday. Lessons are completely free and it is intended that the first lesson will be next week (Monday 27 September).

These lessons could be the first step on the path to other fantastic opportunities for students who maintain an interest in Chinese. Free lessons will carry on up the school and students will be able to take qualifications such as the internationally-recognised YCT and HSK awards, as well Mandarin Chinese GCSE (and even A Level later), should they want to and when they are ready for them. We also host several annual Chinese cultural events.

If your child would like to take part in this fun and rewarding opportunity of studying Mandarin Chinese, please email Mr Barnard [BarnardR@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:BarnardR@hgs.rklt.co.uk) to register your interest and to help us gauge interest. We look forward to welcoming students to the classes from next week and hope they enjoy learning Mandarin Chinese!

Yours sincerely

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