



15 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Mandarin Chinese Lessons

We are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese. It is a fascinating language, very different to French, German and Spanish, and is the most spoken first language in the world.

There is a choice of classes to hopefully fit around your child's other commitments. The content covered will be the same for each of these classes over the week. We will set up a regular weekly class for your child, but if they cannot attend that lesson one week, they are welcome to join another one. Given that the Chinese lessons are over lunchtime or after school, students are allowed to bring food. The choices for lessons are:

- Wednesday lunchtime (1.00pm to 1:45pm)
- Wednesday after school (2.40pm to 3.30pm)

If you would like to sign your child up for Mandarin Chinese, please do so via the Clubs section of the Arbor Parent Portal or App. The lessons are free and begin this Wednesday, 17 September.

The purpose of these lessons could be just for the enjoyment of learning a language, but they could also be a first step on the path to other fantastic opportunities. These include studying for a GCSE in Mandarin Chinese as an extra subject further up the school.

We look forward to welcoming students to the classes and hope they enjoy learning Mandarin Chinese.

Yours sincerely

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