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GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Mandarin Chinese lessons**

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese.

China's profile on the world stage, with UK businesses forming more and more links with China, increases the potential and need to learn Mandarin Chinese (the world's most spoken language). 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. They are free of charge 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 also run a class on Thursday lunchtimes. This is an alternative if students have another commitment after school on Monday or for those who would like further consolidation of the lesson content from the Monday.

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 throughout 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 [Stipetica@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:Stipetica@hgs.rklt.co.uk) to register your child's interest. We look forward to welcoming students to the classes from next week (first lesson will be 26 September) and hope they enjoy learning Mandarin Chinese.

Yours sincerely

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