

IGCSE Chinese as a Foreign Language

Subject Content

The Year 10 and 11 Mandarin course at Tenby International School Penang is divided into two levels.

Students will be placed in an appropriate level of Mandarin depending on their previous attainment in this subject or after a placement test for students new to Tenby Penang. By offering these two levels Tenby Penang provides the students with a greater opportunity for success as the course is tailored to their ability.

The textbook employed by the Mandarin Department is Chinese Made Easy. The series of Chinese Made Easy consists of 5 books, designed to emphasize the development of communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The primary goal of this series is to help learners use Chinese to exchange information and to communicate their ideas. The unique characteristic of this series is the use of the Communicative Approach adopted in teaching Chinese as a foreign language. The textbook covers texts and grammar with particular emphasis on listening and speaking. The style of texts varies according to the content. There are several listening and speaking exercises for each lesson. The textbook plays an important role in helping students develop oral communication skills through oral tasks, such as dialogues, questions and answers, interviews, surveys, oral presentations, etc. At the same time, the teaching of characters and character formation are also incorporated into the lessons. Vocabulary in earlier books will appear again in later books to reinforce memory. The workbook contains extensive reading materials and varied exercises to support the textbook.

School Assessment

Students will undertake a variety of assessment tasks each term. These will include lesson quizzes, unit tests, oral tests, classroom participation, class work, homework and attitude.

Formal Assessment

The formal assessment for each course is set by the individual examination boards. Students will be informed at the commencement of their course the nature and type of assessment that they will undergo.

Standard Texts

Chinese Made Easy (Book 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by Ma, Y. M. & Li, X. Y (2004) Joint Publishing (H. K.) Co., Ltd.

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