IGCSE CHINESE FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Why is Chinese Foreign Language so important?

The Chinese language has become more important globally: speak the language and you can speak to millions of people! Did you know that the number of students learning Chinese is the fastest growing among all foreign languages? Quite often demand in Chinese classes are higher than Chinese teachers available, because not only students, also many business(wo)men and employees start learning Chinese. With an economy growing by leaps and bounds, the importance of China on the world stage is increasingly felt. Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world and is spoken not only in China but also in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and many other places in South-East Asia. Significant populations of people who speak Chinese also live in urban centres around the world. It is one of the key languages in the world culturally and in business. Learning Mandarin Chinese is a challenging but rewarding experience: no doubt that written Chinese is difficult to learn but it is an extraordinary and agreeable experience through which you can immerse yourself in a different culture and develop lifelong skills.

Course Content

- Character writing & Formation
- Chinese Pinyin
- Introducing China – Cultures & customs
- Oral & Listening Tasks – Dialogues, Q&A, Interviews, Surveys, Oral Presentations
- Vocabulary
- Writing simple essays and notes, eg: articles, letters
- Role Play situations (booking a hotel, finding directions, etc)

How will I learn?

In lessons, you will be encouraged to:
- Work in pairs or small groups to practise using the language orally and in writing.
- Use ICT to practise the language and carry on projects
- Work independently on assignments.
- Work individually or in small groups to do intensive speaking practice in preparation for oral exam.
- Assess your own work and that of others in your group to help you to understand how to improve.
- Be involved in target setting and the learning review process.
- Be active and participate in class.
- Practise individually or collaboratively reading and writing characters

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be through the IGCSE Exam at the end of Year 11 and students will either be entered for Core or the Extended Examination. The Core and Extended will do Papers 1, 2 & 3, but only the Extended Students will do Paper 4.

- Paper 1 - Listening 33% for Core or 25% for Extended
- Paper 2 - Reading Comprehension 33% for Core or 25% for Extended
- Paper 3 - Oral Speaking 33% for Core or 25% for Extended
- Paper 4 - Extended Writing 25% only for Extended students

Post IGCSE opportunities

- HSK Exam (Hanyu Shuiping Koashi)
- AS and A2 Languages

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