



**Mandarin
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Programme**

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Mandarin

Curriculum Intent:

Our Mandarin curriculum is crafted to offer students a comprehensive and engaging learning experience in Chinese, aligning with the goals of the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP). Our primary intention is to develop students' proficiency in Mandarin through a deep and meaningful understanding of the language and its cultural context. We aim to equip students with the skills needed for effective communication in Mandarin, and to prepare our students for future academic and professional opportunities in a globalised world. By delivering stimulating and challenging lessons, we strive to inspire a lasting interest in Mandarin, Chinese culture as well as Asian studies among our students.

Curriculum Implementation:

To realise our curriculum intent, we will deliver a well-structured Mandarin program that integrates all facets of language learning, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, translating and interpreting. This approach ensures that students acquire a balanced set of language skills. We will also incorporate elements of Chinese culture, history, and contemporary society into our lessons, providing students with valuable contexts for understanding the language and its application in real-world situations. Adaptive pedagogical instruction will be a cornerstone of our teaching strategy, enabling us to address the diverse needs of our students through various methods and resources. Regular assessments will be used to track student progress and provide constructive feedback, guiding continuous improvement in language skills. Additionally, our teaching staff will benefit from ongoing professional development through the Mandarin Excellence Program (MEP), ensuring to stay informed about best practices and effective teaching strategies.

Curriculum Impact:

The success of our Mandarin curriculum will be evident through several key outcomes. Students are expected to achieve a high level of proficiency in Mandarin, as demonstrated by their ability to communicate effectively, understand complex texts, and engage



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in discussions on various topics. They will also gain a deeper appreciation for Chinese culture, including its traditions, values, and societal norms, which will enhance their global perspective. Our curriculum is designed to prepare students for advanced studies and career opportunities that require Mandarin skills, which will support their overall educational and professional growth.

We anticipate that students will show increased engagement and enthusiasm for learning Mandarin, reflected in their active participation and improved performance in language-related activities and assessments. By incorporating MEP (Mandarin Excellence Programme) into our curriculum, our school aims to foster a dynamic and enriching Mandarin learning environment that prepares students in East Sussex for future success on the global stage.

In terms of measurable outcomes, students will continue to demonstrate strong performance in their GCSE exams and make significant progress at Key Stages 3 and 4. Many will choose to further their studies by taking Mandarin at the A level. Moreover, students will be well-prepared to achieve high results in the scholarly international HSK exams, showcasing their proficiency in Mandarin if they continue to further study in Asian countries. Additionally, the skills and knowledge gained through our Mandarin curriculum will enable our students to pursue Mandarin and Chinese-related subjects at universities in the UK, broadening their academic and career opportunities.