

MANDARIN CHINESE

WHY CHOOSE MANDARIN CHINESE?

Mandarin Chinese is the most widely-spoken language in the world. Learn to speak Mandarin and you can speak with millions of people around the world.

Culture - with thousands of years of history, Chinese culture is endlessly fascinating. Whether your interests are in history, architecture, music, or cuisine, knowledge of Mandarin will enrich your understanding of Chinese culture.

Business - business people who speak Mandarin have a huge advantage in tapping into the Chinese market. It is much easier to develop all-important relationships if you can speak Mandarin.

Travel - the greater China region offers exciting travel opportunities. Getting around is much easier if you can speak Mandarin.



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 7 or higher at GCSE.

COURSE DETAILS

Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subject in Mandarin Chinese is a qualification for 16-19 year olds who want to go to university. It has been specifically designed to meet the needs of foreign language learners. As well as allowing learners to develop their language skills, the syllabus fosters an awareness of Chinese culture, history and economy.

Language is taught through the following topics: Family, Young People and Education. There are further topics specific to each examination, such as Media, Work and Leisure or The Equality of Opportunities. Throughout, the focus is on developing comprehensive skills in the disciplines of Reading, Writing and Speaking.

The structure of the syllabus is linear, so students take exams at the end of the whole course. They are fully compatible with A Levels and may be taken in combination with them.



RELATED SUBJECTS

Traineeships and working for western manufacturing companies, trading, consultancy, business, banking, multinationals in Europe, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan or Chinese companies in Europe; government departments of economics, internal and external affairs, foreign service; journalism; travel agent; interpreter; academics; education (teaching); publishing; support of companies and knowledge institutes entering the Chinese market via local, regional and provincial organisations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Students of the Pre-U Mandarin Chinese course will have the opportunity to attend the British Council Language Programme in China and take a gap year to teach English in a Chinese school as well as applying for a scholarship to study Chinese for one year in one of the leading universities in Beijing. Students can also take part in a National Speaking Competition; a bi-annual China Trip and other cultural events to enhance and enrich their language learning.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS

Having studied a Modern Foreign Language at A Level, students can progress their studies by completing a pure languages degree or combining a language with another discipline such as Business, Law or Engineering.

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