



15 September 2022

Dear parents and carers

**Mandarin Chinese Lessons - Year 9 Introductory Course 2022-23 Taster Session**

We are excited to advise you that we will be running a year-long introductory course in Mandarin after school for Year 9 pupils from this September. No prior knowledge of Mandarin is required, although if any students did Mandarin after school in Year 7, this would be the appropriate class for them to join if they wish to pick up Mandarin again. We are running a free taster session for this course on **Tuesday 20 September 2022**, which will be in M7 between 3.40 and 4.40 pm. If your child would like to attend this session, please email the MFL department administrator, Mrs Morton, on [mfl.office@swbgs.com](mailto:mfl.office@swbgs.com) to confirm your child's place. **Please note we cannot accept more than 30 students to the taster session and places are offered on a first come, first served basis.** Following the taster session you will be sent further details on how to sign up for the full course.

Following on from the taster session, the full course will run on **Tuesdays** after school at **3.40 - 5.40pm** in room M7 and will begin on **Tuesday 27 September 2022**. The cost of this course is **£440** for a 33 week year and this covers specialist tuition with Miss Yinghua Han and all course materials. Acceptance on the course involves a commitment to payment of the whole amount for the year, in line with our other courses on the extended schools programme.

We are offering this one year introductory course with a view that child may continue in subsequent years to study this international language and have the opportunity to gain a GCSE level certification with the AQA examination board.

Following attendance at the taster session, you will be sent further details should you wish to register your child for the full course. **The deadline for all registrations will be Tuesday 20 September** in order for necessary arrangements to be made.

Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to enrolling your child onto the Mandarin course.

Yours faithfully

Mrs F Colville  
Head of Modern Foreign Languages