

18 September 2020

Dear Parents

Mandarin Chinese Lessons – Year 9 Introductory Course 2020-21 - 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. We are running a free taster session for this course on Monday 28 September 2020, which will be in M7 between 3.20 and 4.20 pm. If your child would like to attend this session, please email the MFL department administrator, Mrs Morton, on mfl.office@swbgs.com to confirm your child's place.

The full course will run on **Mondays** after school at **3.20 - 5.20pm** in room M7 and will begin on **5 October 2020**. The cost of this course is **£440** for a 33 week year and this covers specialist tuition with Miss Yinghua Han and textbooks. 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 your son/daughter 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 Thursday 1 October** in order for necessary arrangements to be made. If full payment by this date is not possible, application must be made in writing to Mrs C McLeod, the Business Manager, outlining the reasons why phased payment is required.

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

Yours faithfully

Mrs J M Hopper
Head of Modern Foreign Languages