



IBS Chinese U6

Curriculum Intent

The Chinese department seeks to develop ambitious and resilient linguists who recognise their common humanity and strive to gain inter-cultural understanding and respect.

In this beginner's course, we aim to provide an understanding of Chinese in a range of themes from social changes, and global issues which enable students to communicate effectively in authentic situations whilst appreciating its value in their future career paths. We intend to develop our students to be inquisitive and curious about culture, knowledgeable and understanding, open-minded and courageous as they personally develop through their learning of Chinese.

When I walk along with two others, from at least one I will be able to learn - Confucious

Students will learn

- Extensive grammatical knowledge including how to use language in a variety of purposes in a range of contexts and situations.

The course has 5 prescribed themes. It will cover 2 themes in Upper Sixth.

- Social Organisation:
- Sharing the Planet:

Students will work chronologically through the themes making connections between them when appropriate.

Knowledge, Understanding & Skills

- To extend the range and complexity of the language they use and understand in order to communicate.
- To understand and evaluate a wide variety of written and spoken authentic personal, professional and mass media texts.
- To speak and write at length, and with a purpose, in order to meet a wide range of communicative needs: describing, narrating, comparing, explaining, justifying.
- To be able to initiate, maintain and close oral exchanges, displaying ability to make adjustments in style or emphasis.
- To use a variety of strategies to maintain the flow of conversations and discussions on a variety of topics.
- To continue to develop knowledge of vocabulary and grammar, as well as conceptual understanding of how language works.
- To be able to understand fundamental elements of literary texts.
- To develop deeper thinking through TOK Questions.

What does excellence look like?

- ✓ Extensive knowledge of vocabulary
- ✓ Confident use of Target Language in a range of styles and for a range of purposes
- ✓ Detailed, logical discussion and conclusions that consistently link
- ✓ Consistent variation of grammatical structures, including in use of complex language, producing consistently articulate writing
- ✓ Consistently varied use of vocabulary, allowing ideas to be conveyed in a variety of different ways
- ✓ Accurate language throughout resulting in consistently coherent writing and speech for a range of purposes
- ✓ Any errors do not hinder clarity of communication

How can you enhance your learning at home?

There are numerous websites such as those listed below which will allow students to practise Chinese during their independent study time:

- Memrise
- Quizlet
- GoChinese.net
- Dynamic-learning.co.uk
- Flipped learning exercises
- Essay bank
- William Tweed Resources library
- Padlet
- Easy Steps to Chinese Books 3, 4, 5, 6

How will we assess impact?

Our teaching encourages regular learning of key vocabulary and refinement of grammatical structures that are tested regularly. Vocabulary recall is developed via weekly 10-point tests. Teachers assess pupils less formally in class via the four skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing. Pupils work collaboratively in pairs and groups to constantly improve their speaking skills, providing peer feedback. Students are assessed regularly using past exam questions to test understanding.

Each half-term pupils take an assessment in test conditions during lesson time. In January of Upper Sixth pupils take a full-length IB-style examination, which helps to predict their final grade as accurately as possible and to offer the students an opportunity to experience the speed and attention to detail required in the examination.

International Opportunities

Visits Programmes

- AES has a partner schools in Hangzhou, Zhenjiang and Nanjing
- University visits or cultural day visits may also be arranged.



Within the curriculum

- 1-1 sessions with a volunteer Native Speaker to develop speaking skills and wider cultural understanding.
- The IB curriculum is designed to deepen understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture and customs.
- Students are encouraged to research each theme beyond lessons and set work to ensure that they can draw on a wide knowledge of the culture and society.

Wider Reading

Kuaile Hanyu

Book1: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=huaile+hanby+book1

Kuaile Hanyu

Book2: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=huaile+hanby+book2

12 basic Chinese Grammar you need to know for

HSK1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSIZVM2VaFaFE>

HSK1 Vocabulary

List: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSIZVM2VaFE16>

Delightful Resources for Easy Chinese Reading

Practice: <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/chinese/2015/11/23/easy-chinese-reading/>

学习是永远跟随主人的宝物。

Learning is a treasure that always follows its owner.