



SUBJECT: Mandarin IB Standard

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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:

IBO Language B / QAN: 60332499

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT: The acquisition of language skills to be used in four active and interrelated ways: Through listening, speaking, reading and writing in a wide ranges of contexts, including the domains of identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organisation and sharing the planet. The four skills involve exchanging ideas and effective communication and are studied through a range of texts and materials which enable an awareness of the culture where the language is spoken.	WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT? Mandarin Chinese has emerged from a turbulent history to become economic powerhouse in the twenty first century and leading player on the world stage. The Chinese language has the different roots as English and other European languages and different rhythm, but has simpler grammatical structures, whilst a charming vocabulary captivates with vivid imagery. This fascinating subject has appeal to a wide variety of students attracting those with musical, scientific and artistic sensibilities and/or those with aspirations in international industry, commerce or diplomacy SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES: Easy Steps Chinese book 5-7 and workbook. The resources upload on Student shared area, folder Chinese; Go Chinese website; http://www.gochinese.net
HOW IS IT ASSESSED? Paper 1: Written production 25%. Paper 2: Receptive skills (reading & listening) 50%. Paper 3: Individual oral examination 25%. Papers 1 & 2 are externally assessed. The oral component is internally assessed but externally moderated.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES Students are strongly advised to subscribe to a foreign language magazine and keep up to date with topical issues around the world, especially in target language country. Dictionary for study at home is advised. Attending lessons with the Language Assistant is compulsory.

	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS Students who wish to study Chinese at IBS need to achieve at least a grade 6 at Chinese GCSE.
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