

SUBJECT: Chinese (Mandarin)

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mrs H Latimer

SYLLABUS NUMBER: AQA

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

This is a demanding course which covers the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing and leads to the award of a GCSE in Chinese. By the end of the course they will be able to communicate and understand a variety of texts based around the following topics:

1. Identity and culture
2. Local area, holiday, travel
3. School
4. Future aspirations, study and work
5. International and global dimension.

Students will have weekly lessons with the Chinese Language Assistant to prepare for their speaking examinations.

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 Listening (25%): Students are assessed on their understanding of spoken Chinese in a range of settings. Students will respond to multiple-response and short-answer questions based on a recording. All questions and answers are in English.

Paper 2 Speaking (25%): Students are assessed on their ability to communicate and interact through speaking in Chinese for different purposes and in different settings. The tasks will include a role play, questions based on a picture stimulus and conversation.

Paper 3 Reading (25%): Students are assessed on their understanding of written Chinese across a range of different types of texts. Students are required to respond to questions based on these texts in English. There is also a translation passage from Chinese into English.

Paper 4 Writing (25%) Students are assessed on their ability to communicate effectively through writing in Chinese for different purposes and audiences. There is also one translation into Chinese.

RESOURCES

Students will be provided with an AQA textbook, supplemented by other resources for specific purposes.

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

This is only available to students on the MEP course

SELF STUDY ADVICE

Students will be expected to learn characters regularly at home. They will need to access Chinese websites suggested in class, listen to Chinese music and taking the opportunity to watch films in Mandarin.

www.gochinese.net

Pleco - android/iPhone app

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Study visit to China during Year 10.
The opportunity to participate in the HSBC/British Council Speaking Competition.