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Dear Parent/Guardian

Mandarin lessons

We are excited to announce that the Modern Languages Department has the possibility of offering your son the chance to learn Mandarin on an extra-curricular basis. These sessions are run by an experienced Mandarin teacher, Mrs Liming Barrett and will take place on Tuesday lunchtime.

We are inviting Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 pupils to sign up to this exciting opportunity. The club will offer fun packed and engaging lessons. Over the year, Mrs Barrett will teach the boys to read Mandarin and introduce “pinyin”, which is a Romanisation form that helps in reading Mandarin. She believes that the boys will find Mandarin easy to pronounce and to speak, as they will be able to relate many of the sounds to English. The boys will learn to write the Chinese characters as well as find out about the myths, meanings and stories behind them.

There is no correlation between Mandarin and European languages, but it should appeal to boys who like languages and / or those who are good at music. Furthermore, as it is a very logical language, it may interest boys who are good at Maths, and artistic pupils are likely to be drawn to writing the fascinating Chinese characters.

If your son is interested and you would like to enrol your son on this course, please complete the slip and return it to Mrs Boak no later than 30th September. (The quick turnaround is to allow us to get the club off the ground as quickly as possible.) In signing and returning the slip, you are committing to a term’s worth of lessons and to meeting the associated cost of tuition, which will depend on the size of the group, but will not be more than £55 for the term. Once we have a clear idea of the number of boys definitely wanting to sign up, we will contact you to update you with further details including the exact costs involved.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

S Boak

To: Mrs S Boak

I, the parent / guardian of _____ in form _____ would like my son to learn Mandarin at the extra-curricular club on Tuesday lunchtimes. I agree to sign him up to one term of lessons and understand that there will be a cost involved.

Signed

Date