



Dear Parent/Carer

MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (MEP)

We hope you are well and that your child is now starting to get excited about joining us at Finham Park 2 in September.

Further to the paragraph on Modern Foreign Languages included in your welcome letter, we would like to inform you of the language learning opportunities at Finham Park 2.

At Finham Park 2 we believe that the study of a foreign language not only provides our students with useful skills which are fast becoming essential in a modern and highly competitive world, but it also gives them a liberating and life-enhancing experience, which adds breadth to their cultural, social and linguistic knowledge and skills. Students study French, Spanish or Mandarin, and are expected to continue studying a foreign language until GCSE. We consider experiencing real life in France, Spain and China to be an important part of language learning, and we will offer residential visits to all three countries during the forthcoming years.

Students who are accepted for the Mandarin Excellence Programme study Mandarin intensively, receiving 3 – 4 hours of tuition per week as part of their normal curriculum and completing 4 hours of Mandarin Homework weekly. In order to fulfil the curriculum hours requirement, every term we arrange an off-curriculum day during which students come away from their timetabled subjects for intensive language learning, including cultural activities such as Tai Ji Quan, Dance or Calligraphy. From time to time students are asked to be involved in welcoming visitors to the school, giving them opportunities to develop their social and presentational skills.

In order to explore the opportunities available to your child further, please have a look at the transition section on our website and fill in the attached expression of interest form and return it by 19th June.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILIE
Executive Headteacher

RUSSELL PLESTER
Headteacher

Expression of interest form – Mandarin Excellence Programme 2020 cohort

If you are interested in finding out more about the Programme, please fill in the details below and return to L.thomson@finhampark2.co.uk

Name of child	
Name of parent/s	
Contact phone number	
Contact email	
Primary school	