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MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME – INTENSIVE LEARNING IN CHINA - 2019

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to everyone who has paid the initial deposit for the Intensive Learning in China trip. I firstly write to remind parents that the deadlines for the remaining payments are as follows:

Friday 8th March- £200

Friday 5th April - £250

Friday 3rd May – remaining total (currently £270)

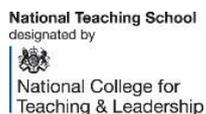
Last week I requested an email be sent to all parents regarding the possibility of applying for additional funding provided by the Mandarin Excellence Programme. The printout of this email is attached on the reverse of this letter, in case parents have not received the email. The application form for this is online; therefore, if parents wish to be sent the link to this then please email me staffrte@allhallows.org.uk to request to be sent the link directly. Please note that the deadline for this is this coming Friday.

I will be in touch shortly to request further information about your child so that flight bookings can be made. In the meantime, please feel free to email me whenever regarding any other queries.

Kind Regards,

Mr R Thynne

Assistant Faculty Leader, MFL Department



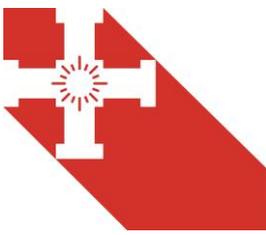
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Original message from MEP:

From conversations with MEP schools we have been made aware that financial hardship may be a barrier for some students to participate in the Year 8 MEP Intensive Learning in China. We are pleased to let you know that the UCL Widening Participating team have been able to provide a small pool of additional funding to support with student costs associated with the Intensive Learning Trip in China, and we are exploring other sources of financial support for this purpose to help to alleviate this issue, so that all pupils that wish to do so are able to participate in the trip, and if eligible are supported financially.

The funding is aimed at students who meet one or more of the [Eligibility Criteria](#) outlined by the Widening participation team. This includes things like eligibility for free school meals and for young carers. Students who do not meet any of the criteria will not be eligible to receive this funding.

How can students apply for the funding?

The application form can be completed by parents or carers, and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The person completing the form will be asked to answer a number of questions which will be used to assist in determining eligibility. The [application form is all online here](#) – and **must be completed by 5pm on Friday March 1**.

If a parent or carer has difficulty in accessing a computer the form can be completed by smart phone. Alternatively, a parent or carer could be invited to use one of the computers at your school.

We will review applications in early March, and will then notify schools should a student be eligible to receive the funding. We will then inform the parent/carer who has completed the form that their application has been successful. Any additional funding awarded to a pupil from your school will be deducted from the final invoice for your school to participate in the Intensive Learning in China.

How much funding is available?

The amount of funding available for successful students cannot yet be confirmed, and if we receive a large number of applications funding *may* only be a partial contribution towards the overall costs associated with the trip.

Is any other financial support available?

We are aware that there are a number of students who would benefit from additional financial support to pay for the trip. We will inform schools if any other financial support becomes available. If that happens, the information collected through this application will also be used for this purpose.

How are students selected?

Students must meet one or more of the selected [Widening Participation criteria](#) to be eligible to receive this funding. In the case that several students meet the same number of Widening Participation criteria we *may* ask you for a reference of recommendation to aid prioritising students most in need of financial support.

Best wishes,

The Mandarin Excellence Programme Team



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