



**Mandarin
Excellence
Programme**

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Excel in Mandarin



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Mandarin Chinese opens up a world of opportunity – as the most spoken language in the world, it can connect speakers with an exciting and dynamic culture as well as boost career opportunities. Mandarin has been identified as one of the most important languages for the UK's future prosperity, so now marks the perfect time for students to learn the language.

The Mandarin Excellence Programme is a unique yet intensive language programme which will see at least 5,000 pupils on track for fluency in Mandarin by 2025.

WHY THE MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME?

Students taking part in the programme will receive four hours of Mandarin tuition each week, and will be provided with a series of resources and materials designed to support independent learning and self-study.

RECENT RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT:

- Mandarin has been identified as the second most important language for the UK's future prosperity
- 77 per cent of British business leaders believe speaking Mandarin Chinese will give students an advantage in their careers, with 28 per cent saying this would be 'significant'
- 69 per cent of British business leaders believe Mandarin will be important for the future of British business and the economy, and 66 per cent said that it was currently difficult to recruit employees who are fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

5,000

at least 5,000 school pupils in England on track to fluency in Mandarin Chinese by 2025

8

hours of Mandarin Chinese a week

In 2016, CBI showed that

28%

of almost 500 British companies rate Mandarin Chinese as being useful to their business

HOW DOES THE PROGRAMME WORK?

Your school will enrol at least
20 Year 7
students
onto the programme
each year.



Participating students will
receive at least

**four hours of teacher-
taught classroom lessons
each week.**

This will help pupils meet a
requirement of at least eight hours of
study per week, which can consist of
teacher taught lessons, after school
teaching, self-study, and part-funded
study courses in China and the UK.



Annual hurdle tests will ensure
that students are on their way to
achieving a high level of fluency
in Mandarin Chinese. It's expected
that your school will continue to
support the growth of Mandarin
in the curriculum, and as such
students will be expected to be
on track to complete their GCSE/A
Level (or equivalent), plus Chinese
proficiency tests.



Your school will work
alongside other
schools to deliver this
national initiative.

Find out more



<http://ci.ioe.ac.uk/mandarin-excellence-programme>

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